## SAN turns 20 this year!

Thank YOU for being a part of our Network and joining forces for watershed wins.

Stay tuned for 20th Anniversary event announcements to celebrate with us!

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## **SAN Workgroup Dates for 2023**

## Abandoned Mine Drainage:

- Jan 17
- April 18 Join us for a hike! <u>register here</u>
  rain date April 28th
- July 11
- Oct 3

#### Agriculture:

- Feb 8
- May 3
- July 12
- Nov 8

#### Stormwater:

- Jan 26th
- April 5th
- July 27th
- Oct 18th

## Engagement and

#### Stewardship:

- March 1st
- May 9th
- Aug 1st
- Oct 25th

## Pathogens and Point Source:

- Feb 21st
- May16th
- Aug 15th
- Nov 21st

<u>Click here to view our Events Page</u> featuring SAN and partner events throughout the watershed!

## **Upcoming Events**

# REGISTRATION

2023 DELAWARE ESTUARY Science & Environmental Summit

ESTUARY ON THE RISE

JOIN US

<u>Click Here to</u> <u>Register!</u>

JAN. 30 - FEB. 1, 2023 HARRAH'S RESORT, ATLANTIC CITY WWW.DELAWAREESTUARY.ORG/SUMMIT

> Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference

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April 26-28, 2023 | Reading

<u>Click here</u> <u>to learn more</u> Event Registration opens in January

## 2022 SAN MVP - Nick Ramsey

Each year, the SAN Planning Committee votes on an MVP who has shown exemplary service and dedication to the organization and improvement of the Schuylkill River and watershed. We were honored to present Nick Ramsey, District Conservationist with USDA in Leesport, Pennsylvania, with the 2022 SAN MVP Award.

> It's nice to be recognized," Ramsey said humbly upon receiving the award. He immediately thanked agency partners and his staff. "I don't do any of this alone."

Kim Fies of Berks County Department of Agriculture and SAN Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chair presented the award to Nick, highlighting his "...leadership, commitment, stability, and guidance" and "his ability to communicate with the farmers and build the level of confidence and trust" that is so key to watershed-scale success in agricultural BMP implementation.



Kim Fies presents Nick with the SAN MVP Award

We are grateful for Nick's work and continued support of the SAN.

Thank you to our presenters and all who were able to join us at the 2022 SANnual Meeting!

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The 20th anniversary SANnual meeting and celebration will be held in early November 2023.

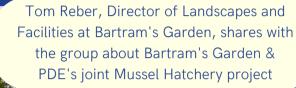
Stay tuned for more info.

# SAN Bartram's Garden and Schuylkill River Trail Tour

Engagement and Stewardship and Stormwater Workgroups

On October 24th, SAN was invited to Bartram's Garden for a tour of stormwater infrastructure from 49th to 61st Street in Philadelphia along the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT).

Our guides Joseph Syrnick and Heather Saeger of Schuylkill River Development Corporation and Tom Reber of Bartram's Garden shared a wealth of knowledge with the group on the history of the Garden and the importance of this green space for the local community. This tour included a walk of the Schuylkill Banks portion of the SRT along with notes on plans for expansion.





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Joe and Heather, SRDC, lead the group along the newly constructed portion of the Schuylkill River Trail

The group viewed green stormwater measures implemented at Bartram's and along the SRT, such as a new bioswale along Botanic Ave, pervious paving, an expansive meadow area and buffer to intercept stormwater before it reaches the river.

The group also saw recreational amenities which help connect residents' and visitors' alike to the garden, trail and the river including a recently renovated fishing pier, art installations and community gardens.



## Schuylkill CleanSweep is back and better than ever!

This project is a smartphone app and website dashboard designed to engage volunteers, report litter "hot spots," register events, record individual and group cleanup activity, and view cleanup statistics and photos throughout the watershed.

Click here to learn more.

The Schuylkill Scrub runs

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#### March 1st - May 31st

Find a clean-up near you to clean before it's green this spring!

#### SAN is planning a Scrub and Pub in May 2023!

Last year we partnered with Conshohocken Brewing in Bridgeport.

Stay tuned for more on this year's event!

<u>Click here for</u> more info on the <u>Schuylkill Scrub!</u>

## 2022 Schuylkill Scrub Statistics:

- 2,638 Tires
- 26,940 Bags or 538,800 pounds
- 47 Miles of water cleaned
- 149 Miles of roadways cleaned
- 13,985 Number of volunteers
- 56 Number of cleanups