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Aqua Pennsylvania celebrated Earth Day by partnering with Natural Lands for habitat restoration along Crum Creek at Hildacy Preserve.

This event was part of a monthlong company celebration of volunteer events, donations and employee education opportunities in line with the company's mission of protecting and providing Earth's most essential resources.

"Volunteers from Aqua Pennsylvania take pride in improving the environment in the neighborhoods we serve," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Marc Lucca. "I'm proud to say this effort is a testament to employees of Aqua Pennsylvania, and our strong culture of giving back to help our communities thrive."

During the volunteer event, more than 20 Aqua Pennsylvania employees spent the morning digging holes to plant a mixture of native trees and shrub seedlings in the deer enclosure area of Hildacy Preserve.

They also cleared out invasive weeds. Through the years, the over-population of deer has negatively impacted the vegetation at the Preserve. The 8-foot high enclosure fence, funded through Aqua's Protect Your Drinking Water grant program, was built to keep the deer out but has openings in the wire that allow other animals to come and go freely.

The work of the volunteers helps to replicate the natural habitat at Hildacy Preserve.

"We are delighted to celebrate Earth Day with volunteers from Aqua Pennsylvania," said Natural Lands President Oliver Bass. "Their hard work planting native species at Hildacy Preserve will help improve habitat in the floodplain along Crum Creek."