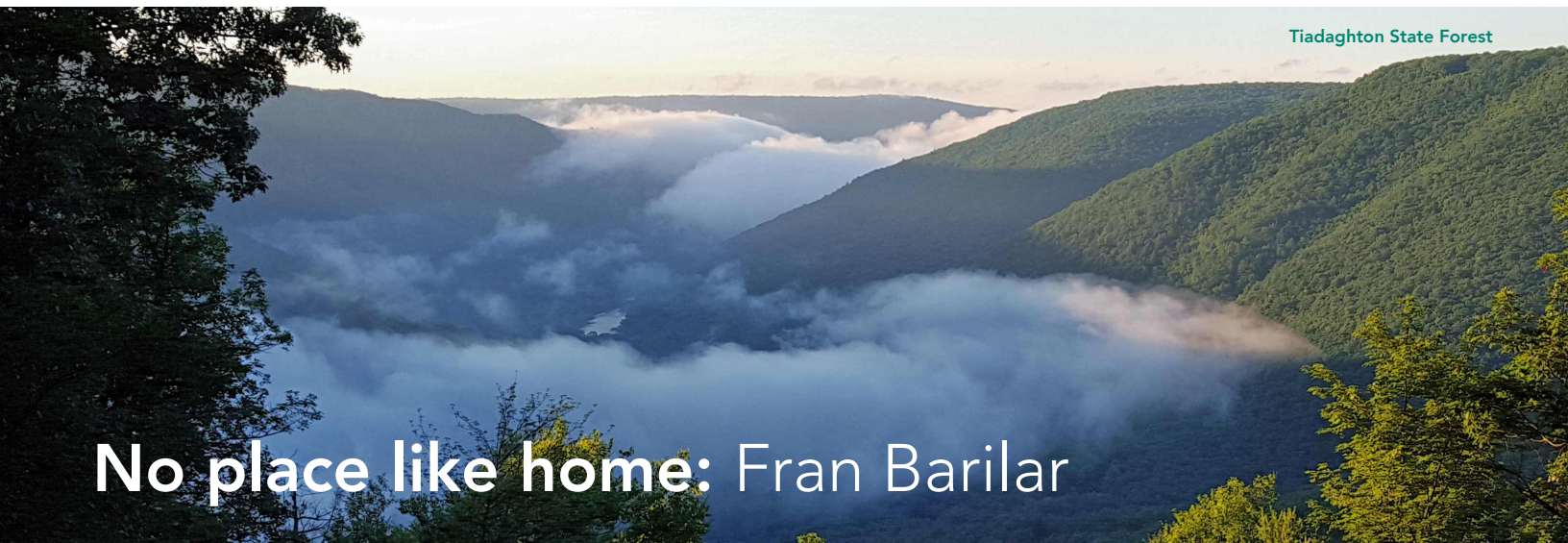




# HERITAGE CIRCLE

Tiadaghton State Forest



## No place like home: Fran Barilar

Fran Barilar loves the outdoors. Although he claims Hummelstown, Pa. as his home base, he travels frequently throughout the seasons to fish and hike in the Rocky Mountains of Idaho and Montana. He also spends time at his second home in the Appalachian foothills of North Carolina. Even after a career that took him throughout the world where he experienced stunning landscapes, he's emphatic that Pennsylvania is among the most beautiful and will always be his home.

"I appreciate the small places — the great tracts of beautiful wilderness around Hershey. I'm just as happy hiking areas 10 minutes away from my house as I am going to a mountain."



Fran on a hiking trip in Idaho

Fran, a Leadership, Evergreen and Heritage Circle member of the Conservancy, often refers to his roots in Pennsylvania. His father passed away when Fran was just six years old and his mother raised him in the small rural town of Brookville, Pa. where he had "immediate access to the great outdoors." Not

interested in sports, the nearby woods were his playground where he camped and built forts with his friends. He described himself as being "sensitized to nature," and embraced this as he grew up. He received a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and was an honors graduate with a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology. He attended graduate school at the University of Montana and then taught there for a couple of years.



Fishing the Madison River in Montana

Eventually Fran returned home to pursue a graduate degree in business, which also allowed him to live closer to his aging mother. It was during this time that he became aware of the Conservancy's work in the region. His friends' fathers, WWII veterans and outdoorsmen, were engaged with the Conservancy on land protection in the North Fork Creek region, and he recalls them speaking positively of WPC. When he was growing up, the Clarion River was viewed as "an open sewer" from pulp plants and other industry. "No one would consider going in that water," he said. But after environmental laws changed and

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protection work began, the water quality began to improve. Fran eventually began canoeing and camping along the river, becoming a “casual” member of the Conservancy at this time. One day on a hike, Fran climbed the fire tower at Seneca Point in Cook Forest and had a small revelation.

“Almost everything that I could see — the forest and the Clarion River — had been either protected by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy or it was going to be protected. I realized then that it was incredibly important that this work continue.” He became more involved with the Conservancy and eventually decided to establish his legacy by making the Conservancy a significant beneficiary of his estate.

