Protection of streams in Rich-land Township from pollution, already an active program geared toward compliance with state and federal regulations, may soon be taken to a higher level. On July 13, the board of super-visors, during discussion of the annual report on the township stormwater management program, received a request from one of its

received a request from one of its program partners to meet with Township Manager Stephen Sechriest to develop a new action plan for stream monitoring. The request was made by

Francine Schmitt, chairperson of the Upper Tohickon Watershed Association (UTWA), which is already active as a partner in the public education and outreach part of the township's stormwater management mandate.

Schmitt particularly mentioned nitrogen levels as one parameter of interest, noting a 2009 report from the state expressing concern about too high levels deriving from clear cutting for development. In elaboration, Judy Goldstein, Township Planner Boucher & James' representative at the meeting, said sentative at the meeting, said excessive concentrations of nitro-gen compounds could threaten

stream life by depleting oxygen levels. She added water temperature and siltation as key parameters for monitoring, and noted related needs for assuring adequate riparian buffers.

As part of its annual report on the issue, the township noted "stormwater picks up debris and other pollutants, which are carried into municipal storm sewers, which eventually empty into streams." It asks for reporting to the township office or police department of any observation of "dumping into a storm sewer or stream" or of "seeing anything in a stream that should not be there."

The township's Municipal Sep-The township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit requires it "to map its stormwater system and to conduct a screening of all the outfalls at least once during the five-year permit period to see if there are any contaminants." That work is to "be conducted by the township's engineering firm, Gilmore & Associates." Among other pollution control activities, the township works "in partner-the township works" in partnerthe township works "in partner-ship with the Bucks County Con-servation District to control con-

struction site stormwater."

The UTWA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, says it focuses its programs "primarily to residents of our com-

munity, balancing them between children and adults and to a much lesser extent to business owners and developers." A recent speaker program told how a wholesale garden center "recycles rainwater, controls stormwater runoff, and uses state-of-the-art water-saving technology in its greenhouses." The group notes that the Upper Tohickon Watershed "includes all or a portion of. Richland, Haycock, East Rockhill, Milford, Nockamixon, Springfield, Bedminster, and West Rockhill towships, and Perkasie, Quakertown,

ships, and Perkasie, Quakertown, Richlandtown, and Trum-Richlandtown, an bauersville boroughs.

## Family Service school counseling program receives gift Administration (SAMHSA),

The Young family recently

The Young family recently delivered a \$15,000 gift on behalf of the Lauren Nicole Young Memorial Fund to Family Service Association of Bucks County in support of its School-Based Counseling program.

Family Service has partnerships with 18 schools across eight school districts to provide counseling to children and adolescents directly in the schools they attend each day. The gift from the Lauren Nicole Young Memorial Fund will be used specifically to provide middle Memorial Fund will be used specifically to provide middle and high school students with mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment in an effort to reduce drug and alcohol abuse and prevent possible deaths from occurring.

Drug abuse is a major public health problem that affects communities and families nationwide. A recent national survey on drug use reports that by the 12th grade, about half of adolescents



Heather, Maria, Francis and Fran "Buddy" Young present a \$15,000 gift to Family Service Association.

abused an illicit drug at

least once.

Locally, there were 103 accidental deaths involving drugs and alcohol in 2014 in Bucks

County alone, according to Dr. Joseph P. Campbell, coroner of Bucks County.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service-

one of the key strategies in pre-venting overdose deaths is to ensure access to treatment for individuals who have a substance

individuals who have a substance use disorder.

Providing in-school counseling and substance abuse treatment eliminates many barriers that can prevent families from accessing these types of services for adolescents. Many families have difficulties attending traditional outratient clinics due to tional outpatient clinics due to hectic work schedules or transportation issues.

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Because most adolescents spend a significant part of each

day in a school building, Family Service's school-based program provides a convenient option for families, making it easy to access services and treatment. In addiservices and treatment. In addi-tion, the school environment is a familiar one for students, and they may be more comfortable receiving counseling and sub-stance abuse treatment in the school setting rather than at an outpatient facility.

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For information, visit fsabc.org/school or contact Shana Almeida, clinical supervi-sor of behavioral health, at 215-757-6916 x111 or salmeida@fsabc.org.

## Hunterdon clergy to help at tragic events

Local clergy will assist Hunter-don County law enforcement offi-cials when a tragic event occurs, beginning Aug. 1, by comforting victims and their families while the investigation is being com-pleted.

There will be an on-call list of the volunteer clergy members available to respond, if needed by local police.

The program has been designed to give clergy an opportunity

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accompany police on death notifi-cations but can be expanded as needed. It also will provide back-up to the Hunterdon Medical Cen-ter Chaplain, and resources will be available to police officers and other first responders, if there is a need

"These professionals are trained in grief counseling and are a resource that we have identified as a positive asset for our local, law-enforcement community.

said Hunterdon County Prosecu-tor Anthony P. Kearns, III.
The prosecutor's office hosted a symposium on June 2, titled "Utilization of Clergy to Assist Law Enforcement and Emer-gency Services." A DVD of the training is available to anyone interested in participating in the

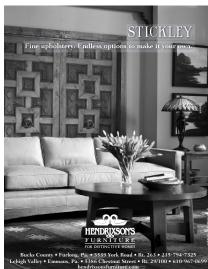
program. Clergy interested in participating should contact Lieutenan Joyce Hanshaw at 908-788-1129.

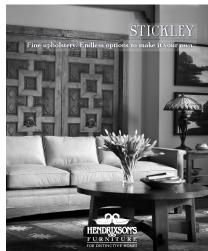
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