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Happy Holidays!



The Academy's watershed protection team celebrates the end of a great year with dinner at Nomad Pizza in Philadelphia!

Back, from left: Lin Perez, Carol Collier, Liz Pascale, Hayley Oakland, Roland Wall, Allison Stoklosa, Stephen Dench, Gregory Barren, Sylvan Klein. Middle: Stefanie Kroll, Alison Minerovic, Farzana Rahman, Meghan O'Donnell, Megan Nyquist, Raffaella Marano, Frankie Lazauskas, Tess Hooper, Elena Colon. Front: Tracey Curran, Daniel Lipshutz, Melissa Bross. Kneeling: Amanda Chan. Absent from photo: Isa Betancourt, Kathryn Christopher, Rich Horwitz, David Keller, Paul Overbeck.

Happy holidays to everyone from the Academy of Natural Sciences watershed protection team. The end of the year is traditionally a time for reflecting on the past and planning for the future. Here at the Academy, the past two years have been filled with remarkable opportunities.

We are grateful for the chance to join with the many partners and collaborators in the "clusters" who have been working for decades to conserve their watersheds. We hope that the Academy's support has been helpful in reaching your goals, just as it has given us a new and unique opportunity to apply science for the public good. We look forward to the coming year as we continue to refine and expand monitoring and our understanding of these varied environments.

We are also extremely grateful to the William Penn Foundation for the resources and alignment of the DRWI. We thank all our fellow members of the DRWI Coordinating Committee for the creativity and collegiality that have gone into building the Initiative.

I want to offer a personal thanks to the "stream team" here at the Academy. For the last two years, stream team members have braved mud, mosquitoes, and countless other challenges (like data entry) to produce a running scientific narrative for the Initiative. Recent months have seen coverage of ANS fieldwork, both on [TV](#) and on the [web](#), and we invite you to check out the links to get a look at the team in action.

In 2016, there will be new opportunities, including the recently launched [Delaware Watershed Research Fund](#). We will also face new challenges, like fitting the conservation of watersheds into the growing understanding of [climate change](#).

More on that next month. For now, we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a great new year.

Sincerely,

Roland Wall



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