

Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation



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February 2025 Progress Report EPCAMR Conservation District Mining East Project

Project Coordination

Shickshinny Creek/Paddy/Rocky Run Assessment-PA TU Coldwater Conservation Plan

- Reached out to *Eric Null*-PA TU Executive Director for an update on the fully executed agreements before continuing to work on the workload for the CHP in the watersheds in the southern tip of the Wyoming Valley around the Shickshinny area and tributaries to the south and on the Bowman's Creek CHP Assessment grant for the Stanley Cooper Chapter TU; Received a link to a research [article](#) on rebounding trout streams formerly impacted by AMD and their economic value; Unfortunately, the full article is behind a paywall; Provided *Mark Jones*-Community Development Coordinator AmeriCorps with a copy of the PA TU CHP Budget; Submitted a 2025 Community Giving Foundation Grant Application for the Shickshinny Creek Water Quality Assessment and Community Outreach and award winners will be announced in June

Loyalsock Creek AMD Treatment System Monitoring

- *Marc Lewis*, Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association mailed a payment for the AMD monitoring to EPCAMR; Provided partners in Sullivan County with a copy of the 2023-2025 Loyalsock Creek Monitoring Report with recommendations and data collected from the previous year; *Mike Hewitt* created a proposal for the 2024-2025 AMD Monitoring and submitted it to the Sullivan County Conservation District and the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association for consideration

Conservation District Mining East Program Coordination-EPCAMR

- Prepared monthly report for the program coordination

Mine Map Mine Subsidence Insurance Program

- EPCAMR nearly has the Southern Anthracite Coal Field Mosaic completed for submission to the PA DEP MSI Program

Beaverbrook Hazleton East Reclamation Project

- Prepared the Consent documents and access agreements for the project and sent them along to BlueCup Ventures, LLC to obtain signatures from the landowners to access the properties before any construction activities can be initiated; Informed Ruth Scotti-PA DEP BAMR Right of Way Administrator that there were two types of forms and she explained that the Consent ROE Business-Government and Business Entity form should be sent

Trout in the Classroom

- Received a Designation of Agents of the Executive Director Letter from the PA Fish & Boat Commission's *Tim Schaeffer*, to keep with EPCAMR for the day of the release of the trout fingerlings before 6-30-25 in Harvey's Creek along Pavlick Road off SR 29 in Plymouth Township, Luzerne County; Provided the PA Fish & Boat Commission with feedback regarding the aquarium equipment EPCAMR is using so they can discuss any changes with That Fish Place, That Pet Place to update their equipment lists for the 2025-26 school year

Schuylkill Conservation District Pine Knot/Repelleir/Oak Hill AMD Mine Pool Feasibility Study

- Created a draft EPCAMR Certificate of Liability Sampling/Photo Waiver for the partners working on the project; Requested available mine maps from Reading Anthracite and Lehigh Anthracite that may be used for better georeferencing and accuracy of the mine pool mapping; Sent around notes to the project team; Provided a letter of qualifications and our [EPCAMR Brochure](#) to the Schuylkill Conservation District for submission to PA DEP BAMR for his non-procurement approval request

PA American Water Charitable Foundation Lackawanna/Wyoming Valley Borehole Monitoring Awareness Campaign

- Reviewed the application before preparing and applying for a **\$20K** grant to monitor, daylight, and inform road departments in various municipalities, County Road and Bridge Departments, and PA DOT, in both Counties about the boreholes that have been historically used to monitor the underground mine pools; Some of them have been paved over inadvertently because they are not on the PA One Call System; Reached out to *Susan Turcmanovich*-PA American Water to let her know about the project that we are proposing to submit

US DOE Capacity Building for Repurposing Energy Assets at the Frackville Morea AML Complex for Floating Solar and Geothermal Potential

