
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 412 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY RAPP, CAUSER, SONNEY, DUSH, SANKEY, KIRKLAND,
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ROSS, CUTLER, McCARTER, FARINA, D. COSTA, PICKETT, MAHONEY,
MAJOR, PAYNE, GROVE, GINGRICH, GIBBONS, MURT, GILLEN AND
BRADFORD, JUNE 25, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 25, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Conewango Creek Watershed Association for its
2 efforts in preserving, enhancing and promoting the Conewango
3 Creek in northwestern Pennsylvania, which was named
4 Pennsylvania's 2015 River of the Year.

5 WHEREAS, One of five Commonwealth waterways nominated as the
6 2015 River of the Year, Conewango Creek received 42% of public
7 votes to earn recognition as the winning waterway; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Organization for Waterways and
9 Rivers in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and
10 Natural Resources selected the eligible waterways; and

11 WHEREAS, Finalists were determined based on conservation
12 needs and successes; and

13 WHEREAS, The Conewango Creek Watershed Association regularly
14 conducts stream cleanup, planting and restoration projects,
15 canoe launch rehabilitation projects and sets forth invasive
16 species action plans; and

1 WHEREAS, River otters, bald eagles, ospreys and herons are
2 common along Conewango Creek, a tributary of the Allegheny
3 River; and

4 WHEREAS, Conewango Creek supports 19 native species of
5 freshwater mussels and unique fish, including burbot and
6 paddlefish; and

7 WHEREAS, Conewango Creek is a designated Pennsylvania Water
8 Trail, having six launch areas along its length in this
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, As part of the larger Allegheny and Ohio River
11 watersheds, the Conewango watershed contains approximately 780
12 miles of streams, 423 square miles of forest and 392 square
13 miles of farmland; and

14 WHEREAS, Sediment pollution and stream barriers, including
15 outdated dams, have been the greatest challenge to Conewango
16 Creek's biodiversity and water quality; and

17 WHEREAS, The Conewango Creek Watershed Association is
18 receiving a leadership grant for River of the Year projects
19 supporting creek-based activities to protect the waterway and
20 promote local and regional awareness of its valuable resources;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The Warren County Conservation District, United
23 States Forest Service-Allegheny National Forest, Allegheny River
24 Cleanup Planning Committee, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
25 Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, West Pennsylvania
26 Conservancy, American Rivers, Penn Soil Resource Conservation &
27 Development Council and Friends of the Allegheny Wilderness are
28 joining in integrated River of the Year events; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
30 Conewango Creek Watershed Association for its efforts in

1 preserving, enhancing and promoting the Conewango Creek in
2 northwestern Pennsylvania, which was named Pennsylvania's 2015
3 River of the Year; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
5 the Conewango Creek Watershed Association, 210 North Drive,
6 Suite E, North Warren, PA 16365.