



# Annual Report

Live. Work.  
Play.

2023





## Our History

Founded on September 20th, 1763, our community was named for the abundance of chestnut trees that once covered the rolling hills of our region. Despite the devastating Chestnut Blight of 1900, farming has remained a key industry in our area and continues to support a thriving community of small businesses. Over the years, our Township has remained dedicated to providing high-quality municipal services to meet the needs of both our residents and local businesses. As we look to the future, we are excited to continue building upon our rich history and to serve our community for years to come.



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# The Boards Message



Carl B. Gould II  
Chairman



Dear Residents,

At Chestnuthill Township, 2022 was in many ways a return to normal, most notably with the return of in-person recreational programming for our residents. 2022 still posed unique challenges, resulting from the impact of increased construction costs, which forced the delay of a few projects such as the Shared Emergency Services Facility which was highlighted in last year's annual report. However, there has been plenty to celebrate over the last year. Some of our favorites include the site clean up of our newly acquired property, now part of the Big Woods Natural Area (pg.18), the launch of our online permit submission portal (pg.12), and the first phase of a stormwater improvement project on Bush Lane (pg. 11).

As we venture into 2023, the Board has prioritized many community improvement projects, which include roadway improvements, parks and open space projects, infrastructure projects,

emergency services improvements and more. Probably, the most important project is the relaunch of the Shared Emergency Services Facility. Other projects detailed in this report include the Bush Lane Stormwater Improvement Project Phase II & III, the installation of a new trailhead to The Big Woods Natural Area, and an update on PennDOT's roundabout project at the intersection of SR209 & SR115, all of which can be found on Page 11 of this report.

We would like to thank the West End Volunteer Fire Company and Lehigh Valley Health Network-EMS West End for providing an excellent service to our community, you are greatly appreciated.

To our residents and business community, we hope this annual report finds you well and keeps you up-to-date on all the happenings in Chestnuthill Township. As we move forward with a focus on improving our community in accordance with our mission.



# Our Mission

*Chestnuthill Township aims to provide quality municipal services to its residents and businesses in an efficient, effective and economically responsible manner, striving to provide and maintain a safe, clean, and enjoyable place to live and do business.*

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▲ 15

15 New & Relocated businesses  
have opened within  
Chestnuthill Township  
in 2022.



## Residents Promise

Chestnuthill Township is committed to making our community a great place to live, work and play. We will continue to implement improvements to our public facilities that meet the diverse needs of all our residents.

## Business Promise

Chestnuthill Township is committed to fostering the growth of our business community. We will continue to invest in infrastructure and development projects to meet the needs of our 600+ local small businesses.

# Recycling Center

*Chestnuthill Township recycles over 37 items at our facility. There is no charge to recycle here and all residents are encouraged to participate in the pay-as-you-throw program.*

**Pre-sort your recyclables and trash at home to help our facility run efficiently.**

01



## Clean

Make sure to clean your recyclable before bringing them to the facility.

02



## Sort

Use individual containers such as bins for each recyclable material.

03



## Save

Recycle as many items as possible in order to reduce your disposal costs.



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“Friendly, convenient professional. So nice I call it the club, when I’m going to recycle. Love this place”

-Elaine Jackson  
Resident



## *Allied Services*

Chestnuthill Township would like to take this opportunity to highlight our fantastic staff members as well as our ongoing relationship with Allied Services. For those of you that don’t know, Allied Services is a leading provider of health and human services for Northeastern Pennsylvanians with disabilities, life-changing injuries and chronic illnesses. Allied Services is a not-for-profit organization that works to advance health, independence, and life quality for thier staff. The Township has contracted for staffing with Allied Services over the past 15 years and couldn’t be happier with the results of this partnership. So when utilizing our facility, please be sure to join us in extending our gratitude to these hard-working, dedicated members of our team.



Road

# Department

*To get the latest Chestnuthill Township updates via text, text “Chestnuthill” to 662-200-4303. This will keep you informed regarding emergencies, road closures, and more*

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Chestnuthill Township's road system encompasses 155 miles of Roads. The Road Department is responsible for maintaining these roads through snow plowing, snow removal, road drainage, road paving, line striping, road patching, street sweeping, and other essential roles. Over the course of the year, they accomplished many projects which are highlighted in the completed projects portion of this report, located on page 18.



