

## QUOTES ABOUT THE BABB CREEK WATERSHED TOUR

### **Jim Barrs, Founder and Manager, Babb Creek Watershed Association Inc.**

*"The restoration of Babb Creek is a testament to the power of partnerships, to what a group of committed people can accomplish when given the chance to do something good for their local environment. We are on the verge of bringing back to life a complete watershed, major portions of which were devoid of life for 100 years or more.*

*"We restored mayfly hatches on lower Pine Creek, the state's most popular trout-fishing destination, and got it removed from the state's 'impaired streams' list. 'Fishable-swimmable' water quality has been returned to more than 15 miles of Babb Creek. Brook and brown trout are now living and breeding next to at least 16 other fish species, where not one fish was found during the state Fish and Boat Commission's first survey of Babb Creek in 1990.*

*"When we started, we hardly knew what mine acid was and had only the foggiest idea of how to treat it. The Growing Greener program gave us the funding to complete our program at least five years earlier than we could have otherwise. We hope our example encourages caring people throughout Pennsylvania to seize the opportunity Growing Greener gives them to follow the same path."*

### **DEP Secretary, David E. Hess**

*"The fact that Growing Greener can support this project which will complete the work in this watershed is just wonderful. That partnership is absolutely critical to making these projects work."*

### **Representative Matthew Baker (R-68)**

*"I am especially pleased these local organizations have partnered with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to protect and improve the water quality of our area and the Commonwealth. It's good to see local and state officials work together for the betterment of the citizens and our state's great natural resources."*