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250 ATTEND FIRST FRENCH AND PICKERING CREEKS CONSERVATION TRUST “HOMEGROWN HARVEST DINNER AND HOEDOWN”

Phoenixville, Pa., August 3, 2009 – More than 250 attended the first annual Homegrown Harvest Dinner and Hoedown, August 1, hosted by The French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust on the grounds of Coventry House in Coventryville, Pa. The event showcased local foods, and featured square dancing, games for children, cowpie bingo and raffle.

“The purpose of the Homegrown Harvest dinner was to introduce area residents to the array of fresh, health food produced right here, and encourage them to support the farms and businesses that are such a significant part of our local agricultural economy,” said Clare Quinn, executive director of the Trust.

The Trust recently mailed “Homegrown,” a guide to local food growers, artisans and sellers in and near northern Chester County to 17,000 households in the region.

About the French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, Inc.

Land Preservation

Since its establishment in 1967, the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust has protected 8,650 acres in northern Chester County through purchases, conservation easements and public/private partnerships. It works with landowners, townships, the state and county to purchase and monitor conservation easements, create parkland and preserve environmentally sensitive land.

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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(from left) Financial advisor L. Stockton Illoyay of Phoenixville (East Pikeland Twp.); Jane Pepper, of Springfield, Pa., and president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; and attorney Eleanor M. Illoyay, of Phoenixville (East Pikeland Twp.) at the Homegrown Harvest Dinner and Hoedown hosted by the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust.



(from left) Sam Cantrell, owner of Maysie's Farm, a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm, of Ludwigs Corner, Pa. (West Vincent Twp.); Wesley Sessa, president of 18th Century Restorations, Pottstown (East Nantmeal); state senator Andrew Dinniman and his wife, Margo at the Homegrown Harvest Dinner and Hoedown hosted by the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust.



French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust board members James T. Klein (in black shirt), a registered investment advisor, of Pottstown, Pa., and retired physician Su Carroll Kenderdine (arms raised) of Phoenixville (Schuylkill Twp.) organized sack races and other children's games at the Homegrown Harvest Dinner and Hoedown hosted by the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust.