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MONTHLY BOARD REPORT – AUGUST 2006

HIGHLIGHTS

- Five volunteers donated 41 hours to work on the community project on Avondale Hill. The garden is finished and only a few small items are left to be completed. We are planning a cook-out on 9/17 to celebrate the summer's work.
- Prepared for, attended, and assisted with the 8th Annual Pennsylvania AML Reclamation Conference. From seven states, 200 people attended the conference, which offered 35 workshops provided by over 40 presenters.
- Fifty-five new people participated in educational presentations from Lackawanna and Carbon County. While six people from outside of the area traveled here for our watershed tour.

WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2006

- I assisted many from our office to prepare for the Anthrascapes Art Show.
- Avondale Workday: 2 people, 2 hours volunteered, flowers maintained, wildflower seed planted.
- Researched and began a rough draft of the Resource page for the stormwater website.
- Continued communication with the workshop sub-committee, and coordinated efforts to obtain workshop abstracts, presenter biographical sketches, and information. Worked with Bruce Golden and Jeff Gerard at WPCAMR to continue conference planning.
- I prepared last month's board report.

WEEK OF AUGUST 12, 2006

- Assisted with artists' meet and greet at Anthrascapes Art Show.
- Photographed and participated in 2 watershed tours. For the first, Robert Hughes, Mike Hewitt and I joined with John Dawes and Senator Santorum's federal and local legislative directors to view our local discharges. For the second, Devon Malone, Robert Hughes, and I provided the tour for representatives from the Delaware Valley College.
- Avondale workday: 6 volunteers, 12 hours volunteered, mulch spread, stone wall finished.
- Preparing for the conference this week included determining what documents would be in the registration folders, outlining the Role of Watershed Groups in Today's Environmental Movement workshop, and coordinating steering committee members who wanted to photograph the conference.

WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2006

- Devon Malone and I traveled to the Carbon County Conservation Camp to provide an educational mine drainage tie-dyeing activity for 30 youth and 5 adults. This took place at Hickory Run State Park.

WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2006 (CONT'D)

- Traveled to Carbondale to provide an afternoon program for adults attending a Deutsch Institute program. I used a hands-on AMD presentation for the group and they painted with mine drainage pigment. Twenty adults attended.
- Avondale workday: 6 volunteers, 12 hours volunteered.
- Prepared for the conference by compiling information into documents that will be included in the registration folders, providing updated workshop information for workshop sub-committee, and providing workshop abstracts and biographical sketches for the conference website.

WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2006

- Edited several of the documents within the packet, gathered information for these documents, created quotations for the tables. Mike Hewitt, Robert Hughes, Rob Lavelle, several volunteers, and I copied and collated registration 200 folders and packed all items.
- Attended conference 8/24, 25, and 26. Assisted Mike Hewitt with his facilitated workshop and provided daily assistance at the registration table.

THRU OF AUGUST 31, 2006

- Redesigned kiosk to collect enough water for the rain barrel, updated supply list. Secured a donation of compost from the Earth Conservancy, picked up load, and spread it onto the Avondale garden. Began preparations for a cook-out celebration on 9/17.
- Began testing the Glen Nan mine drainage site in West Nanticoke. Brainstormed ways to recruit volunteers to monitor the site for a year and ways to fund a treatment system for it.
- Avondale workday: 5 people, 15 hours, finished garden mulch and edging. Bought supplies for kiosk.