Although he had planned to eventually move back west, career opportunities with a multinational company in Harrisburg kept him in Pennsylvania for more than 30 years. He worked in



Volunteering with a Trout Unlimited and PA Fish Commission stream improvement project on Manada Creek in Dauphin County, Pa.

international business as a financial controller. While traveling for work, he witnessed both ends of the environmental spectrum — communities that took “great pride in caring for their environment” and also appalling living conditions that gave him “perspective on the planet.” He appreciated that his company followed the same environmental standards all over the world, and strived to reduce its carbon footprint. Throughout the organization’s management, people were aware that actions like increasing efficiency and reducing the scrap going to landfills are not only good for the environment, but are just good business.

Since retiring in 2014, Fran has volunteered with Harrisburg-based conservation organizations that do hands-on stream conservation and outdoor education. He appreciates the Conservancy’s goals and the “dedication to preserve valuable tracts that are under so much pressure.” He likes how WPC partners with private and public entities to make things happen in an apolitical manner, and how WPC takes the “99-year view.” Fran sees the Conservancy’s community gardens program as another way of reaching out to communities to make a stronger connection with conservation, and believes that, slowly, more people are becoming aware of their impact on the environment.

With a choice of interesting places that he has experienced, Fran is intent on making an impact on the region that he calls home. We’re grateful that he has deliberately chosen to take the long view as well, and selected the Conservancy to make his long lasting mark on the world.

## IRA Charitable Rollover: A Win-Win

Are you 70½ or older and frustrated by annual IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) rules? We can help. The IRS rules dictate the following:

- you must withdraw a portion of your IRA each year based on your age;
- you must pay income tax on the portion you withdraw; and
- you will face stiff penalties if you fail to withdraw your RMD.

January 2018 ushered in a new tax law with many sweeping changes, which may have left you wondering how your donations to charities will be affected, and what to do about the loss of possible deductions. There is good news — the new tax law preserves the IRA charitable rollover, allowing donors to give a portion or all of their RMD directly to nonprofit organizations like the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Fallingwater.

A direct IRA transfer can reduce your tax bill while at the same time providing an immediate investment in an organization that is important to you. Pay less taxes — support more of the work you love in Western Pennsylvania!

Many WPC donors have used this popular option to help protect our region’s exceptional places. It’s easy...simply contact your plan administrator at your convenience to make a direct transfer to the Conservancy (tax ID #25-1053485).

### Benefits of the IRA Charitable Rollover:

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 per person
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help further the work and mission of the Conservancy and Fallingwater.

**Have questions?** Please contact Julie Holmes, director of development, at **412-586-2312** or [jholmes@paconserve.org](mailto:jholmes@paconserve.org).

# With Gratitude for Our Heritage Circle Members

The Conservancy is fortunate to have 155 Heritage Circle households who have informed the Conservancy of their intentions to support our work through their estate plans. Their dedication will have a lasting impact on land and water conservation in our region, the greening of our communities and the preservation of Fallingwater for future generations.

To show our appreciation, Heritage Circle Members have close access to the Conservancy through special communications and invitation-only events such as Sunset Reception at Fallingwater.

If you have included the Conservancy as a beneficiary of your will, trust, life insurance policy or retirement account, please let us know by returning the enclosed envelope or contacting Julie Holmes at **412-586-2312** or **jholmes@paconserve.org**. Your intentions can remain anonymous if you choose.

Many thanks to the following Heritage Circle members — and welcome to our newest members who notified us of their plans between March and November 2018 (*indicated by an asterisk*).

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We're thankful for all that you do to support our mission throughout the year.

**Mission Statement:** The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy protects and restores exceptional places to provide our region with clean waters and healthy forests, wildlife and natural areas for the benefit of present and future generations. The Conservancy creates green spaces and gardens, contributing to the vitality of our cities and towns, and preserves Fallingwater, a symbol of people living in harmony with nature.



## Land Conservation Update

Ohiopyle State Park expansion

So far in 2018, WPC has protected more than 1,400 acres of wetlands, forests and ridges in Western Pennsylvania. Most recently, a property in Lower Turkeyfoot Township, Somerset County added 35 acres and nearly a mile of river frontage to the Casselman River Conservation Area. This scenic property, across the river from the Great Allegheny Passage Trail, includes ecologically significant floodplain forest and wetlands.

The Conservancy also protected land along the South Branch of French Creek in Erie County. The 193-acre property in Union Township, Erie County features forest,

wetlands, vernal pools and 1.5 miles of frontage on the South Branch of French Creek, providing access to a stocked trout stream.

Other projects this year protected natural areas within the Laurel Highlands by expanding Ohiopyle State Park, State Game Lands 51 and Laurel Hill State Park. In Halfmoon Township, Centre County, a significant conservation easement is now protecting 377 acres along Bald Eagle Mountain. This area features wetlands, meadow, forests and the source of Warriors Mark Run.