

Successful Completion of Watershed Assessment of Little Sewickley Creek

The Little Sewickley Creek Watershed Association has just completed a year-long watershed assessment of Little Sewickley Creek in order to identify negative impacts to the creek and prioritize projects for restoring problem areas. The assessment, the first complete assessment ever of Little Sewickley Creek and its main tributaries by professional environmental consultants, was coordinated by Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC), and funded by the Allegheny County Conservation District and the Colcom Foundation.

The actual assessment work was performed by 38 volunteers who assessed 26 stream miles and spent over 800 hours in the field during 63 assessment outings from June of 2017 to May of 2018. The Watershed Association now has a "snapshot" from this point in time of every part of the main branch of the creek and all of its main tributaries – mapping, GPS data, assessment scores, and over 2700 photos that will be available at a later date on their website.

30% of the Little Sewickley Creek watershed is within the boundaries of Bell Acres, and the Watershed Association looks forward to working with the Borough on problem areas identified within its borders. A [Summary of the CEC Assessment Findings and Recommendations](#) may be found on the Home Page of the LSCWA website: <http://lscwatershed.org/>