- *Frank Sindaco*-EPCAMR GIS Watershed Outreach Specialist provided a draft of the research and project analysis to date on the project; The data needs more exploration and refinement; It is a mix of info, resources explored that had info and some overall project systems; Provided *Frank* with focus areas, other ideas to add to the research; *Frank* is going to set aside some time to work on an Exemplar Report; Frank reviewed Mark Jones's extensive DOE and energy communities info; Recent Executive Orders and other administrative actions and court decisions have given rise to some uncertainty surrounding DOE programs and funding; Based on a recent Notice issued by DOE in response to a court order, on 2-7-25 and again on 2-14-25, EnergyWerx's understanding is that DOE is not currently authorized to suspend any payments; Nonetheless, given the recent activity, there is some risk that payments may be delayed; EnergyWerx was hopeful that with *Chris Wright* being confirmed as Secretary of Energy on February 3, 2025, his team will be able to complete their internal reviews and provide guidance on the way forward in the near future; Worked on informational flyer and meeting agenda for the 2-25-25 meeting in Canva with *Morgan*; Communicated with *Melissa Brannen*, from Penn-State on the development of the subcontract agreement and the scope of work for Penn-State that has been delayed due to the Executive Order and Memo provided to EPCAMR from EnergyWerx and US DOE and informed her that EPCAMR would be discussing the situation at our upcoming Board Meeting; EPCAMR read the EO, that was forwarded to *Melissa*, as conflicting and confusing as to whether we fall under these EOs or not, since we aren't sure that our project is considered a part of the "Green New Deal", the Bipartisan

Infrastructure Law, or some of the other previous Administration's initiatives under former President Biden; Submitted revised format of Exemplar for Milestone 3 completion of the project to EnergyWerx and working with *Frank Sindaco*-EPCAMR GIS Watershed Outreach Specialist; Discussed with Frank the development a Community Data App for the focus area around the project that could be expanded to the EPCAMR Region that surround the area to provide important data sets, demographics, and a number of other categories of relevant data that could help communities, local governments, economic development groups, colleges, universities, and non-profits extract and export relevant data for future grant projects to help with need justifications and planning purposes; Sent out the invite to the informational meeting in Frackville at the Schuylkill Center for Technology on 2-25-25; Stakeholders RSVP'd for the Informational Meeting on the project; Confirmed the logistics and setup of the meeting with *Chris Groody*-Schuylkill Center for Technology; Convened the meeting that was well attended by **26** stakeholder groups; Provided a quick guide to Energy Communities Assistance Program created by *Mark Jones*-EPCAMR Community Development Coordinator AmeriCorps volunteer; Executive Director made a presentation and provided an overview of the project as well as sought input from the audience members; Researched information on [Datacenters](#) and [Servers](#)

Technical Assistance

- Received and reviewed the 2024 Annual Nescopeck Creek Water Quality Report from the Friends of the Nescopeck Creek watershed association
- Communicated with *Leo Cox*, [SunShare](#), who was interested in discussing with EPCAMR being able to provide future technical assistance on medium-scale solar projects that need abandoned mine land identification and watershed information depending on site locations in PA that they are evaluating and was interested in how we install water monitoring devices to monitor AMD and water quality in the region
- Provided POWR with statistical [information](#) on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding by State at her request from AppVoices and [OSMRE](#)
- Provided *Jacob Smith*- Staff Engineer for AMR Group with contact information for *Bill Reichert*-Schuylkill Headwaters Association
- Provided *Tali MacArthur*-POWR with a letter of support from EPCAMR for their ARC READY *Advancing Community-Led Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) Restoration for Future Economic Development* proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
- Board Member, *Leigh Ann Henry* passed along a resource link to send around to the EPCAMR Board and to post on social media on the [2025 Pennsylvania Invasive Replace-ive Program](#); It's a new initiative that will give homeowners and others the option to remove invasive trees and shrubs from their property and replace them with native trees
- Provided *Natalie Lamagna*-Stream Restoration Inc. with contact information for several treatment systems in Bradford County for her to follow up about the annual Snapshot AMD sampling round for
 - Coal Run Diversion Well, Coal Run Site No. 8, and Sunfish Pond Buried Limestone System

