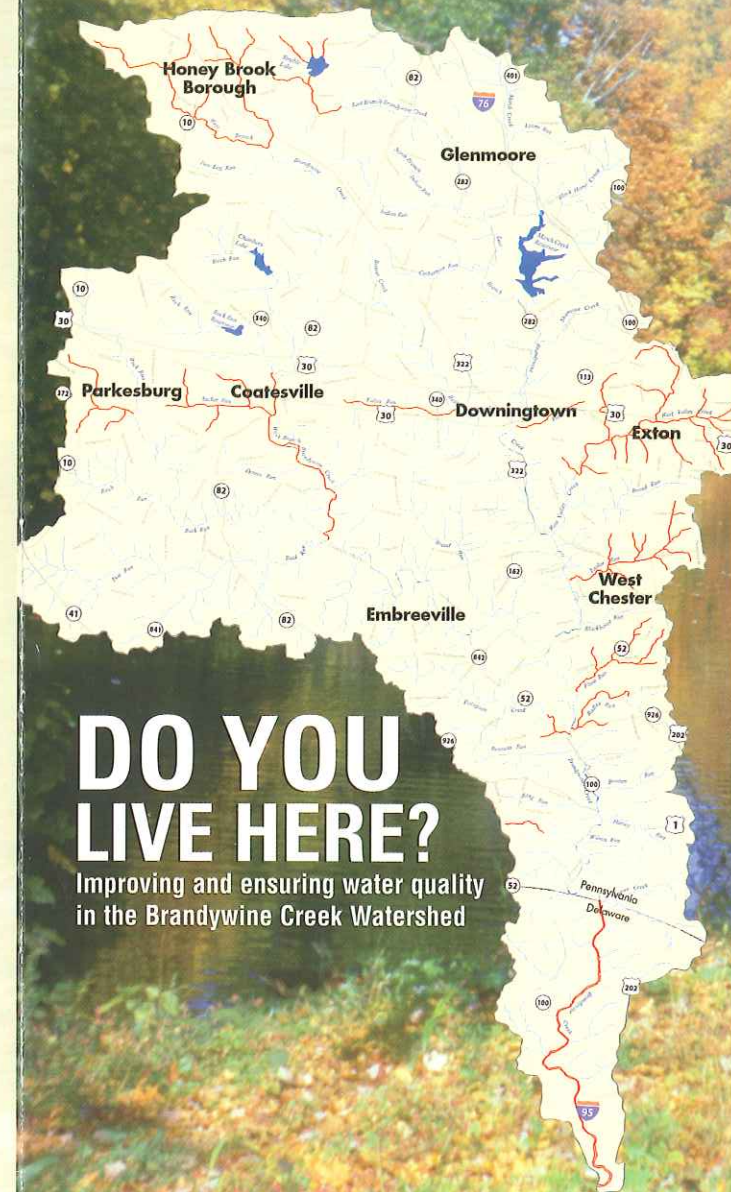


# RED Streams BLUE



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## DO YOU LIVE HERE?

Improving and ensuring water quality  
in the Brandywine Creek Watershed

### Ways to Help Us Make the Red Streams Blue

- Visit the BVA Website. The Red Streams Blue page will provide you with practical information, as well as an update on progress.
- Join BVA. We are your local watershed association working exclusively within the Brandywine Watershed. You can join and become one of 900 members who are helping to restore and protect this priceless resource.
- Become a Watershed Steward. Learn how to take better care of these resources and how you, individually, can make a difference.
- Join an Environmental Stream Team in your area. These are your neighbors, all volunteers, who have learned how to work together to better understand stream quality.
- Enjoy the Brandywine Creek and its watershed. This is the payoff of the Red Streams Blue Program and everyone will benefit.

### About The BVA

Over the past six decades, Brandywine Valley Association (BVA), has pioneered innovative programs to improve and protect the water in the Brandywine Valley. Your leader in local watershed conservation & education, BVA offers programs for all ages and conducts environmental studies and projects to promote the restoration, preservation, conservation and enjoyment of our region's natural resources.



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“Clean water is the cornerstone  
of healthy communities. It is  
impossible to overstate the value  
and importance of clean water  
for people, fish and wildlife. Our  
health, quality of life, economy  
and ecosystems depend on it.”

- American Rivers



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## What is the Red Streams Blue Program?

- Our map shows the streams that do not meet Pennsylvania water quality standards in red. The blue streams meet the standards.
- The goal of Red Streams Blue is to ensure that all the streams in the Brandywine Watershed meet Pennsylvania water quality standards.

## Why is the Red Streams Blue Program so Important?

- The Brandywine Creek is the drinking water source for much of Chester County, as well as Wilmington, Delaware.
- The Brandywine Creek provides recreation for many residents including fishing, canoeing, kayaking and swimming.
- The Streams provide habitat and natural corridors for wildlife.
- The beauty of the Brandywine Watershed is an important natural resource.

## How will we make the Red Streams Blue?

- Stream Assessment - identify the impaired segments and the reasons for those impairments.
- Develop a Restoration Plan to identify possible areas for improvements.
- Select projects to be undertaken based on cost, impact and priority.
- Build partnerships within the restoration area
- Identify funding sources.
- Complete Restoration Projects.



The 325 square mile Brandywine Watershed contains 507 stream miles in Pennsylvania. Of this total, 102 miles (20%) are impaired. About 279 miles (55%) are first order (the very smallest) streams.

**Help Us Make  
The Red Streams Blue  
And Keep The Blue  
Streams Blue.**