
LandHeath Institute Newsletter, Vol. 4



Chimaphila maculata Spotted Wintergreen
Photo: Sam Fong

LandHeath Native Plant Nursery

We are continuing to grow and sell from our nursery at 4862 Parkside Avenue. Please call (267) 275-5750 to make an appointment to browse or pick up, and visit [us online](#) to find plants in season and which native plants could be the right choice for you! Stay tuned for LandHeath participation in farmers' and other outdoor markets in Philadelphia, most recently in southwest Philadelphia and in Germantown.



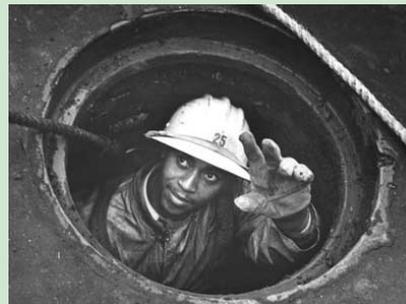
Canoe at Atsion Lake Photo: Sam Fong



Philadelphia Watershed Stewardship (PWS) Program

Our stewards have been learning all about water systems, water scarcity, and sewage plastics in bodies of water, and water scarcity both locally and globally. On July 8, stewards were joined by Villanova students and professor/filmmaker Hezekiah Lewis, who presented their beautiful, artful documentary on water scarcity in Tanzania.

On July 15, stewards were joined by Tara Muenz of the [Stroud Water Research Center](#). PWS is a unique field-based 'at the source' environmental learning and leadership for high school students in Philadelphia. Feel free to reach out and email info@landhealthinstitute.org if you are interested in sitting in on a session.



Partnerships

LandHeath is part of the Environmental Advisory Group for the city, working on the Green Space and Water subgroups. LandHeath is also part of RiverWays a coalition of organizations that deliver and support watershed education and on-water programming for youth and the public in Philadelphia and Camden. LandHeath has submitted a letter of



Bike (and Plant) Sale

Join [LandHealth](#) and [Neighborhood Bike Works](#) for a sidewalk sale! Come take a look at the wide array of bikes and native plants there will be to offer!

When: **Saturday, July 25th, 2020 at 12- 4 pm**

Where: **3939 Lancaster Ave**



Grey treefrog (*Hyla versicolor*) Photo : Taisia Osipova

Feature - Shuttle article

Read an article about LandHealth's Native Plant Nursery in the July issue of the Shuttle, the newspaper of Weaver's Way Co-op. Read it [here](#).



interest to join Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed, and continues to work closely with PA Audubon on a natural resources inventory for the Whitby section of Cobbs Creek. We are also proud to be a part of the School District of Philadelphia's GreenFutures initiative, which focuses on support for environmentally sustainable school spaces and surroundings. To see an article about a similar project on the Logan Triangle, [read our blog page!](#)



Stag beetle (Lucanidae) Photo: Taisia Osipova



Onoclea Sensibilis Sensitive Fern
Photo: Long Island Natives

Membership Program Updates

Thank you to all who answered our survey about membership features. We heard you... and we are looking to launch our membership program soon. Stay tuned!

Feature Article: LandHealth's Native Plant Nursery brings Nature Back

Part of LandHealth's mission is to help institutions and individuals find a source of native plants, naturally adapted to local conditions, for planting projects of any size. Last month we featured several medium-sized projects sponsored by community groups and institutions using our locally-grown native plants for their landscapes.

Eastern Fence Lizard (*Sceloporus undulatus*)
Photo: Sam Fong



Eun Jung's and Jose's rain garden installation



Eun Jung and Jose visiting the nursery to select their plants



Dawn's front yard native planting

Here, we'd like to highlight how individuals are using LandHealth plants in their homes. There is growing awareness of the benefits of landscaping and gardening with native plants. Philadelphians are increasingly aware that native plants, in addition to looking great, support local pollinators, can provide food for local wildlife, and need less care than exotic garden plants... and routinely reach out to LandHealth looking for natives.

Dawn H. reached out about landscaping for a project in a tiny plot in front of her house in Roxborough. Dawn wanted to replace some of the turf grass with native plants that she could enjoy while hanging out with her dog, and that her neighbors could enjoy passing on the sidewalk. We agreed on a selection of grasses, asters, geraniums, and other plants that are now getting settled in.

Eun Jung and Jose recently moved into a new house in Germantown, where they are converting their small yard to a rain garden, designed to capture rainwater from their roof. With a friend, they designed a small retention basin and surrounding higher area, and approached LandHealth looking for native plants that would work in each of these areas, including irises, flowering meadow plants, and grasses. These plants will be part of a design feature for their yard that improves urban hydrology and offers peaceful retreat.

Another aspect of LandHealth's "bringing nature back" at our nursery is how we are managing the land we use for growing plants. The nursery land is a low-maintenance urban meadow, where we use a light touch, without pesticides or herbicides, to provide space for programming and show off some of our plants to our guests. In the greenhouses, we practice "total plant management," meaning that pests are controlled by introduction of beneficial insects, hand removal, and maintaining general good health of the plants rather than through pesticides. Learn more about the types of plants that we have and their benefits on our [nursery page](#).

July

23/30 LandHealth Podcast, 6:30-7:30pm
25 Neighborhood Bike Works and LandHealth Bike-Plant Sale

AUGUST

3/10 Riverways Student-Led Exchange
6 LandHealth-Glen Foerd Canoe



Jamaica becomes first Caribbean nation to submit tougher climate plan to UN

The UK, which will host the next UN climate summit in November 2021, praised the move and urged other nations to follow suit. Read more [here](#).



Weekly Podcast

Pondering Aluminum Ring Tabs and Other Modern Relics of Archaeology

Thursday, July 23rd
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

JOIN HERE

<https://drexel.zoom.us/j/91752441824>

Organization Spotlight: River Network

River Network empowers and unites people and communities to protect and restore rivers and other waters that sustain life. Everyone should have access to affordable, clean water, and healthy rivers. Based in Colorado, River Network works with others across the country to promote watershed education and action. Find out more [here](#).



Drexel Video Series- Social Entrepreneurship Featuring LandHealth Founder and Co-Op Student

Founder Scott Quitel and Nursery Sales and Operations Associate, Drexel Co-Op student Sam Fong, were recently featured in a video series about social entrepreneurship. Check it out [here](#).

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