

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Today your child participated in a field trip to Glen Foerd with **Heritage Conservancy** and **Fairmount Water Works Interpretative Center** as a part of the **Cross-Watershed** collaboration program.

Key topics covered:

Connected through the Delaware River Watershed

- Today, your student met another class in the Delaware River Watershed.
- Keystone Elementary School (Croydon, PA) collected their source water to test from Bristol Marsh, which is part of the Burlington Island sub-watershed.
- John Hancock Demonstration School tested their source water from the Poquessing Creek, which is part of the Poquessing Creek sub-watershed.
- Both sub-watersheds are localized pieces of the larger Delaware River watershed, which connects and provides drinking water for over 15 million people!



Bristol Marsh Nature Preserve (above), and the Poquessing Creek at Glen Foerd Park (below).

Prior to today's field trip, your child learned about:

- Watersheds;
- The water cycle;
- And water quality of local waterways.

At today's summit, they shared:

- Ideas about how to protect our rivers and creeks;
- Similarities and differences between their sub-watersheds;
- Local water quality results;
- And how they could communicate the importance of watershed protection to others.



Visit our websites to learn more.

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Continue the conversation and learning at home:

- As you travel within your community, point out different features of your watershed such as fields, streams, storm drains, and shopping centers, and ask your child if they can predict where the water will flow when it rains.
- Instead of throwing away trash items like cans and plastic bottles, turn them into a craft like a pencil holder or a bird feeder. This is a fun way to keep litter out of our waterways by repurposing these items!

Protecting your watershed- Ways you and your family can make an impact:

- If you have a dog, bring a bag with you on walks to pick up pet waste, which is high in nitrogen, phosphorus, and bacteria. These are harmful to our water when washed into our waterways by the rain.
- Reducing, reusing, and recycling can help keep litter out of the environment, including our local waterways. Less trash in the water means that there is less that needs to be removed by the water treatment plant before it reaches the faucets in our houses.

Upcoming Events

CROYDON WOODS SPRING CARNIVAL

Date: Friday, May 17th

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Location: Croydon Woods Nature Preserve

Celebrate nature at our Annual Spring Carnival at Croydon Woods in Lower Bucks County. Enjoy free pizza and water ice, live music, and expert-led hikes into beautiful Croydon Woods.

About a dozen community organizations will be there, hosting activities for all ages, including nature games, art projects, and prize giveaways.

See and build LEGO® nature creations, view our new mural, meet your neighbors, test your nature knowledge, and connect with local environmental groups.



WANDERING: OBSERVATIONS OF OUR WATERSHED

Date: Saturday, May 18th

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Fairmount Water Works

We welcome visitors to register in advance for personal and engaging tours with Thom Duffy, Curator. Visitors will also be greeted by contributing artists so you won't want miss this opportunity to hear from artists who are featured in this special exhibition themed on their observations of our regions watersheds.



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