

THE MANADA CONSERVANCY

SWATARA GREENWAY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you own land along the Swatara Creek, then you recognize that the water quality of the Swatara is important, and that taking care of the lands which border the Creek is a good way to achieve clean water, good wildlife habitat, and safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities, like fishing and boating, for yourself and for all those who enjoy the public access areas along the Swatara Creek.

It is a top priority of The Manada Conservancy, your local land trust, to protect the corridor of land which lines the Swatara Creek in Dauphin County, and to help ensure the maintenance of good water quality and conservation for residents now and in the future. Improving the water quality close to home also helps to improve the health of the Susquehanna River, and the Chesapeake Bay. You, as a landowner, are in the fortunate position of being able to help to bring the Swatara Creek back into excellent health, and to help to keep it that way.

You can become a Partner in Stewardship.

Your Partnership will be recognized on a plaque that can be placed on your property, designating you as a *Partner in Stewardship* for the Swatara Greenway. You will become an honorary member of The Manada Conservancy, and you will be invited to all special membership events. You will also receive information about healthy stream-bank management practices.

As a Partner in Stewardship, there is *no permanent commitment and no restriction on your deed*. It is simply a pledge to create or maintain a healthy stream-side buffer area on your property for a minimum of three years. This can be as simple as discontinuing mowing to the edge of the Creek, and leaving your buffer as a natural area and allowing trees and plants to grow. These plants and trees are essential for stabilizing the banks of the creek, filtering fertilizers and pollutants, and preventing erosion.

If you would like more information about becoming a *Partner in Stewardship*, please see the attached information, or contact The Manada Conservancy at 717.566.4122 or at manadaconservancy@verizon.net

