

## Allegheny Valley Conservancy Early Spring Update!

It's been a pretty cold March, but we are getting there! Signs of Spring are all around, and soon we will be outside enjoying the beauty of western Pennsylvania!

### Bridge Builders Week of Giving 2019



AVC will be participating in the Bridge Builders Week of Giving again this year. It's coming up quickly – March 18-22. This initiative is designed to bring attention to the many non-profit organizations that are working across this region toward a variety of causes. It encourages people to think about how to support these groups, and provides many organization exposure to the public. While AVC is becoming more well known to folks here in western Pennsylvania, we participate to increase our name recognition and broaden the range of support we receive from the community. Please visit [bbcfgives.org](http://bbcfgives.org) to see how you can contribute and select AVC as your choice.

### The Winter Walk

A good number of hearty folks turned out to participate in our second annual Winter Walk. This year we walked to the Woll Property, a lovely site along East Sandy Creek. This property is bisected by the creek, and by the Allegheny Valley Trails Association's Sandy Creek Trail. It was a nice hike, and AVC Board Member Andy Turner provided lots of information about the state of the forest, including the condition of the timber stand and the wildlife it sustains.



### The Woll Property

Speaking of the Woll Property, its acquisition is getting very close. The AVC Board passed a resolution that accepts the property, and this and other documents are now in the hands of the attorneys who will make the legal end of this final. We are excited to share this lovely space with regular users of the bike trail as well as others who might travel here to visit the beautiful and pristine creek and forest. When the final steps have been completed, we will announce the acquisition here, on our website and through other media.

### **The Third Annual River CleanUp**

As in the past couple of years, AVC will sponsor and conduct a cleanup on the Allegheny River this coming August. We are in the initial planning stages, but are looking at possibly working a little further north this year. You'll be notified in plenty of time to participate. We anticipate a date in late August.

### **Our Dotter Property**

One of the final steps to complete the update to the AVC property at Dotter is to construct a pavilion near the campsite, over the picnic table. Our builder is hoping to get down there with materials as soon as the end of March/early April. This site now includes a parking area near the trail, a gravel loop down closer to the river access for offloading boats and camping gear, a wonderful sturdy set of steps mounted into the bank with a railing, a fire ring, and a picnic table on a gravel landing.

Landscaping in the spring will complete the project and will include grasses, small bushes and trees, and other plantings. Funding has come from a variety of sources, including J&A Excavating, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, the Venango County Conservation District, and the Volunteer Fund.



Thanks for your sustained interest in and support of the Allegheny Valley Conservancy. We continue to work hard on behalf of the residents of western Pennsylvania – and everywhere – to provide access to properties that are here now and will continue to be here for generations to use for reverence, relaxation, exercise and enjoyment.

Please visit us at [avc-pa.org](http://avc-pa.org). We look forward to any comments you might have.