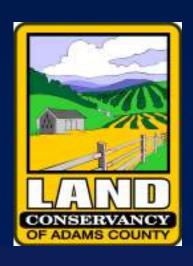
MARSH CREEK WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT

Sidney Kuhn
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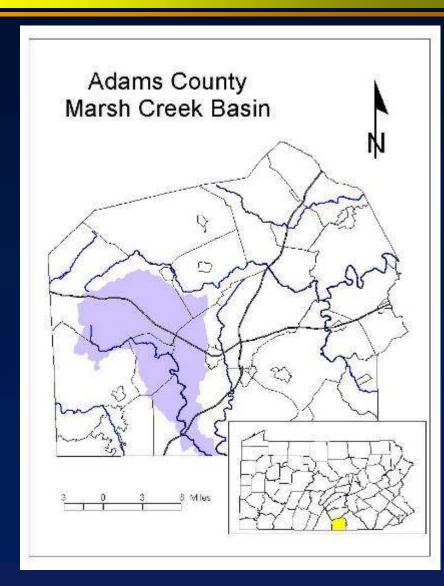






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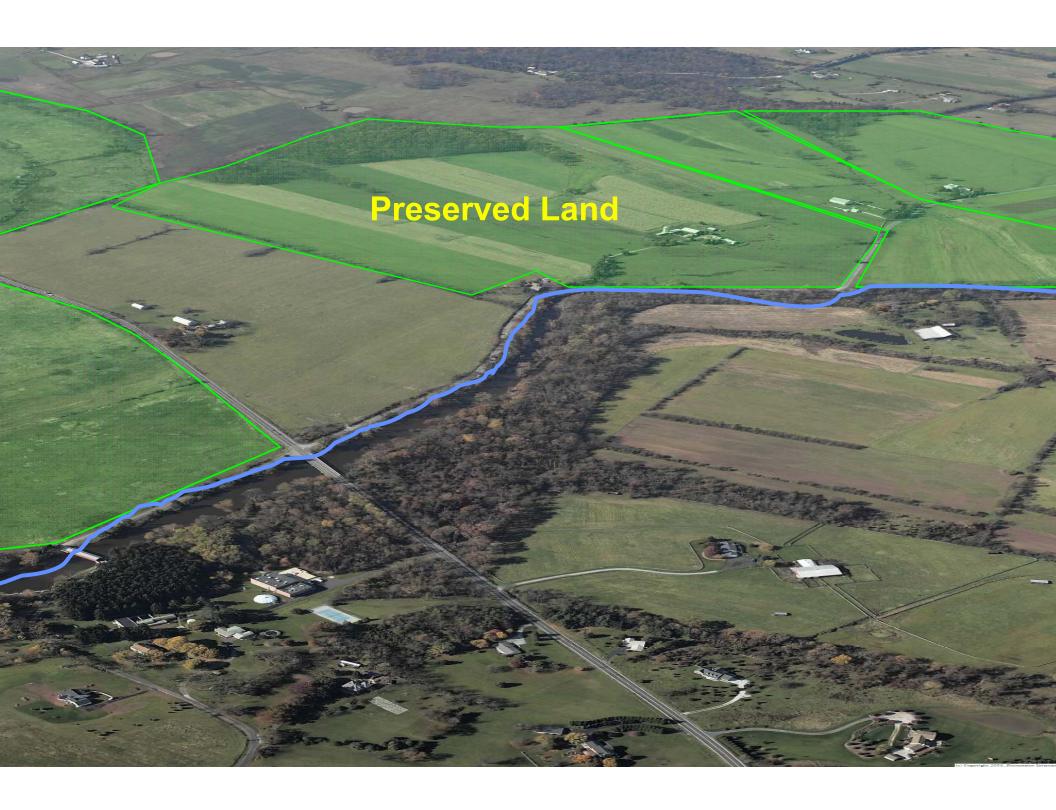
- Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) source; streamflow augmented
- Several GMA wells also in basin
- Cold Water Fishery plus important ecological habitats
- Rural Agriculture & Forest main land uses
- Development pressure (Adams is 3rd fastest growing county in PA)
- Tributary of Monocacy River (Potomac Basin and Chesapeake Bay Watershed)



