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# Williams donates \$10K to SCRA

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The second largest natural gas pipeline company in the United States recently donated \$10,000 to the Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance (SCRA) to support the organization's efforts to improve the local watershed.

Williams, based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, granted the money after local SCRA officials applied for funds to help offset general operating expenses in 2022.

SCRA Director Heather Makal said the new year is off to a great start thanks to the grant.

"These funds are particularly beneficial as they allow us to cover operating costs and may be used as a cash-match toward future projects and grant applications," she said.

"Environmental stewardship is core to the Williams business process," said Mike Atchie, Director of Community and Project Outreach at Williams. "The restoration project within the Shamokin Creek watershed is an excellent example of the improvements we aim to make in our communities throughout the Williams footprint."

Since its formation in 1996, SCRA has worked to clean and restore local waterways that suffer from mine discharges and other pollutants. A study conducted last year estimated between \$78 and \$145 million in high- and medium-priority projects will be necessary to help create a cleaner Shamokin Creek.

SCRA Vice-President Steve Motyka said of the plan, "Most previous attempts to restore these streams have been held up because of the lack of a comprehensive stream assessment and reclamation plan. These documents are a prerequisite to most physical projects. Now that these studies are complete, we hope to see a large project funded soon resulting in a cleaner, clear Shamokin Creek."