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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners

CC: Environmental Advisory Council

FROM: Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager *AE*

RE: TTF Watershed Partnership Streamkeepers Annual Report

DATE: January 29, 2016

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Please find attached to this memo a copy of the first Annual Report for the Streamkeepers program for your review. Streamkeepers was started in August 2014 by the Tookany-Tacony/Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF Watershed Partnership) to monitor the condition of the various streams in the Tookany-Tacony/Frankford Watershed (TTF Watershed), particularly those in Cheltenham and Abington townships.

There are currently 30 volunteer Streamkeeper monitoring 15 sites in Cheltenham Township and 9 sites in Abington Township. Streamkeeper volunteers hail from Abington, Bensalem, Cheltenham, Jenkintown, and Philadelphia. Streamkeepers have committed to performing monthly monitoring of these chosen sites, taking photographs and performing basic chemical monitoring.

The information collected by Streamkeeper volunteers will be combined with monitoring completed by the TTF Watershed, Temple, Villanova and the Academy of Natural Sciences to help understand the issues in the watershed, measure the effectiveness of restoration projects, and compare the TTF Watershed to others in the Delaware River Watershed.

If you have any questions about the Streamkeepers program or the annual report, please contact the TTF Watershed Partnership at (215) 744-1853.

Attachment