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ECOANALYSTS MIKE BILGER LENDS EXPERTISE AT PENN CREEK ECOLOGY FIELD DAY

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PENNSYLVANIA—EcoAnalysts' aquatic ecologist Mike Bilger partnered up with the Snyder County Conservation District to host an ecology field day in Penns Creek, on Saturday, August 13th at the New Berlin Commons.

Fifty-five participants, including children and adults, braved showers to collect insects, crayfish, clams, water scorpions, and fish, to learn about water quality and how the surrounding land use affects creek ecology. A renowned destination for trout anglers, Penns Creek has seen an increased interest in biomonitoring activities due to industrial pollution degrading the stream's water quality and nearby Chesapeake Bay.

After the aquatic animals and fish were caught, participants were able to study and identify their catches under microscopes furnished by the Susquehanna University Biology Department. At the conclusion of the day, all animals were released back into the creek unharmed.

The ecology field day was funded by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts through a grant initiated by the Snyder Conservation District. The event had a wide range of volunteers, from Snyder and Union County Conservation Districts, Susquehanna University, Snyder-Union CAA, and aquatic ecologist Erika Bilger Kratzer.

There are plans to conduct more field day sessions next summer if funding and interest continue.

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