

Conservancy Connections

Meet Ned Gibble | Board Member



Ned Gibble has been part of the TLVC board for many years, including being the past board president. He has a family legacy of environmental advocacy and appreciation. Ned is a native of Lebanon County, raised in Palmyra, surrounded by open farmland. His uncle sparked his interests in nature through hiking, fishing, bird watching, observing wildlife, and understanding of the natural environment. When Ned was young, looking east from his backyard, there were only farmlands all the way to Annville. Now, only two are left intact.

What is your favorite outdoor spot and recreation in the Lebanon Valley?

My favorite outdoor spot is the Governor Dick Park, with many trails for hiking, cross country skiing and trail running. Another spot that has captured my interest is the Stony Creek area, including Rausch Gap, where the Appalachian Trail runs through. I spend a lot of time in natural settings; backpacking, hiking, cross country skiing and trail running.

How do your outdoor interests tie into your everyday life?

I chose my vocational pursuits based on these interests, receiving a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering with an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. My consulting business works on engineering and construction projects, such as Bio-fuel and Bio-waste to energy processes.

Why did you get involved with the Lebanon Valley Conservancy?

Being a board member of the Conservancy fits well with my background. I feel good about being part of team that helps preserve our natural resources, including farm, forested lands and stream restoration. Through TLVC, I recently preserved my aunt's 53 acre Mount Gretna property, with a Land Protection Conservation Easement, to ensure the property remains forested and never developed.

What can community members do to help protect our local land?

Although we need development and places for people to live, at the same time we need to preserve some of our heritage for future generations. That is what I like about the work we do at the Conservancy; we help those who wish to preserve their land by providing expertise so they can obtain easements that many times have financial incentives for the landowner. TLVC's mission is to promote the conservation and preservation of the unique cultural, historical and natural resources of our region for the benefit of present and future generations. If you believe that this is important to you, too, please help us by volunteering and/or providing financial support for our efforts.

"Thanks for caring about our local environment, Ned!"