

## Crabby Creek Restoration

Crabby Creek has suffered under the impact of urban development for many years. A headwater tributary of the historic Valley Creek watershed, the stream channel has been significantly carved out by instream erosion from increased stormwater volume and velocity. Crabby Creek is also

geographically and geologically challenged with steep slopes and limestone bedrock. Then, add into the channel and floodplain a major sewer line for the region that the water carves around and down in its effort to find the easiest way to get to Valley Creek.



The Valley Creek Restoration Partnership sought out dollars and donations to bring relief to this creek which believe it or not - holds trout. In addition to a new channel in a new location for the creek, fish habitat will be enhanced with the construction of habitat improvement structures.

Those dollars came from the William Penn Foundation and PA Department of Environmental Protection through grants which total \$316,000. In addition, the Partnership is working on an educational tool to provide to other

urban watersheds in need of the same remedies and improvements; and the design and installation of four stormwater management structures.

The Valley Creek Restoration Partnership meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Tredyffrin Township Building from 10:00 AM – Noon. For more information, contact Owen Owens at 610-399-1294.

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