

# EPCAMR



## Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program December 2008 Progress Report

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### **Capacity Building:**

- Wrote plant and funding donation request letters for both the Huber Breaker Preservation Society and the Anthracite Living History Group for their beautification projects at the Ashley Breaker and at lower Avondale; designed letterhead for ALHG based on membership cards created earlier this year.
- Helped draft Letter of Intent for LHVA's major partnership funding cycle.
- Resized and prepared photos taken by Robert for inclusion in illegal dump site cleanup grant.

### **Watershed Projects & Monitoring:**

- Met with Hadin Environmental to examine Grand Tunnel AMD discharge; walked length of stream to locate final output; discovered site for recommendation for illegal dumpsite cleanup grant.
- Photographed Avondale site for inclusion in community beautification grants.
- Called Nick Lylo of DCNR for advice on potential Arbor Day ARRI/Home Depot tree-planting project; later met with Lylo and Andy Duncan, also of DCNR, to work out details of arranging such projects.
- Spoke with Jackie Dickman from Earth Conservancy about ARRI; discussed potential planting sites for future ACCWT/ARRI projects.
- Performed water quality monitoring, including chemical testing and flows, at Honeypot in Nanticoke, Grand Tunnel in Plymouth Township, and the Plainsville Bore Hole in Plains.

### **Education & Outreach:**

- Submitted to ACCWT write-up of plans for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., community service event in January; project will involve college students pairing up with children at the McGlynn Center in the Heights in Wilkes-Barre to read and color storybooks about local history and AMD; all participants will also view a video about Dr. King's commitment to service, play word games with environmental buzzwords, and help create AMD iron oxide sidewalk chalk for the Center to use in the summer.
- Toured Montessori school in Kingston; helped explain newly funded project initiatives that may be a good fit for the school's students.
- Met twice with Kathryn Krulack to work out details for Dr. King Holiday; discussed upcoming presentation at Crestwood High School in Mountaintop.

- Checked local libraries for children's resources on fossil fuel geology in coal country and the oil fields of the Middle East; also looked for picture books on Dr. Martin Luther King.
- Wrote six EPCAMR public service announcements at 0:15, 0:30, and 1:00 lengths; contacted seven local college and public radio stations regarding airtime; created radio media contact sheet; sent copy of PSAs to Luzerne County Community College's WSFX and University of Scranton's WUSR.

**Networking:**

- Attended Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association awards ceremony at Scranton Cultural Center; received mini-grant package for Afghanistan exchange AMD chalk program.
- Found updated contact information for Stacy Bouchard; emailed regarding Afghanistan contacts for LHVA mini-grant project.