

EPCAMR 2007 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Watershed & Cooperating Organization Reports – October 25th, 2007

Presidents Report

Ed Wytovich

- Attended the Susquehanna River Watershed 2nd Annual Symposium and co-presented with Robert on EPCAMR's efforts.

Catawissa Creek Restoration Association

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- Completed. System is producing 17mg/l alkalinity, fish in trout pond thriving and fish seen in the stream. Fish reported in Catawissa Creek now down to Shumanstown.

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- Finishing redesign on intake. Had a meeting with DEP regarding that. Having problems with land owner communication / consent since the change over of the property owner. Even though the system was damaged by the blow out it is still functioning at about 30% capacity. Since adding the new smaller sized limestone pH now comes out at about 6 with 25 mg/l of alkalinity (increased from pH 5).

Northumberland County

Al Mabus, Director

Jaci Harner, New Watershed Specialist

Judy Becker, Director

Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance

Site 23 (Big Mountain)

- A new weir was placed at the old discharge area, there is not enough water to flow over the weir.
- Pipeline break was near the Whaleback (probably discharged to Sterling)

Site 15 (Corbin Mine Drift)

- Township has cited the group for failing to comply with a township ordinance and insists they put a fence around the treatment ponds. Concerns about children being around the ponds.

Site 21 (Ranshaw)

- Dr. Kirby continues to work at site to develop a treatment, group is concerned citizens of surrounding community will question treatment methods, odors, etc.

Site 48 (Vo Tech)

- Brush around ponds was cut down.

Sites 12, 18, 21, 48, and 49

- All are being evaluated for possible conversion to drinking water.

Coals Cleanup

- Along Pine Hill Road, Rockafeller Twp. 35-40 students from Shickalemy Twp.

Schuylkill County

Wayne Lehman, Watershed Specialist

Paul Lohin, Director

Schuylkill Headwaters Association

- Received a grant from the Wm Penn Grant \$55K to be used for planning
- Exelon Grant to improve the Bell Colliery AMD Project, the Reevesdale Project and the Otto Wetland Project

Pine Forest

- Completed (provided pictures)

Coals Cleanup

- First one in Schuylkill County was done in the spring

Lackawanna County

Bernie McGurl, LRCA

Alana Malar, Watershed Specialist

Lackawanna River Corridor Association

St. Johns Creek Project

- Received \$4 Million for CSOs and 1000 ft of St. Johns Creek to be restored.

Old Forge Project

- Finished up 150 ft of stream bank stabilization project on ...Road which was a big flooding problem site.

Luzerne County

Josh Longmore, District Manager

Tim Ference, Director

Friends of the Nescopeck

- Oct 13 Stormwater Workshop; strong support for EPCAMR presentation.
- Bob Skulsky discussed Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. Trying to get projects in our area. FON Agreed to help.
- Series of hearings on proposed cargo airport. The 2 hour presentation available at www.ylntv.com. Conclusions are that the best use for the site is an airport and secondly an industrial park (no importance placed on ecological value of leaving the forest).

Sullivan County

Bruno Najanka, Director

- Biosolids are coming to Sullivan AML Sites. Kyler Contracting of Somerset County had success with their methods in the Moshannon District (District Mining Office). Looking to use the biosolids in Sullivan County to substitute for topsoil on AML. Mixing with lime in with a machine which heats, mixes and grinds.
- One acid mine drainage system is emitting an odor. The newly revamped SAPS. The mushroom odor from the compost layer was supposed to subside within 3 weeks and has not yet.