



**Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program
April 2008 Progress Report**

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Capacity Building:

- Outlined proposal for PA Assoc. of Conservation Districts NPS Mini-Grant due in May.
- Collaborated on writing application and workplan for ACCWT Summer Associate (in cooperation with Greater Pittston Historical Society); submitted plan for approval.

Watershed Projects & Monitoring:

- Prepared and submitted Quarterly Report to ACCWT headquarters.
- Created fliers, press release, and online postings for Avondale cleanup (on the Great PA Cleanup site, 1-800-Volunteer.org, and Volunteer Match); participated in cleanup activities.
- Gained certification in water quality monitoring; took samples at Grand Tunnel, Plainsville Borehole, and Honeypot discharges.
- Participated in Luzerne Conservation District's wetlands cleanup.
- Took part in Old Forge conceptual property walk with Chris Gillis.
- Attended meeting with Hedin Environmental and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission regarding treatment of Honeypot discharge and reclamation of iron oxide.

Education & Outreach:

- Assisted with Community Connections Watershed Tour field trip to Old Forge Borehole with local schools, coordinated by the Lackawanna State Park environmental education coordinator.
- Made Earth Week presentation at LCCC: assisted with explanation of EPCAMR's work; gave overview and answered questions on ACCWT's OSM/VISTA program.
- Helped facilitate Luzerne Conservation District's Envirothon.
- Coordinated tile mosaic project at Earth Day festival: researched process, sanded and repainted coffee table, made and transferred design, prepared and sorted tiles, ran project itself at event.

Community Arts & Culture:

- Provided information to April Trent (ACCWT) and Amanda Lachowski (Friends of Deckers Creek) regarding AMD-recovered iron oxide tie-dye t-shirt workshops; prepared and shipped dye packages to both.

Networking:

- Participated in two conference calls for annual AMR Conference; submitted request for, and was granted, joint presentation time slot with Catherine Webster, Schuylkill Conservation District OSM/VISTA.
- Met with local group representatives to discuss progress towards regional ACCWT OSM/VISTA Anthracite Team.
- Attended and gave self-introduction, as well as overview of OSM/VISTA and the ACCWT, at EPCAMR quarterly board meeting.
- Made preliminary plans and contacts for AmeriCorps Week activities.