- Provided *Joe Simons*-Stanley Cooper Chapter TU, with instructions on how to make modifications to his Bowman's Creek Coldwater Heritage Conservation Planning grant budget as suggested by *Eric Null*-Executive Director of PA Council of Trout Unlimited that he can then resubmit
- Provided *Mike Mehrazar*-PennFuture with context and information on what triggers the PA DEP's Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) to become engaged in permit reviews and the need for cumulative impact studies in urban and rural areas depending on the types of permits (air, land, water, mining, etc.); Informed *Mike* that the majority of the communities that we work in don't even have the proper tools, monitoring equipment, devices, and data loggers that are in place currently to even begin to consider what the cumulative impacts could be or would be when they don't even have a current baseline of local data and may only have the availability of industry data that might be a part of an existing permit, permit modification, permit amendment, or a renewal application; The PA House Environmental Committee was seeking Environmental Justice organizations to testify from rural areas to compliment those testifying from urban areas; Suggested that Mike reach out to the PA DEP OEJ Regional Coordinators
- EPCAMR provided the NEPA Alliance and Non-Profit Community Assistance Center (NCAC) with information on the [InterAgency Working Group's Energy Community Assistance Program](#); The Stewards Individual Placements program within the nonprofit Conservation Legacy coordinates the AmeriCorps VISTA component of this initiative and EPCAMR provided it to NEPA Alliance; Forwarded membership information to NCAC to *Eric Null*-Executive Director of the PA Council of Trout Unlimited
- Provided *Eric Null*-PA Council of Trout Unlimited with a letter of support for his grant application to PA DCNR to utilize our EC/EPCAMR Conference Room valued at \$300/day for a future State-wide Meeting of the PA Council of Trout Unlimited's Executive Committee
- Shared with *Morgan* and *Mark* the [RISE PA Grant Application Guidance](#) after the Environmental Justice Advisory Board asked the Executive Director to contribute time to helping to develop and define the Community Benefits Planning section for this particular program that is rolling out soon; It's not for non-profits, but non-profits can be the beneficiaries of the Community Benefits Plan implementation and have a major role in influencing a stronger partnership with the private sector businesses and industry looking to develop areas and energy projects in PA; The EPCAMR Executive Director provided several pages of comments that were incorporated into the Appendix B
- Provided an EPCAMR Letter of Support to *Chris Miller*-Executive Director of the [Lehman Sanctuary](#) for his grant proposal to the American Water Charitable Trust Foundation to host a *Waters Connected Chesapeake Bay Watershed Teacher Education Program for teachers*; This professional development program for teachers is an immersive on-the-waters educational program on the Chesapeake Bay; Northeast PA teachers will experience and learn about the Bay's critical estuary biology, the Bay's important past and present shellfish industry, and its deep historical and cultural history
- EPCAMR Executive Director and Program Manager answered some questions on Shamokin Creek for *Tom Clark*-Kleinfelder
- *Cristy Sweeney*-ARIPPA provided EPCAMR with information on the Coal Refuse Energy Tax Credits that we could pass along to *Kevin Kelly* from Langan Engineering who requested some information on the tax from the [Tax Code bill](#) for a client

- Scheduled a meeting on 3-18-25 with *Harry Hoy*-PA DEP Office of Environmental Justice who is working with *Jordi Comas*, NC Regional Coordinator to update the [PennEnviroScreen](#); They had some questions about the Abandoned Mining Concerns indicator, specifically the abandoned mine lands inventory; EPCAMR encouraged Harry to look at our RAMLIS GIS Tool that is very comprehensive; One significant point of interest related to AML and AMD impacted areas is that often an AMD discharge point might be only seen as the EJ point of significance and the census block around it is impacted by default, however, it doesn't often take into consideration the entire downstream segments of the stream or impaired reach until the segment is designated as another level of attainment when it comes to water quality; A much larger buffer is necessary or why not designate the entire watershed or subwatershed that is impacted by both AMD and AML; We're not even talking about the underground mining aspects; That doesn't get half the attention it deserves; Mine subsidence is a real issue and hazard; Flooding of mine pools is another; Encouraged him to look at the Mine Map Atlas (www.minemaps.psu.edu) for a different picture of what is really an injustice on another level
- Scheduled a Zoom meeting on 3-11-25 with *Tara Jones*, *Paul Davis*, *Bernie McGurl*-[Lackawanna River Conservation Association](#) (LRCA), and *Tom Clark*-Kleinfelder, to discuss an alternative AMD Treatment approach to the Old Forge Borehole

Education & Outreach

- Participated in 4 PA AML Campaign calls during the month
- *Rep. O'Mara's* Appliance Energy Efficiency Bill, [HB660](#), has been introduced in the Energy Committee and EPCAMR signed a letter to support it by informing *Ellie Kerns*-PennEnvironment
- AppVoices put out a [press release](#) on some of the funding pauses, freezes, and impacts to groups nationwide and throughout Appalachia
- Confirmed EPCAMR's attendance at the Chesapeake Bay on 3-4 and 3-5, on Capitol Hill in Washington DC with *Sara Ramotnik*-Choose Clean Water Coalition; Received our schedule of which legislators and their Staffers that we would be meeting with; EPCAMR signed on to the CCWC annual Appropriations Letter requests; Discussed with *Kristin Reilly*-Executive Director from CCWC the freezes and pauses that EPCAMR has been dealing
- Provided *George Kaufman*, Executive Director for the Pocono NE RC & DC with the Federal grant tracker from the Choose Clean Water Coalition since one of his grants from the USDA Dept. of Ag has paused one of their major C-SAW Technical Assistance grants
- *Jeff Davis*-VISTA Program Manager – [Stewards East](#), [Conservation Legacy](#) requested to feature the work of our EPCAMR AmeriCorps VISTAs to highlight the great work that they are doing in the EPCAMR Region as the Federal AmeriCorps Programs are currently being terminated; EPCAMR Executive Director prepared a support document and attached photo collage of examples of the variety of activities both of the AmeriCorps positions have been involved with since the beginning of their service terms; *Mark Jones*-our Community Development Coordinator VISTA volunteer was placed on Administrative Leave