## 8 miles

### Paving Report

In 2022, the Township paved 8 miles of roadway and repaired nearly 11 miles of base.



## 12 Storms

### Winter Report

Over the course of 2022, the Road Department spent 1,598 man hours salting, cindering and clearing roadways due to winter storm events.



## Step 1: Drainage

Repairing drainage and clearing tree cover is the first step of the road resurfacing process. To ensure every future road improvement stands the test of time, stormwater must be shed from the surface as quickly as possible.

## Step 2: Sub Base Repair

Repairing the road sub base provides a stable surface that will support the new pavement to come. During this step, stability and compaction are key to providing the pavement years of durability.



## Step 3: Paving

Once the drainage and subbase have been stabilized, paving can begin.

Normally, paving of the roadway comes one year after the road base improvements have been made to ensure proper compaction.

## Step 4: Maintenance

Proper maintenance is important to keep a paved surface in good condition and extend its lifespan. This may include regular cleaning and sealing, filling cracks and potholes, and making repairs as needed.

# Upcoming Projects

*Chestnuthill Township has several upcoming projects for 2023; check out a few of our favorites.*

## Shared Multi-Use Emergency Services Facility

Chestnuthill Township is building a new centrally located Shared Emergency Services Facility in the center of the Brodheadsville Village. The facility will house the West End Volunteer Fire Company, Lehigh Valley Health Network-EMS West End, and a Regional West End Emergency Operations Center. The Township has been awarded over 2.6

million dollars in project funding, thanks in large part to State Senator Mario Scavello, and State Representative Jack Rader Jr.

Unfortunately, the Shared Emergency Services Facility was postponed in 2022 due to rising costs; we now anticipate the project to break ground in the Spring of 2023!







# Bush Lane

## Stormwater Phase II

As the year 2023 approaches, the residents of Bush Lane are looking forward to the upcoming stormwater project on their street. The old road culvert and driveway pipes are in need of replacement, and the new project will address this issue and improve the stormwater drainage in the area.

# Big Woods

## Natural Area Trailhead

As 2023 progresses, residents of our township can look forward to the new trailhead installation at the Big Woods Natural Area. The project, which will be funded using a combination of Monroe County and PA DCNR grant funds, will provide our community with improved access to this beautiful natural area.



# PennDOT

## Roundabout Project

PennDOT continues to move forward with the construction of two new roundabouts located on State Routes 209 and 115. This project will reduce the issue of congested traffic at the intersection of SR209 and SR115. The project has an anticipated completion date of 11/1/24, for more information regarding the roundabouts, visit [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov) or call PennDOT District 5 at 610-871-4106.

# Planning & Zoning

*“Plan for Success”*

*- Helen Beers (Sewage Enforcement Officer)*

## Chestnuthill Township Implements SmartGov

The Chestnuthill Township Zoning Department is excited to announce that we will be implementing a new software, SmartGov, in 2023 for all residential zoning permit applications. SmartGov is an online platform that allows residents to easily complete, submit, and pay for their zoning permit applications from the comfort of their own homes. This new software will make the process

of applying for a zoning permit more convenient and efficient for both residents and the Zoning Department. With SmartGov, residents will be able to track the status of their application and complete the payment process online. We believe that this new system will be a great improvement for our residents and we look forward to providing this new service.

