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“Here Comes the Sun” by George Harrison of the Beatles (1969)

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,
and I say it's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
and I say it's all right

Trout Nursery Discovery Walk



On May 14, Allentown Watershed Specialist Mike Gilbert led a crowd of wide-eyed and enthusiastic visitors on a tour of the Queen City Trout Nursery (also known as the Lil' Le-Hi Trout Nursery). Mike explained about the

nursery history, care and feeding of the fish and how the Little Lehigh Creek (Lil' Le-Hi Creek) fits into the grand scheme of our watershed.

Although visitors were captivated by Mike and the fish, the “oohs” and “aahs” abounded when a Great Blue Heron landed on the protective netting of one of the holding ponds. Now THAT was a real “discovery.”



Next Discovery Walk— June 11 @ 10:00 a.m.

They creep! They crawl! They sometimes fly! Join **Friends of the Allentown Parks** and Muhlenberg College entomology professor Martin Edwards as we discover and uncover insects in Cedar Creek Parkway. Meeting point is the stone house on the corner of Ott Street and Parkway Boulevard. The event is rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather please call the Inclement Weather Hotline at 610-437-7750 x1 for details.

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**Come and visit!
Queen City Trout Nursery
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VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

On a bright and sunny May 21, Mr. Luke Shafinsky and students of the William Allen High School Environmental Club spent several hours at the Trout Nursery uprighting, stabilizing and caring for approximately 75 saplings. Watershed Specialist Mike Gilbert was on-hand to explain the proper care and protection of young trees, then affording the students the opportunity to convert that knowledge to first-hand experience.

In 2009 approximately 400 trees were donated to the City of Allentown by WDIY, the local NPR station. The trees included silver maples, green ash and red oak, were the result of WDIY's 2009 spring membership drive and a partnership with Tree Vitalize, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



Our sincere thanks to: William Allen High School students for their time, energy and interest; **WDIY** for their dedication to the environment; **Mike Gilbert** for educating the next generation of **eco-conscious** individuals; and the staff of the **Allentown Dept. of Parks and Recreation** for their enthusiasm and support.

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