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## Greeting from our new Vice Chair, Lauren Terpak

Welcome to an exciting upcoming year for SWEP Three Rivers. We are beginning to see some light of positivity peeking through the trees after a tough 2 years. With springtime comes a new season of SWEP with introductions of new officers and members, updated bylaws, and calendar of events with more face time. As your new Vice Chair, I'm excited to share the top 10 Reasons to get involved in SWEP this year:

### Top 10 Reasons (in no particular order) to Get Involved in SWEP This Year:

**1. Involvement = Impact.** Whether it'd be personal, professional, or environmental and in alignment with SWEP's mission statement, everything we do has a ricocheting impact from person to person, person to environment or vice versa and all for the greater good.

**2. Inclusive Environment.** While Society of Women Environmental Professionals is our organizational name, all individuals and pronouns are welcome.

**3. You regret not joining Girl Scouts.** Maybe it's just me and while as a group we aren't singing campfire songs, we do come together in similar ways with a shared respect, passion, and love for the environment that manifests in many ways in our professional and personal lives. This is probably the crux of why I love this organization.

**4. Professional Networking.** SWEP brings together a network of all types of professionals in the environmental field such as technicians, lawyers, engineers, scientists, and more.

**5. We are not increasing our membership rates to accommodate inflation.** SWEP strives to keep membership rates affordable for everyone whether your employer will cover your membership fee or not.

**6. College Student Membership Donations.** ALCOSAN's Executive Director Arletta Scott Williams has offered to cover the expense of up to 25 SWEP student memberships. A referral from a current SWEP member is required. Please reach out to our new Membership Chair Meredith Welle at [Meredith.Welle@hdrinc.com](mailto:Meredith.Welle@hdrinc.com) if you are interested.

**7. Hybrid no longer just refers to a vehicle type.** We have all adapted to a new way of life, by maintaining a combination of in-person and virtual programming, we are making it as inclusive as possible to participate.

**8. Plenty of opportunities to get dirty (or not).** SWEP programming routinely includes activities such as stream clean-ups, digging new hiking trails, planting trees, removing invasives, and more. Alternatively, SWEP has plenty of opportunities that are in-doors and insect free.

**9. Free T-Shirts (new design for 2022).** Who doesn't love a free t-shirt? Over the past year our Sponsorship Chair Holly Douglas was hard at work picking t-shirt designs and soliciting sponsors. New t-shirts will be unveiled this season and distributed in giveaways and for some volunteers activities.

**10. Why not? What do you have to lose?** Time? Attending just one SWEP event for a total of 2 hours is time well spent. Money? SWEP offers some free programming and special member-only events at no additional cost.

Stay tuned for an exciting year ahead!

Sincerely,



## Sponsor Highlight



Moody and Associates, Inc. (Moody) is a proud partner of the SWEP Three Rivers Chapter and supporter of its mission in the Greater Pittsburgh region. At our core we strive to be an engaging force for good in our community through support of SWEP as well as other local environmental organizations and non-profits.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SWEP Earth Day Community Clean Up**

Join SWEP Three Rivers for Earth Day in Millvale! We will be completing spring cleaning at the Millvale Community Library. Activities include removal of invasive vines/knotweed, and trees; setting up the sand play area; cleaning out and cutting down a large pile of branches/wood that was made from several trees that had fallen; mulching the street trees, rain garden and perennial garden; and reviving the IMAGINE street mural by cleaning of the letters, wrapping LED lights wrapped around the letters, and reinstalling them. Afterwards, stay for a free volunteer appreciation lunch with live music starting at noon with all the volunteer crews and the Allegheny Land Trust crew!



9 am - 12 pm

**[REGISTER](#)**

Prior to the event, we will send more detailed information and instructions on the day of details (tools needed (if any), recommended clothes to wear, etc).

### **Other Earth Day Opportunities in the Region**

Our Public Service committee has developed a comprehensive list of Earth Day opportunities which we have posted on our website. This list is available at the link below.



**[EARTH DAY EVENTS](#)**

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