



# *Conservation Update*

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The Centre County Conservation District recently partnered with the PA Fish and Boat Commission, the North Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, the Penns Valley Conservation Association and the Centre County Correctional Facility to complete a stream restoration and habitat creation project on Penns Creek on the Myers farm near Spring Mills.

Under the direction of Pa Fish and Boat Habitat Specialist Dave Keller, our crew installed seven log vanes in the stream and built one 120 foot mudsill along the bank. Fish and Boat personnel, PSU students recruited by PVCA, the landowner and inmates from the Centre County Correctional Facility assisted excavator Charlie Stover, finishing the project in record time.

The purpose of the log vanes is to direct the energy of the stream to the center, protecting the bank and creating deeper pools of water for the fish. The mudsill was positioned to restore an eroded section of the bank and to create habitat for the fish under the sill.

Funding for the project was provided by the North Central Pennsylvania Conservancy through a DEP Growing Greener grant obtained by Executive Director Renee Carey. Centre County Warden Rick Smith arranged for the invaluable assistance from the inmates.

*Thanks very much to everyone who contributed to the success of this project!*

