

EPCAMR 2008 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

Watershed & Cooperating Organization Reports – July 24th, 2008

Lackawanna County

Bernie McGurl, LCRA

Alana Roberts, Watershed Specialist

Lackawanna River Corridor Association

- We will be included in the year 2 pollution studies of the SRBC.
- The LRCA has issued a letter to US ACE affirming that LRCA is still interested in acting as a non-Federal sponsor to partner with the Corps to complete work proposed by the Corps on Powderly Creek and Fall Brook.

Old Forge Borehole

- Working with Chris Gillis to advance his proposals for oxide harvest at the Old Forge Borehole.

Lackawanna Watershed 2000 Program

- Advancing reclamation projects on Powderly Creek in Carbondale; Leggetts Creek in Scranton; and St. John's Creek in Old Forge through permitting to be out for bidding in the 2009 construction season.
- The EPA funded program will expire as of December 2009.

Northumberland County

Al Mabus, Director

Jaci Harner, Watershed Specialist

Jim Koharski, SCRA President

Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance

Site 15 (Corbin Mine Drift)-

- Partial flow going through system, producing little to no odor
- Students from Bucknell and Susquehanna Universities are monitoring sulfide production and chemical parameters. The 2 Bucknell students continue to monitor various sites within the watershed.
- Inlet flow to treatment wetlands will be adjusted towards the end of summer.
- Continue to research funding for fence

Site 19 (Scott Overflow)-

- An activated iron solids/sequencing batch reactor is on site, provided by JonDietz
- Project should be on line for EPCAMR's watershed tour. Ph at site 19 is 5.88 (Hawk Mt Labs).

Site 23 (Big Mountain)-

- Weir repaired

Site 12 (Excelsior)-

- Weir repaired
- A few rocks have been placed into the stream to help us walk across the main stream above Excelsior.
- Someone stole our transducer and filled the pipe with packed dirt and stone. The theft was reported to the police. SCRA volunteer to clean out the pipe or replace it if needed

Industrial Park-

- Received Quaker Run Feasibility Study growing greener grant for \$79,000

Stakeholder's meeting-

- Met in June to prioritize areas to be reclaimed that would benefit the watershed. These areas will be presented to local coal companies to seek input

VISTA/AmeriCorps Volunteer-

- Hired a full-time VISTA volunteer, will be starting first week of Sept
- Our office at the Career Center is wired for the internet, but it is not turned on. Commissioner Sawicki is working on this for us.
- EPCAMR meeting is set for Thursday at North'd Conservation district office. After meeting Tour will start at the Gauging station at Masser's Wayside Inn

Schuylkill County

Bill Reichert, SHA

Paul Lohin, Director

Bear Creek Festival was a success in May.

10th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn a success in July.

Attended the AMR Conference in State College

Schuylkill Headwaters Association

- SHA received funding through the Degenstein Foundation to purchase monitoring equipment. Catherine Webster has been getting it calibrated and ready for work at Otto, Belle Colliery, and Pine Forest.
- Obtained funding from OSM for a 12 week summer intern position. This year we were fortunate to have the services of Patrick Kennedy from Zion Grove. Patrick is a senior at Bloomsburg University.

Pine Forest

- Much time has been spent on Pine Forest as we learn the intricacies of that system.

Otto Project

- Not operating as designed and we are working together with USGS and BAMR to make this system more efficient.

Mary D. Project

- May 16, we gave a tour to Representative David Argall of the Mary D recreation site and the proposed AMD treatment site at the old ball field location
- Dedicated of the Mary D Fire Company Sports Complex. As you are aware, SHA in co-operation with several partners developed a document entitled Water Quality Easement Language. This document was utilized to obtain the project funding through the William Penn Foundation along with money from PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program Environmental Stewardship Fund. The dedication ceremony included Senator Rhoades and Rep. Argall along with DEP and DCNR agency representatives, township supervisors and local citizens. Also in attendance, were representatives of the Mary D Fire Company and Blaschak Coal Corp.

Silver Creek Discharge

- Gearing up for developing a treatment system.

Reevesdale

- Has been re-visited as we determine a course of action to remedy problems there.