- Invited by *Beth Meiklejohn*-2 Road Strategy to participate in a virtual online press briefing in the middle of March, on the federal funding freeze and how it has impacted EPCAMR; She would like to do a follow-up piece in the late Summer/early Fall 2025 and visit EPCAMR for another tour and interview; Held a meeting with *Rachael Bollens*-Deputy Director Consultant to Clean Power PA for [Viewpoint Public Affairs](#) to discuss our talking points; Participated in the virtual press event that advocated and applauded Gov. Shapiro's lawsuit to unfreeze Federal funding, discuss continued uncertainty, and potential impact of Federal funding cuts; *Kaylee Lindenmuth*-Reporter from the [Shenandoah Sentinel](#) inquired about a separate interview on the same topics; Several news clips were captured following the virtual press event
 - Pennsylvania Capital-Star: [Uncertainty remains for programs in Pa. impacted by federal funding freeze, despite reversal](#) • Pennsylvania Capital-Star
 - CBS21: <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=d3dbe77d-85f4-4231-a6a9-8786eba9dd65>
 - WJAC-TV: <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=37b7cdbf-b836-472d-9462-eaba7d7a4968>
 - Public News Service: [Advocates laud Shapiros lawsuit to unfreeze federal funding / Public News Service](#)
- Followed up with *Joe Sapienza* from Centone Productions to see if he is near completion with our Mine Mapping Introduction Educational Video and Nanticoke Creek Stream Abatement Project Overview video short funded by the Luzerne Foundation; Discussed placement of certain mine maps into the video for visual effects of where the stream losses are occurring in Nanticoke Creek that we helped to map so that Earth Conservancy knew where to relocate the stream channel
- Reached out to Chiefs of Staff for all legislators in the EPCAMR Region and Senators in PA to inform them of the implications of the recent OMB Executive Orders from the Administration and the federal pause on various funding sources we're administering and managing and to provide each of them with information on EPCAMR and our regional work within their respective legislative districts related to AMD and AML reclamation or watershed assessments and restoration work
- *Mike Shimko*, a teacher at Wilkes-Barre Area's STEM Program dropped of a Japanese art clay ball art project, called a dorodango, which was created with EPCAMR's iron oxide recycled pigment
- Provided *Colleen Epler Ruths*- STEM Education consultant for [Intermediate Unit 16](#), with background information for a slide so that she can feature EPCAMR in her Mid-Winter Environmental Literacy newsletter
- The House of Representatives passed S. 4367, the [Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024](#) (WRDA 2024); Following the House vote, the Senate passed it on 2-7-25 and it was signed into law by President Biden; A section-by-section is available [here](#); Senate Environment and Public Works minority one-pager on WRDA 2024 can be found [here](#)
- Executive Director reached out to *Amberly Borday*-Conservation Legacy Program Manager for Stewards Individual Placement Program ([SIPP](#)) to see how they were holding up on their end since they are managing the fiscal sponsorship of the AmeriCorps across the country and in Appalachia; Offered any support that EPCAMR could provide to them; Provided *Amberly* and *Jessica Zukowski*-Program Director, with a link to the [New York Times](#) article
- *Ron Rohall*-[NACD](#) asked if EPCAMR could present to its Board at the upcoming quarterly meeting an NACD [Conservation District Survey](#) to help them understand the impacts of executive actions

