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RED Streams

Plum Run Stream Restoration Project Fact Sheet

- Plum Run Focus Area- an impaired tributary to Brandywine Creek
- BRC *Red Streams Blue* Stream Restoration Plan priority watershed
 - o Eight projects completed since 2010,
 - o 9,570 feet (1.8 miles) of stream restored
- Collaborative effort with:
 - Six Brandywine-Christina Cluster Partners; Brandywine
 Conservancy, Stroud, Natural Lands, UD Water Resources Center, The Nature Conservancy (DE Chapter), Brandywine Red Clay Alliance
 - Municipalities in the Plum Run Watershed; West Goshen, West Chester Borough, East Bradford, Birmingham
 - o More than 9 private land owners
 - o Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI); Brandywine-Christina Cluster

Project at Tigue Road from WCU property line to Strode's Mill:

- o 4,470 feet of stream restored in three phases in this section,
- o Design phase completed and all permits acquired in 2018
- ➤ **Phase 1** completed in 2019, 1,982 feet restoration on Tigue Road, open space from Toll Brothers development, with East Bradford Twp.
- ▶ **Phase 2** completed in 2020, 1,583 feet restored to old mill dam, includes two private parcels
- **Phase 3** completed, 2021, 905 feet restored from old mill dam to historic Strode's Mill site



BEFORE RESTORATION

AFTER RESTORATION

Benefits of project:

- Stabilizes eroded stream banks
- o Reduces sediment and nitrogen pollution, helps municipal Pollution Reduction Plans
- o Improves fish and wildlife habitat
- o Provides aesthetic impact at new trails and recreation plans
- Coordinated with park improvement and trail plans
- o Opportunity to educate environmental and historical features with Plum Run and Strode's Mill.

Partners:

- East Bradford Twp.
- Strode's Mill Historic District
- o Brandywine Conservancy's Plum Run Stormwater Assessment
- o Stroud Water Research Center on 9 acre riparian buffer planting

• Funding Provided by:

- o Chester County Preservation Program
- East Bradford Township
- o National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- o PA Commonwealth Financing Authority, Watershed Protection Program
- o PADEP Growing Greener Fund
- William Penn Foundation

• Contractors:

- Clauser Environmental, LLC
- o Flyway Excavating

• Project Photos:



Pumping for excavation in dry stream



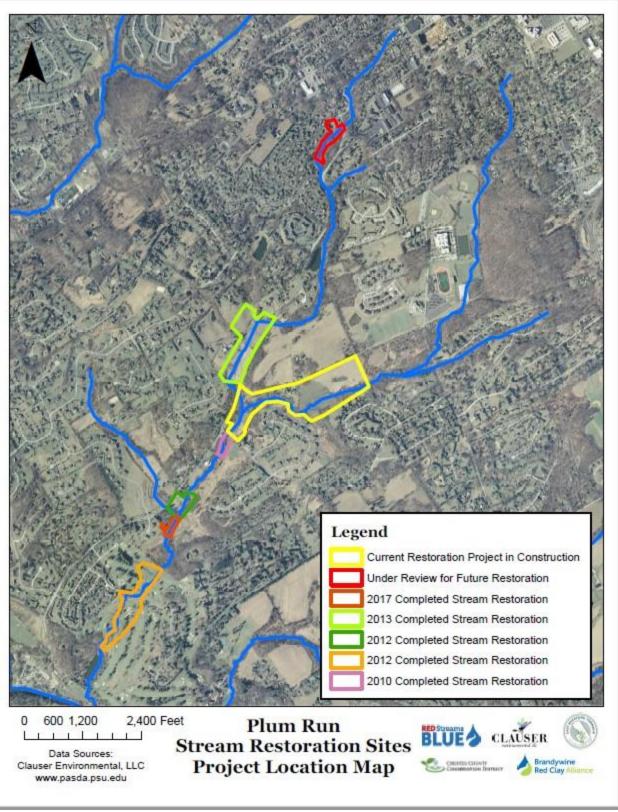
re-graded stream banks in Phase 1



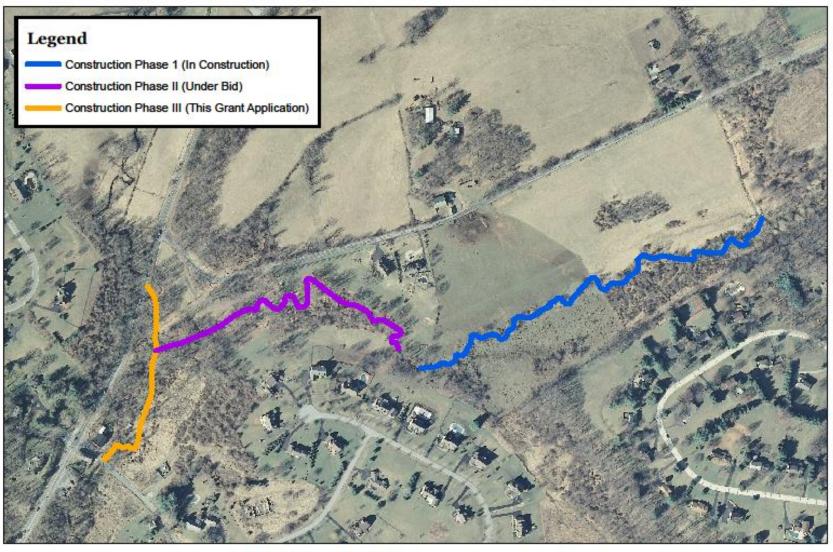
Riparian Tree Planting in Phase 2



Volunteer tree planting crew



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Data Sources: Clauser Environmental, LLC Chester County GIS Department www.pasda.psu.edu

Plum Run Site 18-66 Construction Phase Map East Bradford Township Chester County, PA