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### Pay Online

Pay your applications quickly and securely

PAY »



### My Inspections

Request an inspection when you are ready

REQUEST »



### My Applications

Review your applications and inspection results

VIEW »



# New & Relocated Businesses in 2022



## Effort Pharmacy

3265 Route 115  
Effort, PA 18330



## Moonwake Designs Co.

1356 Route 209  
Gilbert, PA 18331



## Clips & Cuddles

182 McMichaels Ct.  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360



## Willie Mae's Place

1289 Route 209  
Gilbert, PA 18331



## Titan Ammo Company

1546 Route 209 - Ste. 102  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



## Sauce Restaurant

109 Marshall Ln.  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



## Alluntangled Hair Salon

1457 Route 209 - Ste. 3  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



## Vitalé's Delicatessen LLC

3160 Route 115 - Ste. 103  
Effort, PA 18330



## West End Tobacco & Vapes

1421 Route 209 - Ste. 109  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



## Enterprise Rent-A-Car

1105 Scott St.  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



## Best on DeBlock Esthetic Beauty Lounge

1507 Route 209 - Ste. 103  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



## Tai Chi Health Spa LLC. Yans Massage

1636 Route 209 - Ste. 104  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



## Dr. Annette Borger (Internal Medicine Specialist)

1310 Route 209 - Ste. 103  
Gilbert, PA 18331



## Thairiffic in the Valley Restaurant

2232 Route 115  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



## Northridge Equestrian Center

474 Jonas Rd.  
Effort, PA 18330

# Community Highlights

*The Township is thankful to have the Western Pocono Community Library located in our Township, and we encourage everyone to continue to support their efforts.*



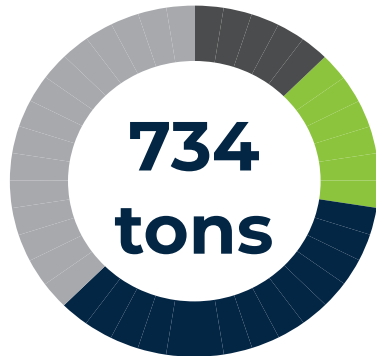
The Western Pocono Community Library (WPCL) was founded in 1974 by a group of concerned citizens with the purpose of serving a small, rural school district in the West End of Monroe County. In its first year of operation, the Library was housed in the Narthex of Zion Lutheran Church. One year later, it was relocated to a rental home on 209 in Brodheadsville, where it would remain for 25 years. In October of 2000, the library dedicated its new facilities seen above.

The library is committed to provide lifelong access for educational enrichment opportunities through resources, services, and programming to the residents of the west end community. The library offers a wide variety of activities for people of all ages. Children can participate in activities such as Read & Play, Mother Goose Toddler Time, PlayK Prep and more. Adult patrons can participate in programs such as adult and daycare outreach, Color Your Cares Away & Word Puzzles, WPCL Puzzlers, and other fun activities. If you would like to become a patron of WPCL, registration for a library card is free if you reside in the Pleasant Valley School District. There are so many opportunities to give back to the community through WPCL. For more information on WPCL and how to get involved, please visit their website at [westernpoconocommunitylibrary.org](http://westernpoconocommunitylibrary.org).



# By The Numbers

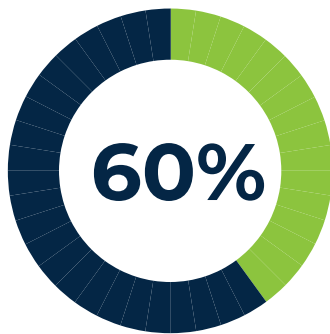
2022 Recycling



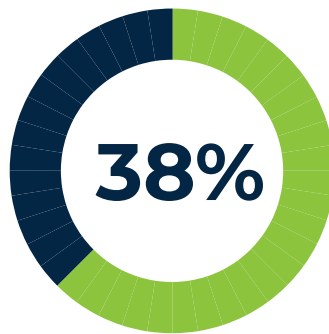
- Paper Products (276t)
- Metal (254t)
- Glass (110t)
- Plastics (93t)

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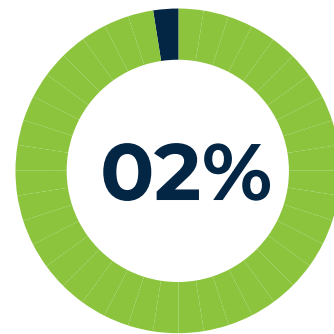
The Chestnuthill supervisors and staff successfully balanced the 2023 budget without a tax increase, ensuring financial stability for our residents. Your hard-earned money will remain in your pockets as we continue to make Chestnuthill a thriving community.



