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DELAWARE RIVERKEEPER NETWORK AND TINICUM CONSERVANCY REMOVE HUNDREDS OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Erwinna, PA - The Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Tinicum Conservancy led a dozen volunteers in removing non-native invasive plants along Swamp Creek near the historic Erwinna Covered Bridge on Saturday, May 18th. They removed hundreds of Multiflora Rose because it invades natural areas, pushes out native plants, and degrades native habitat.

Said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper**, "The dedicated eco-stewards who worked side by side digging up this prickly invasive had a great time digging out the plants, sharing stories and enjoying the perfect weather. Multiflora Rose may have pretty white flowers this time of year but behind the flowers is an aggressive invasive shrub with horribly hurtful thorns, and it climbs up trees and over its native competitors in order to dominate the landscape and prevent other good and beautiful species from populating an area. Once it gets a foothold it is a pain to deal with -- literally. But the dedicated crew on Saturday did an amazing job opening up the area for a variety of beautiful native species to grow up and fill in the area."

This effort is a follow-up to the streambank and habitat restoration completed earlier this year by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Paul W. Steinbeiser Inc. that utilized native plants and natural materials. The restoration project improved the riparian habitat along 1,300 linear feet of the creek and stabilized eroding streambanks, utilizing funding from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Tree Vitalize and private donations.

For the May 18th event, the Pennsylvania Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds (C-SAW) supported the effort, and Kimberton Whole Foods donated snacks and drinks.

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