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We are pleased to release Volumes I and II of the Stony Clove Creek Stream Management Plan. Volume I provides Stony Clove Creek background information, watershed resources and institutional information. Volume II provides individual Management Unit Descriptions and General Recommendations, specifically tailored to the ongoing stewardship of the Stony Clove Creek sub-basin, as well as a description of the demonstration restoration project in Lanesville, and suggestions for plan implementation. This plan is not complete; to stay alive it needs to grow and change through the comments, input, concerns, suggestions and needs of the watershed community. Section 7, Plan Implementation, provides suggestions on how to ensure the Plan continues to evolve.

First and foremost, the Stony Clove Project team acknowledges the patience of the many streamside landowners who permitted the project's field assessment teams access to the stream in their backyards. We developed many new friends along the way, and we hope our intrusion on their privacy is justified in the end, through a better understanding of stream conditions and trends, a clearer vision of the particular stewardship needs along the stream corridor and, finally, a healthier Stony Clove Creek.

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