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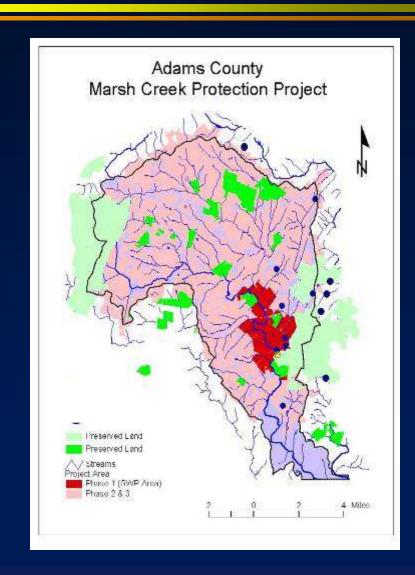
- Goal: Protect, preserve & enhance land/water resources in Marsh Creek basin; focus on public water supply (PWS) for Gettysburg
- Grant to Adams Co. Cons. District (ACCD)=>
 Land Conservancy of Adams County (LCAC)
- Means:
 - » LCAC: Conservation Easement purchases (bargain sale offers)
 - » ACCD: Implementation of BMP's
- Source of \$: DEP grant from civil penalty for GW contamination incidents by Westinghouse
 - » \$519,500 slated for acquisition costs
 - » \$70,000 for associated costs (appraisals, surveys, legal fees, title search, stewardship endowment)
- Timing issue: Project commenced before SWAP for Marsh Creek





Marsh Creek Watershed Easement Acquisition

- Phase I ~ SWP area
 surrounding GMA surface
 intake and Public Supply Wells
 - » Minimum criteria: 5-10 acres
- Phase II ~ Remaining watershed upstream
 - » Minimum criteria: 50 acres, adjacent to Marsh Creek or preserved lands, or have expressed interest in land preservation (can be less than 50 acres)



Marsh Creek Watershed Property Evaluation System

- Rank land parcels and determine easement offers
- Criteria weighted toward protection of public water supply
- Input into criteria by several partners: Gettysburg Municipal Authority, Conservation District, DEP
- Evaluation Criteria:
 - » property size
 - » wellhead or intake proximity
 - » Marsh Creek or tributary proximity
 - » wetlands
 - » hydric soils
 - » floodplains
 - » amount of forestland
 - » soil classes
 - » scenic contribution
 - » historic features
 - » adjacency to preserved lands
 - » development pressure



