

Vincent Ceglia's love for the earth and his concern for the environment glow through his collage work *Early Light*. In this mixed media work, he has portrayed a landscape that remains untouched by the ravages of development and industry. There are many places on the earth that look like the scene depicted in Ceglia's work, and it is vital that citizens of all ages unite to preserve and protect these valuable natural resources. From trash clean-ups in community, state, and national parks to broad outreach and preservation efforts across the globe, every helping hand makes a difference. Gather a group of friends, relatives, and classmates (teachers, too!), and check out the local and international organizations below to find out how you can help.

The Cooks Creek Watershed Association (Upper Bucks County, Pennsylvania)

www.cooks creekpa.org/

The Cooks Creek watershed is located in Upper Bucks County and part of Northampton County. The CCWA was formed in 1974 with the goal "to protect, preserve and improve the quality of water, land and life in the Cooks Creek Watershed."

The Gallows Run Watershed Association (Upper Bucks County, Pennsylvania)

www.grwabucks.org

The Gallows Run waterway is a designated cold water fishery; its associated watershed is therefore economically important, in addition to being a beautiful area. The association's volunteer projects include regular stream clean-ups, the Stream Team, and the 1000 Trees Project.

Greenpeace

www.greenpeace.org/usa

Greenpeace was founded in 1971 and since then has become a leading international organization. It campaigns using "peaceful direct action" and "creative communication" to bring environmental problems to light. The organization's website provides many ways for individuals to get involved, including via blogging and other online activities.

Heritage Conservancy

www.heritageconservancy.org

Heritage Conservancy has been active in one form or another for fifty years. Its mission is to preserve open land and historic sites in southeast Pennsylvania and western new Jersey. Toward that goal, Heritage Conservancy provides services and sponsors projects to help residents with preservation planning.

The Natural Resources Defense Council

www.nrdc.org

The NRDC is an effective, national, environmental action group. It combines the efforts and expertise of professionals such as lawyers and scientists with the energy of grassroots activists—including young people like you!