

Join the Streams Cleanup Project on April 21!

The Friends of Ridley Creek State Park will be celebrating Earth Day Weekend this year by working with the Chester Ridley Crum (CRC) Watershed Association at their 21st Annual CRC Streams Cleanup. The event will be on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Our work area will be the bridge on Gradyville Road where the road crosses over Ridley Creek. We are recruiting Friends volunteers to clean up the stream and banks on both sides of the bridge and we invite you to be one of them!

When traveling down Gradyville Road from the east, this bridge is at the bottom of the hill just before the Ridley Creek State Park entrance. The equestrian trail runs under the bridge at this location. For safety reasons we do not intend to clean up along Gradyville Road. There will be a CRC Event sign placed on the bridge to make the area easy to find.

If you volunteer, you will be provided with work gloves, bottled water, and granola bars. You will also receive a CRC T-shirt for your participation. You should wear a long sleeve shirt, long pants, and be prepared to wade through the Creek to complete our mission.

We will clear the creek of any debris and place it in trash bags for collection by CRC. Trash bags will be placed along Gradyville Road for pickup at the end of the event. Once we clear the area around and under the bridge and place our collected trash for pickup, we are free to leave and go home. There will be a thank you picnic at a future date for all volunteers who participated – when you are not covered in mud!

To access our work site, please enter Ridley Creek State Park at the Gradyville Road entrance (from Providence Road). Proceed to Area 8 at the top of the hill near the horse farm and go to the trailer parking area. Walk downhill on the equestrian trail, along the pasture fence, to Ridley Creek and you will be at the bridge. We can access both sides of the bridge from the trail under the bridge and can wade across Ridley Creek to clean up the entire area. Parking along Gradyville Road is limited and dangerous for discharging passengers. Please be safe and go to the suggested parking location at Area 8.

To sign up for this event, please visit www.crcwatersheds.org to ensure we have a T-shirt and supplies for you.



This article was contributed by Friends President Jack Miller.