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## SCRA approaching 25th anniversary and looking for new members

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**To the editor:** On the verge of the Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance's 25th anniversary, we wanted to take this opportunity to get information out on how you can be a part of our group during this milestone year.

In March 1996, Bucknell geology professor Kirby and Northumberland County Conservation District's Dave Moratelli conducted a public meeting at Shamokin Area High School. This was the first glimmer of hope that the possibility exists that Shamokin Creek can flow clean. In May of that year, the SCRA held its first organizational meeting.

Over the past 25 years, our group has had many successes. Students and citizens of our valley have been educated as to why Shamokin Creek's aquatic life is depleted and how it can be fixed. Treatment sites have been built, thousands of trees have been planted and tons of trash has been collected. Fish now live in some tributaries where fish haven't lived for 100 years. Our goal of a cleaner Shamokin Creek has been achieved but not completed.

Our groups greatest success is that we still exist and continue to make a difference. The National Center on Charitable Statistics reveals that approximately 30% of nonprofits fail to exist after 10 years, so we must be doing something right. Unfortunately, our work is not done. We need new members to continue the work we have started.

The SCRA is the upper Shamokin Creek Valley's only environmental group.

To quote Blythe Danner, "We all have an obligation as citizens of this earth to leave the world a healthier, cleaner and better place for our children and future generations."

Please consider becoming a member of our organization by completing and returning our 2021 membership form below and start making a difference today.

**Steve Motyka**

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