# IN CONCLUSION

Protecting and maintaining clean water is a job for everyone!

There are many things each day that take little time but will have a big impact if everyone works together! Similar to a job site, if there is a large beam that needs to be moved, it is an impossible job for one person to accomplish. However, if everyone works together to lift the load, you can move it almost anywhere.

Without clean water there is no survival of the human race. It has taken us a long time to progress to where we are today. However, if we do not start today, we cannot make a difference for future generations. As many have seen, the environment is continuously changing. Let us all make sure it changes for the better!





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# YOUR WATER SOURCE

You Can Make A Difference!



## **START TODAY!**

#### **EVERY YEAR:**

- We educate residents to stress the importance of "Clean Water".
- We are given more restrictions regarding MS4 programs.
- The requirements become more restrictive and the associated costs increase.
- Mandated program costs pass from EPA, to DEP, to your local municipality, and ultimately to you.

Many municipalities have resorted to charging stormwater fees to build best management facilities which reduce pollutant loads carried by stormwater runoff to impaired waterways.

Every property in Lebanon County contributes to stormwater runoff.

Our success today allows future generations to enjoy our natural resources tomorrow.



RECREATION

### MYTH: #1

# GRASS CLIPPINGS BLOWN INTO THE STREET DOESN'T HURT ANYTHING.



#### TRUTH:

1,000 square feet of grass can produce 300 pounds of grass clippings through a growing season. Grass is a leader in nitrate contribution to waterways which diminishes oxygen in the water, eventually killing water life.

#### **REMEDY:**

Blow grass back onto your property. Sweep and properly dispose of cut grass debris located within the street or sidewalk immediately adjacent to your property, or utilize a self-mulching mowing deck for the best natural fertilizer you will find. You can also check with your local municipality for other options to dispose of cut grass.

#### MYTH #2:

CATCH BASINS ARE THERE TO CATCH EVERYTHING!



### TRUTH:

Catch basins are constructed with "catch areas" and piping that transfers directly to waterways. Allowing everything to flow into basins, allows anything picked up by stormwater, such as trash and sediment to also enter waterways. Removal is costly and can be harmful to both aquatic and wildlife.

#### **REMEDY:**

If you live near this type of structure, collect the trash in the gutters and properly dispose of it. Sweep sidewalks of dirt and grit that is commonly collected from roadways and rooftops and dispose in the trash.

Keep it clean for everyone to enjoy!



WILDLIFE

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