

Ambler Savings Bank Employees Spend Columbus Day Giving Back to Community



AMBLER (October 2015) – Ambler Savings Bank employees, as well as volunteers from the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, held a Give Back Day on Columbus Day, October 12, cleaning up the Byrne Family Preserve.

WVWA recently acquired the 15.9-acre farm due to the generosity and commitment of Dr. Robert Byrne and his family. The property is located on Welsh Road in Lower Gwynedd and includes two first-order streams, several acres of freshwater marsh, an extensive riparian corridor and the opportunity to restore a disappearing wildlife habitat, according to the WVWA.

Ambler Savings Bank employees and their families volunteered 80 hours building a fence at the preserve's entrance, weeding around and installing a temporary fence around the drained pool area, and cleaning up the work shed area of the barn.

"Giving back time in our community is one way Ambler Savings Bank is more than just a bank," said President and CEO of Ambler Savings Bank, Roger Zacharia.

The cleanup is stage one for the Byrne Family Preserve. WVWA will complete habitat restoration and riparian repair in order to create a home for wildlife, native plants and vanishing birds of the watershed such as the Yellow Warbler, Northern Oriole and Willow Flycatcher. WVWA will also develop public hiking trails.

"The volunteers jump-started the improvement of the barn, which will someday serve as the headquarters of the Preserve. The work that the enthusiastic Ambler Savings Bank volunteers completed will allow the WVWA to begin habitat restoration and trail system design. This was a major first step that we could not have done without them," said John Ferro, Director of Conservation Resources.

Ambler Savings Bank is headquartered in Ambler, and has locations Fairview Village, Schwenksville, and Limerick. Learn more online at www.AmblerSavingsBank.com.