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## FRENCH AND PICKERING CREEKS CONSERVATION TRUST TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Phoenixville, Pa., February 22, 2010 – More than 100 members, area residents and guests are expected to attend the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust annual dinner on Thursday, March 11, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Spring Hollow Golf Club, 3350 Schuylkill Road (Rt. 724), Spring City, Pa.

The Trust will thank 2009 easement donors, review last year's successes and prospects for 2010, and honor several people who have offered significant volunteer support of the Trust's mission, which is to preserve and protect the endangered land and natural resources in northern Chester County.

Visit [frenchandpickering.org](http://frenchandpickering.org) or phone 610 933-7577 for reservations; tickets are \$85.

National Penn Bank is lead sponsor of the annual dinner. Others sponsors include Ludwigs Veterinary Hospital, Eagle Animal Hospital, Meliora Environmental Design, PECO, and Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees.

### PHOTO CAPTION

(from left) Cary Leptuck, French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust board chair; Christine McNeil, Trust major gifts officer; and James Klein, board vice president and development committee chair show off the "Local Food Experience" basket, which will be raffled off at the Trust's annual dinner. The basket includes gift certificates for Chester Springs Creamery ice cream, dinner at Restaurant Alba, goat cheese from Yellow Springs Farm, produce from Hockley Mill Farm CSA, and baked goods from Sweetwater Bakery. Also included are a Swarmbustin' honey gift set, wines from Black Walnut Winery and wine tasting passes, locally roasted coffee from Hobo Ed's Railyard Roastery, and a pair of handmade ceramic mugs. The estimated value of the basket is \$400. Raffle tickets will be available at Kimberton Whole Foods on Saturday, March 6, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Raffle tickets may also be purchased online. Raffle buyers need not attend the dinner to win.

### **About the French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, Inc.**

#### *Land Preservation*

Since its establishment in 1967, the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust has protected 9,000 acres in northern Chester County through purchases, conservation easements and public/private partnerships. It works with landowners, townships, the state

and county to conserve privately owned agricultural and environmentally significant natural lands and create trail corridors and parks.

### *Trails*

Trails provide public access to preserved land, recreational opportunities and beautiful views along northern Chester County's Exceptional Value waterways. With funding from the state and county, the Trust is engaged in the acquisition and development of the 10-mile French Creek Trail from Warwick County Park to the Kennedy Covered Bridge in East Vincent Township, a 2.7 mile extension from Elverson to St. Peters on the Boars Back Railroad right-of-way, and the planning of the 6-mile Pickering Trail, which will follow the creek in West Pikeland Township from the Mill at Anselma to the township border at Clover Mill Road.

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