**Do you know your Crooked Creek?**

 Crum Creek, which means "crooked creek" in Dutch, is a Special Protection stream …. Read more here: <https://www.crcwatersheds.org/about/crum-creek-watershed/>.

**The Flow of History along Chester Creek**

 The Chester Creek watershed comprises 67.2 square miles of southeastern Pennsylvania and includes parts of fourteen townships, five boroughs, and one city. The main branch flows from its source in Westtown Township and runs a length of 24.5 miles through rural, suburban, and urban parts of Chester and Delaware Counties before reaching the Delaware River. This illustrated story highlights many of the natural and cultural features of the Chester Creek watershed, from its sources to where the creek finally meets the waters of the Delaware River. Read more here: <https://works.bepress.com/walter_cressler/21/>

**Crum Creek’s Quality Needs To Be Safeguarded**

 Today, too many of our waterways are polluted or threatened by pollution. Crum Creek, which runs through Rock Hill Farm, needs to be protected from harmful and unwanted development. Read more here: <https://www.saverockhillfarm.org/environmental>

Crum Creek, which carries a Special Protection label from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, has the largest Cold Water Fishery and native trout population in any of our area creeks. Crum Creek has been studied by various environmental groups and reports indicate Crum Creek supports a very diverse aquatic life. That life includes water plants and 12 species of amphibians. Salamanders and frogs can be found in Crum Creek along with turtles in pools and floodplains, and a variety of fish.

 Crum Creek also supports human life. The creek also provides drinking water to many area residents. Indeed, the creek is the largest drinking water source for residents of neighboring Delaware County.

 The headwaters of this crucial waterway is close to Rock Hill Farm. Crum Creek begins in nearby Malvern and the creek runs through Rock Hill Farm. The length of Crum Creek measures 24 miles and flows to the Delaware River in Eddystone.

 The byproducts of development have been known to cause irreparable harm to our creeks, lakes and rivers. A developer has purchased Rock Hill Farms and has submitted preliminary sketch plans to build more than houses on the historic and scenic 246.5 acres of Rock Hill Farm. Local efforts are underway to stop the unwanted development. Local neighbors have formed a Save Rock Hill Farm group. Neighbors and those affected by the development are urged to make their opposition known to the officials of Willistown Township and to attend township meetings. No approval for development has been given at this point.

What happens on Rock Hill Farm land impacts more than Willistown residents as the 38-square-mile drainage area of Crum Creek encompasses 15 municipalities with a combined population of approximately 68,000 residents.

The state Department of Environmental Protection recently released a report saying the suburban Philadelphia counties have polluted waterways that are among the worse in all of Pennsylvania. A third of all of the Commonwealth’s waterways are now considered polluted enough to harm wildlife, recreation, or drinking water.

The Crum Creek watershed is being threatened by large-scale development, especially in the upper Watershed. Reports of dramatically increased impervious surfaces are harming environmentally sensitive lands. The damage is taking place all along the watershed as nearly the entire watershed is listed as impaired by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

We should not allow Crum Creek to be impaired as the creek supports human life as well as well as aquatic life.