

EPCAMR 2009 1st Quarter Board Meeting
January 15, 2009

Watershed & Cooperating Organization Reports
Regional progress in 4th Quarter 2008

Lackawanna County

Bernie McGurl, LCRA

Alana Roberts, Watershed Specialist

New VISTAs: one at LHVA and one at Lackawanna County Conservation District

Lackawanna River Corridor Association

Old Forge Borehole

- Working with Chris Gillis to advance his proposals for oxide harvest at the Old Forge Borehole. Also working on permitting issues associated with placement of prototype unit testing beginning in Spring 2009.

Luzerne County

Tim Ference, FON

Josh Longmore, District Manager

- Survey on area legislators showed no mention of environmental matters, major concerns were on health care.

Friends of the Nescopeck

- Kat Krulack working with Carly and other VISTAS on Martin Luther King Day Activities
- Looking forward to Wonders of our Watershed Forum
- Publication put together for newspaper introducing readers to the Nescopeck Watershed
- DCNR Winterfest: February 7 will be at Nescopeck State Park this year. FoN partners if this and have a spot in the lobby for informational desk.

Columbia County

Cheryl Brobst, CCRA

Mary Wagner, District Manager

Cathy Haffner, Watershed Specialist

Catawissa Creek

- Wondering about Rivers Conservation Plan. Need a meeting to update the CCRA.
- Received word that the Growing Greener grant was not awarded for the Hydro Study with USGS.

Oneida #3

- Design went up for bid and bids are coming in for the work. Bid opening to happen in early spring. May need to build the system in stages due to reduced funding.

Northumberland County

Al Mabus, Associate Director

Jaci Harner, Watershed Specialist

Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance

Received a \$1,000.00 fundraising gift from Shamokin High School. PA History student from Shamokin High School posted on a video on YouTube about AMD water from Shamokin Creek to promote the fundraiser.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDVm4YKFscA&feature=related>

Site 15 (Corbin Mine Drift)-

- Funding for fence has been obtained through EPA. Northumberland County Conservation District will provide upfront monies for the project, EPCAMR will be receiving the funds from EPA and providing reimbursements to NCCD.

Site 19 (Scott Overflow)-

- AIS (activated iron sludge) pilot project completed. This was implemented by Jon Dietz of Iron Oxide technologies, LLC.

Site 12 (Excelsior)-

- Weir repaired and a new transducer was installed

Industrial Park-

- Received Quaker Run Feasibility Study growing greener grant for \$79,000 to study potential water treatment and uses in the Industrial Park.

Stakeholder's meeting-

- Met in November 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 OSM/VISTA volunteer. Katie Coulter of Homer Glen, IL started service on September 2, 2008.

Schuylkill County

Bill Reichert, SHA

Paul Lohin, Director

- New VISTAs
- The Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) announced a pledge to plant 38 million trees in Pennsylvania and six nearby states in reclaimed mine areas. Schuylkill County will be receiving part of that allotment for one site.
- Schuylkill Watershed Congress is sponsored by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and will be held Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Montgomery County Community College, Pottstown, PA.