- Held a meeting with *Paul Oswald*-COO and *Jessica Suda Baab*, Luzerne Foundation, and *Mark Jones*, EPCAMR VISTA Community Development Coordinator, to discuss setting up an Endowment Fund for EPCAMR, capacity building strategies, and possibly looking into qualifying for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program through the *Pasco L. Schiavo* Fund at the Luzerne Foundation
- Met with *Meredith Davenport* in the EPCAMR Office and provided her with some of our EPCAMR iron oxide pigment she requested and purchased; She donated a photography print she did of fossils using a dark room method and emulsion mixed with iron oxide; EPCAMR provided her with contact information for the [McGlynn Learning Center](#) to see if she can connect with *Peggy Nork*-Executive Director there, to work with the youth on an iron oxide art project over the Summer of 2025; Our Executive Director was an original “McGlynn kid” who had grown up the former O’Karma Terrace, now the Wilkes-Barre Boulevard Townhomes
- Interviewed by *Austin Keating*, Editor at BNP Media; He was working on a story about what the pause and freezes are doing to the progress being made on abandoned mine land reclamation, AMD cleanup, and orphaned abandoned wells in PA; The story will be published in his Remediation Technology newsletter that is freely available even to those without an account and in Groundwater Association, a print magazine; Conducted a Google Meet interview with him on 2-17-25; Provided him with Trout Unlimited maps and statistics of PA AMD streams by Congressional Districts
- Communicated with *Sara Sardella*-Stewardship Ambassador for [Trinity Solar](#) about a possible opportunity to receive funding for referrals who follow up with Trinity Solar for community solar projects in the coalfield communities we are working; EPCAMR Board tabled entering into an agreement until we can review some of the company reviews and informed Sara that we would need time to conduct those online reviews before making a decision
- *Amy Wolfe*- Trout Unlimited, provided members of the AML Campaign with an updated map showing AMD-impaired streams with Congressional District (federal) boundaries for the current 119th Congress; EPCAMR is in the process of doing something similar in GIS with the Problem Areas And Feature Points
- Invited by *Deb Pontzer*-Grow Rural PA to a REE, Critical Minerals, & Hydrogen Update: Grow Rural PA & Tetra Tech on 3-26-25 in Clearfield, PA to learn about how PA can
 - meet critical supply chain vulnerabilities
 - derive REE & critical minerals from underclays, AMD, & mine refuse
 - repurpose reclaimed mine lands to produce hydrogen
 - align with the President’s priorities regarding energy and critical minerals
- Choose Clean Water Coalition continues to [track impacts](#) from the federal funding freeze on their website; Unfortunately, there are many notices of grants being terminated; [These are now reflected in the tracking sheet](#), with terminated grants at the top, grants on pause in the middle, and reopened grants at the bottom
- Participated in the Free Webinar on 2-12-25 on Social Media Best Practices for Nonprofits

Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders' Advisory Committee

- Participated in an online Google meeting facilitated by *Jessica Blackburn*-Coordinator from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, to be introduced to the full committee and to learn about the Committee mission, highlights from the [Bylaws](#), and relationship to the state/federal [Chesapeake Bay Program](#); Learned about the Operation of the Committee and the Appointed Member Expectations and Subcommittees and recent priorities and advice; Reviewed the [2024 Annual Stakeholders' Recommendations](#) to the Executive Council; Discussed expectations for participation in the first meeting and member insights were provided on the call; RSVP'd for the meeting; Attended the meeting and provided an update on the PA Clean Water Gathering to the Committee and was formally introduced to everyone and actively participated in the two days of meetings

Environmental Justice Advisory Board

- Participated in the online Environmental Justice Advisory Board (EJAB) Meeting due to weather conditions the in-person meeting was canceled; Provided a link to the HB 109 related to Environmental Justice to the EJAB that we have just heard about in recent days from PennFuture for them to review and consider for further discussion at a later time to inform us all of what is moving forward; [HB 109](#) was introduced on 1-9-25 and is in the PA House Environmental Committee for Consideration as of 1-25-25; The PA House Environmental Committee is looking for individuals to testify at a proposed hearing on cumulative impacts at a date to be determined

Vernal Partnership Environmental Education Expo at the Montour Nature Preserve

- Attended the 2nd annual Vernal Pool EE Expo hosted by the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper, at the Montour Nature Preserve in Danville to reach **1000** attendees throughout the day and teach them about AMD, AML reclamation, watershed assessments, and environmental education through the identification of macroinvertebrates commonly found in rivers and streams; Our EPCAMR trout puppets (Brookie and Rainbow) with their big eyes and big smiles encouraged families to stop by for a photo and try the puppets on for themselves; EPCAMR took the approach to teach the youth about macros to a different level by using large recycled cardboard cutouts that any child could have made to learn to identify bugs in our clean and polluted streams and played Macro Bingo rounds to reinforce their learning and recall knowledge to remember around **30** different species of bugs pretty quickly and they did; Candy was just a prize to give out to everyone, but the Bingo winners of each round had first dibs on what they wanted from the basket; The event also allowed us to bring awareness to the work we do across NE and NC PA; [Environmental Education Expo event was a massive success at Montour Preserve | News, Sports, Jobs - Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

