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### ■ MERRILL W. LINN LAND AND WATERWAYS CONSERVANCY

## Group creates water trail brochure

LEWISBURG — Community volunteers associated with the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance, of the Merrill W. Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy, are dedicated to increasing people's understanding and use of Buffalo Creek, a watershed that occupies 40 percent of Union County.

After exploring the legal and insurance ramifications of increasing access to the creek, the group saw the development of a water trail brochure on Buffalo Creek as the next logical step.

The brochure includes maps of Buffalo Creek as well as information about its natural and human history. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance contacted landowners next to the creek for access points. Approved

access points illustrated in the brochure are at Cowan, Mazeppa, the Dale Engle Walker House property on Strawbridge Road and St. George Street in Lewisburg.

BCWA was funded for a matching grant of \$500 by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. To accept the \$500, BCWA was asked to apply to the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a state-approved water trail. The attempt was futile as the BCWA request was denied because the creek was too small to meet all the state requirements. Nonetheless, DCNR approved the \$500 match.

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To learn more about the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, visit [www.susquehannagreenway.org](http://www.susquehannagreenway.org).

The brochures will be distributed to some 20 different outdoor and tourism agencies throughout Union County.

BCWA and Canoe Susquehanna, (888) 524-7692, have organized four kayak trips down Buffalo Creek this spring as part of the Caring for Communities celebration.