Township Roads



State Roads



Private Roads

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Chestnuthill Township was awarded seven grants in 2022, totaling more than \$560,000.00.

# \$560,000

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Chestnuthill Township's Zoning Department issued approximately 400 permits in 2022.

# 400

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## Parks & **Recreation**

*The Chestnuthill Township Supervisors are committed to providing exceptional park and recreational opportunities in our community. We are dedicated to keeping recreational areas clean, safe, and well-maintained for all our park users.*



Be sure to Like our Facebook Page "Chestnuthill Parks & Recreation", to stay up-to-date on all future park events such as the 2023 Summer Camp, upcoming youth fly fishing classes, our 2nd Annual Halloween Spooktacular and so much more coming up in 2023!

## See Something,

Text Something! Over the last year, we have made significant improvements to our park's security, including the installation of new surveillance cameras, motion detectors and a text system for users to report vandalism. These upgrades have already proven effective,

as they have helped us catch and apprehend three separate individuals who were vandalizing park property. So remember, when recreating in one of our parks, if you see vandalism or something suspicious, text a short description, and if possible a photo to 570-221-4480.



### Youth Fly Fishing Classes

Youth Fly Fishing Classes were held through the Upper McMichael Creek Conservancy in partnership with the Pohoqualine Fish Association and Chestnuthill Township. Participants had the opportunity to learn from a world-class instructor and catch fish in the McMichael Creek.



### Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park continued this past summer. Community members were invited to attend a series of free concerts and enjoy a variety of music. We also hosted our first Open Mic Night, an event filled with music, art and fun!



### Halloween Spooktacular

Chestnuthill hosted our first ever Halloween Spooktacular at the Chestnuthill Park this past October. Children got the chance to paint pumpkins, dissect owl pellets, trunk or treat and so much more. Keep an eye on our facebook for details on next years!



### Return of Summer Camp

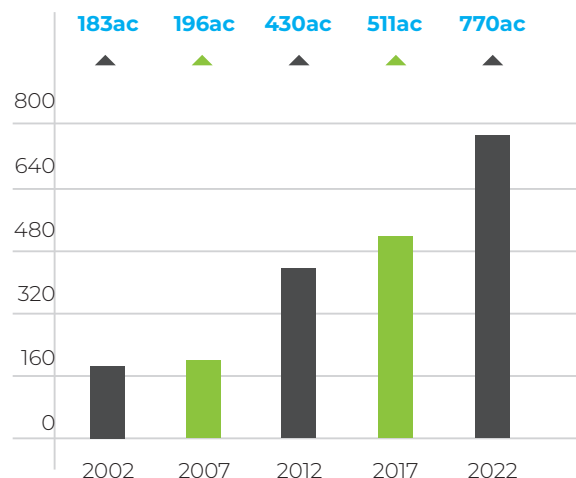
Summer Camp will be returning to the Chestnuthill Park in the summer of 2023! This will be a six week day camp comprised of outdoor activities, crafts, presentations, and more. Space is limited, so be sure to check our facebook for more info.



# Completed Projects

## *The Big Woods Expansion Site Cleanup.*

Chestnuthill Township recently acquired a parcel of land adjacent to the Big Woods Natural Area with the goal of preparing it for public use. To do this, the Township contracted with Kresge Excavating to assist with the demolition and site cleanup. The team from Kresge Excavating worked quickly and safely to demolish dilapidated structures on the property and clear away debris. Thanks to their efforts, the once overgrown and neglected parcel was transformed into a beautiful addition to the Big Woods Natural Area, ready for the community to enjoy. The Township encourages all residents to visit the Big Woods Natural Area and take advantage of the beautiful open space properties in our community.



