



The Lake Keeper

Newsletter of the Edinboro Lake Watershed Association June 2018

ELWA Annual Members Meeting Thursday, June 14th 7:30 p.m. – Nick's Place

Guest Speaker

Tom Flynn

Landscape Architect

Office of Campus Planning and Design

Penn State University, Main Campus

Greening the Campus Landscape

Tom will explore ways that Penn State University is encouraging sustainability on its University Park campus, including promoting walking/bicycling, using alternative energy, plant species diversification, alternative maintenance practices, and a focus on stormwater management strategies. This will include an overview of storm water *Best Management Practices* including green roofs, rainwater harvesting, bioswales, and rain gardens. Tom volunteered his services as landscape architect for the Edinboro Lake Watershed Associations recently completed *Stormwater Best Management Practices Demonstration Project* at General McLane High School. The plants he selected for this project are native to our region and would be ideal choices for garden and landscaping projects for those interested in beautifying their property while simultaneously helping to improve water quality within the watershed. Tom will answer questions regarding how he selected the plants for the General McLane project and how they could best be utilized in your garden projects.



The vegetated bioswale along General McLane Drive

Edinboro Lake Watershed Association Honored with 2018 Western Pennsylvania Environmental Award

The Edinboro Lake Watershed Association has received \$5,000 from Dominion Energy and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) for its work to identify and reduce pollutants from impacting Edinboro Lake.

The Edinboro Lake Watershed Association is a winner of the 2018 Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards, presented annually to local organizations that demonstrate leadership, effectiveness, and results in making an impact on the environment. The organization is among a total of five that were chosen by a group of independent judges, environmental experts, and PEC staff in response to a call for entries earlier this year.

In 2017 the Edinboro Lake Watershed Association completed a project to design and install stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) on the campus of General McLane High School and Middle School in Edinboro. These stormwater methods capture runoff from approximately 38 acres resulting in approximately 24 pounds per year reduction in phosphorus and 10,000 pounds per year reduction of total suspended solids entering Edinboro Lake.

The Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards program is open to individuals, businesses, and organizations that demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence, leadership and accomplishment, and made significant contributions toward improving Western Pennsylvania's environment. Dominion and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council sponsor the Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards each year to encourage the community to emulate the achievements of the winning entries, thereby promoting innovative environmental efforts and enhancing the quality of life in Western Pennsylvania.

For more information about Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards, visit their website at www.pecpa.org. To learn more about Edinboro Lake and the storm water best management project, search "Edinboro Lake Watershed" on YouTube.



The rain garden at General McLane High School

Renew Your ELWA Membership

Your generous contributions to the ELWA are what make our efforts to improve Edinboro Lake possible. Please consider renewing your membership by filling out and returning the form below. We will also be renewing memberships at our *Members Meeting* on June 14th.

Edinboro Lake Watershed Association Membership

Individual \$20 _____

Family \$30 _____

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