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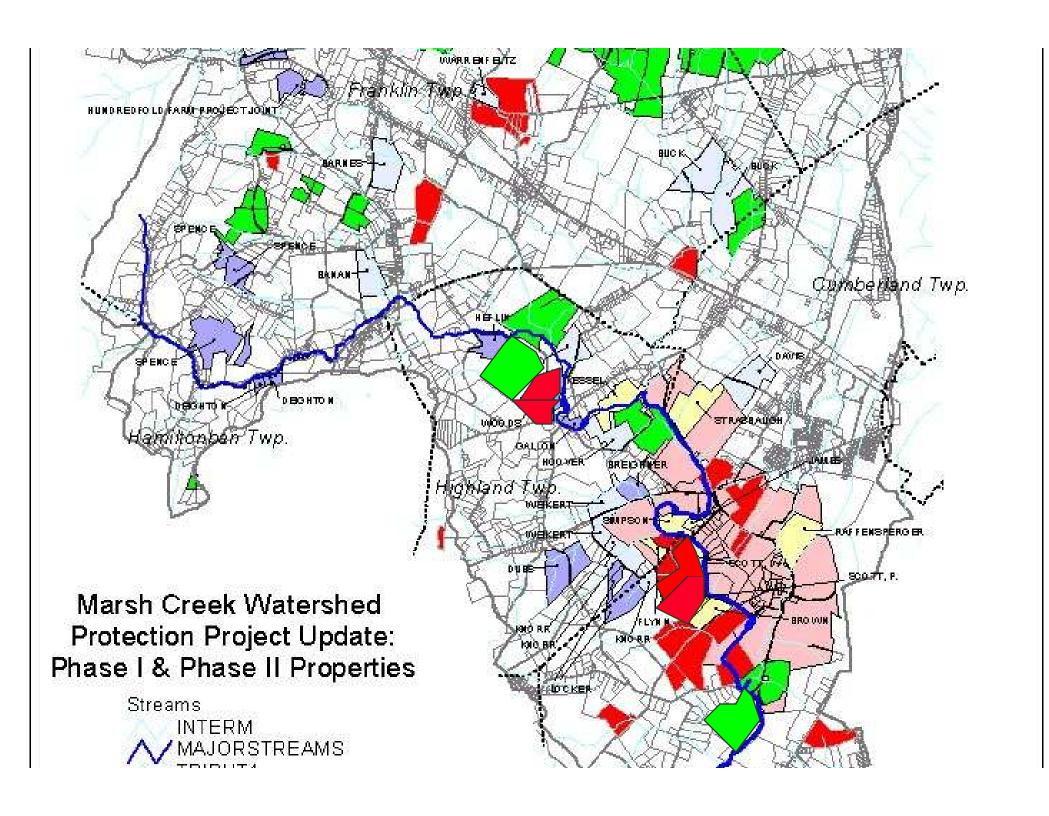
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Marsh Creek Conservation Easement Restrictions

- Permanent legal agreement about how land can & cannot be used; monitored by LCAC
- Impervious surfaces: 10% or less
- Future residences: no more than 1 home per 25 acres
- Restricts livestock from waterways & requires buffer (at least 35 ft) of permanent cover
- Requires petroleum/chemical use to comply with fed/state rules; USTs prohibited
- Land application of sludge & off-site wastewater prohibited
- Mineral extraction, solid/hazardous waste disposal prohibited
- Ag production requires Conservation Plan

Marsh Creek Easements - Completion Status

- Easements completed: 9 (~ 800 acres)
- Agreements of Sale Approved: 2 (~210 acres)
- Above projects will exhaust budget w/ at least 24 other interested properties we will be unable to reach
- Average purchase price of \$600-\$700/acre
- Purchase price was generally 20-30% of appraised easement value (no greater than 60%)
- Leveraged ~\$185,000 in matching funds from the County of Adams, USDA/NRCS FRPP, Civil War Preservation Trust, and Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg

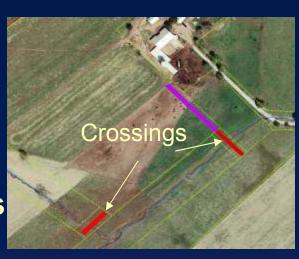


Phil Scott Farm

- 105 acre crop and cattle farm along Marsh Creek just north of GMA surface intake
- Conservation Easement to be purchased by Land Conservancy by end of 2005
- Adams County Conservation District implementing barnyard improvements and stream crossings
- NRCS completing CREP plantings along waterways









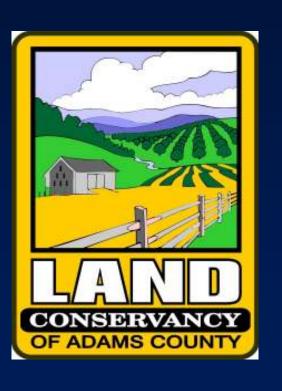
Final Thoughts

- Important to partner with other groups to make a project such as this successful: share resources and knowledge, different expertise
- One person can make a difference in source water protection
- A little bit of funding can leverage much more
- LCAC, WAAC, ACOPD, and GMA working on education about the threats and protection efforts for Gettysburg's water supply with \$4250 WREN grant



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