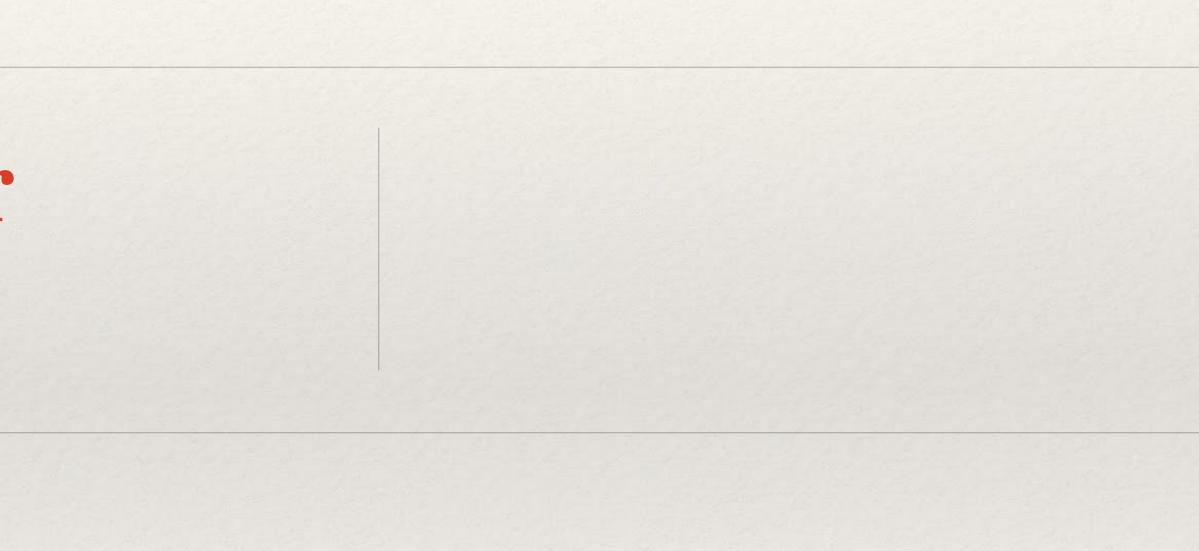
Little Conestoga Creek

### Blue/Green Corridor Project



# **Project Genesis and Evolution**

- Steinman Foundation has vision for project and places easements on Conestoga House properties
- Hires LandStudies Inc and ELA Group to investigate feasibility.
- Forty landowners, four municipalities contacted over two years.
- Watershed permit with PA DEP provided impetus for inter-municipal coordination.
- Memorandum of Understanding between municipalities developed



2.5 miles of stream and floodplain restoration in four municipalities with greenway

# MOU - participants, purpose

- support grant applications as needed, and subsequently develop manage long term maintenance for both restoration and trail

 James Hale Steinman Foundation (Conestoga House) re-formed as Little Conestoga Creek Foundation to manage and care for project long term.

 Municipalities agree to provide project with some funds for engineering, inter-municipal agreement on how to apply pollution reductions and how to



#### **Stream Restoration and Greenways: Opportunities and Obstacles**

- Large projects are an obstacle in terms of funding.
  - Feasability and preliminary design work is seen as risky, funding is limited
  - Most grant programs have funding caps, match requirements, and different application timeframes
- Opportunity exists when a third party has a need, or sees a need.
  - Developers often perform work that helps with MS4 permit requirements
  - Steinman saw this as an opportunity to advance watershed, legacy sediment and greenway approaches that would otherwise languish and help with Bay

- Watershed permit expected within the next month
- Easements negotiated with landowners are wrapping up this year
- Funding is approaching 25% certain, with another 40% applied for and likely
- Inter-municipal agreement being developed. Issues include what goes first, how any pollution reduction credits are dispersed, and long term O&M
- Construction on stream expected to start in 2022, with project complete 2026

#### Status

