

# Letter to the Reader

Dear Stakeholders,

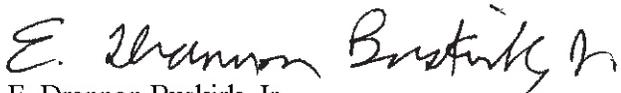
This Rivers Conservation Plan (RCP) provides the background, strategies and tactics for reaching the goals and objectives of rehabilitating and enhancing Paxton Creek. This plan is for the 80,000 people who reside, work, and play in Paxton Creek watershed.

This main RCP document is relatively short for reasons of emphasis and communication ease. Many plans founder upon excessive information. A large Appendix with supporting attachments contains the detailed aspects of the plan.

Several forms of the RCP exist to serve stakeholders: paper and digital files, the PCWEA web site, [www.paxtoncreek.org](http://www.paxtoncreek.org) and a CD-ROM. The Appendix is also available on paper and in watershed libraries.

The RCP is organized to serve partners in different ways. Enhanced by many pictures and diagrams, the plan seeks to educate as it engages readers. It advocates actions based on sound science and the priorities of stakeholders. Some of the figures, tables, and narrative are featured in both the RCP body and the Appendix for linkage and integration. Where information is lacking, the plan calls for actions to fill the gaps while watershed improvements continue. The implementation schedule for the plan accounts for these anticipated needs.

It took 300 years for Paxton Creek to undergo two major transformations, and suffer severe degradation amid ignominy. Let us hope that in only a few decades this RCP can help reverse creek conditions until Paxton Creek, indeed, is a watershed of promise..

  
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Wildwood Lake  
Sanctuary

## Imagine, Paxton Creek!

**Imagine** a 50-mile green corridor that assists economic development ...

**Imagine** recreation within walking distance of most homes ...

**Imagine** less frequent and less severe floods ...

**Imagine** plentiful well waters, and a creek that hardly ever dries up ...

**Imagine** flowing waters that process waste and pollutants ...

**Imagine** more wildlife and natural habitat close at hand ...

**Imagine** fewer yards washed away, with less silt in pools and Wildwood Lake ...

**Imagine** a restful greenway offering relaxing breaks ...

**Imagine** places to soothe stresses and raise spirits ...

**Imagine** healthy biking and walking trails between Harrisburg and municipal neighborhoods (and an alternative to traffic congestion) ...

Imagine Paxton Creek as an asset to the community (more than a ditch for stormwater runoff) ... **Just Imagine!**