The Big Woods Property Acreage History







**“Success  
seems to be  
connected  
with action”**

**- Conrad Hilton**



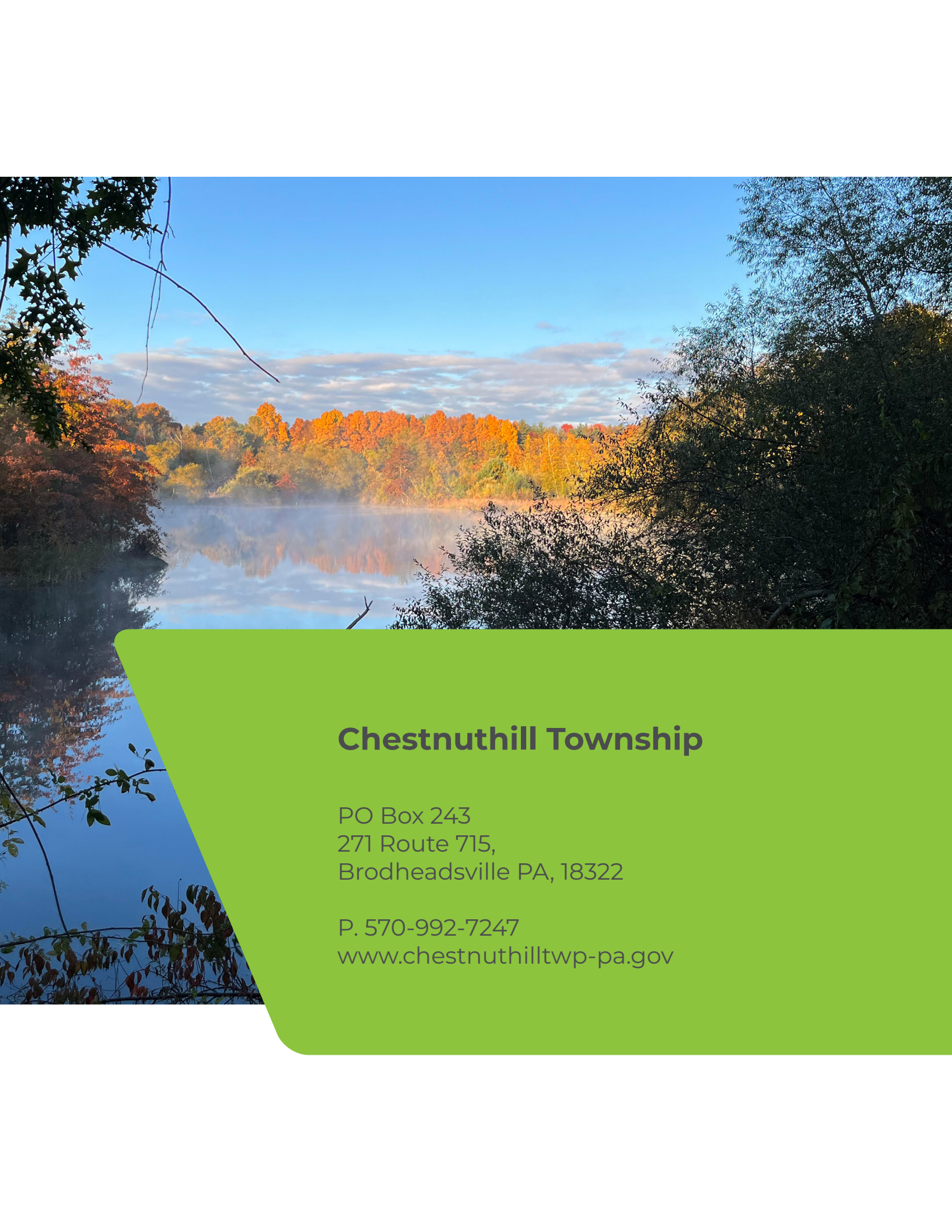
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## **Bush Ln**

### Stormwater Phase I

In 2022, the Township embarked on a multi-phase project to address stormwater management issues in the community of Bush Lane. The first phase of the project involved contracting with Wayco Inc. to rehabilitate a dilapidated stormwater swale that had been causing flooding in the area. The work included new design elements, cleaning, and removal of debris, and was completed successfully. As a result, the swale was properly functioning and flooding events in the community were reduced. The next phases of the project will continue to address stormwater management issues in the area. For more information on the upcoming phases of the project, please refer to page 11 of this report.





## **Chestnuthill Township**

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