Conferences, Training, Webinars, Tours, Exhibits, & Workshops

27th PA AMR Conference Planning for 2025

- Followed up with *Laura Phillipi* for the quote from Toftrees that was received on 2-13-25 and provided to the PA AMR Conference Planning Committee for consideration; We have chosen the dates of October 14-16, 2025; We received another proposal from the Blair County Convention Center as well; The Committee eventually chose Toftrees and requested two additional breakout rooms due to price and accommodation as well as having our dates available; Informed *Garrett Geidroc*-Sales Manager, from the Blair County Convention Center of our decision

Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference in May 2025 in Harrisonburg, VA

- EPCAMR/WPCAMR Co-presentation proposal on the Highlighted Survey Results of Community Watershed Organizations and Conservation Districts Engaged in AMD Cleanup and AML Reclamation was accepted by the Choose Clean Water Coalition; Executive Director and *Anne Daymut*-Program Manager for WPCAMR will co-present

REE, Critical Minerals & Hydrogen ~ Lunch & Learn Meeting with Grow Rural PA

- Invited by *Deb Pontzer*-Grow Rural PA to this event to learn more about rare earth elements and critical minerals research and monitoring in PA on 3-26-25 in Clearfield, PA

PCPG AMD Watershed Tour

- Held a call with *Vincent Carbone*, HDR to plan for a late Spring 2025 AMD Watershed Tour in the Anthracite Region for the Northeast PCPG Chapter

ARC Ready Pre-Application Webinar

- Attended the Pre-application webinar with over **550** attendees for the [Non-Profit Ready](#) Program; Worked with *Mark Jones*-EPCAMR Community Development Coordinator VISTA on preparing an application for EPCAMR to submit to become a part of the next cohort; Submitted the grant application on 2-27-25; Applicants will hear about the results of the grant submissions to become a part of the cohort on 4-28-25

Junior Achievement (JA) Inspire Career Planning Event for High School Students

- EPCAMR and Earth Conservancy signed up to share a booth at the JA Inspire Event to reach over **2900** students from **27** schools from **21** school districts to be held at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center on 4-1-25 and 4-2-25; Provided our logo to *Katie Hughes*-Program Manager at JA for promotional purposes

Chesapeake Bay Commission Fall AMD Tour

- EPCAMR had a formal request made by the Chesapeake Bay Commission and *Jill Whitcomb*-PA DEP, to tack on an AMD Treatment System site tour to their draft itinerary for 9-4-25 when they will be visiting State College for their meeting and a one-day tour; Reached out to Kelly Williams-Clearfield County Conservation District to help pick a site to visit; We will be visiting Evergreen Farms, in the Spruce Creek watershed in the morning; EPCAMR Executive Director will give a talk about AMD treatment and our efforts with all of our PA AML Partners to reclaim abandoned mines and clean up our polluted waterways; Coordinated with *Marel King*-Chesapeake Bay Commission and informed her that we'd be working with *Kelly Williams* to determine a site for a visit; Marel will need to coordinate the transportation and we are trying to determine if a charter bus or several passenger vans will be better due to site access

Beneficial Use of Mine Pool Water Conference at Bucknell University hosted by Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance (SCRA)

- Participated in a Teams call with *Phil Dunn*, *Heather Makal*, and *Steve Chrismer*, from SCRA to help them plan for the June 1-2, 2025 Conference

EPCAMR Program Administration

- Reconciled EPCAMR's Checking Account and PA Invest Accounts in QuickBooks; Paid Health Care Premiums for EPCAMR Staff for February 2025 with Highmark and United Concordia; Paid EC the rent; Made EPCAMR deposits to FNB; Made reconciliations with *Marianne*, our Bookkeeper-Ignite Business Services and provided her with a copy of the PA Invest Statement
- Provided *Cliff Denholm*-SRI with a copy of EPCAMR's Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Reviewed available property through the Federal Surplus Property Program
- Provided HDR with our W-9
- Met with *Janice Perry*-EPCAMR's IRA Account Manager at First National Bank
- Reviewed a memo from Conservation Legacy's President, *Amy Sovocool*, requesting that all media content, including social media, newsletters, and print that any of our members produce and/or are involved in referencing Conservation Legacy, AmeriCorps, or the Stewards program be shared with their Communications Team for review before it being published
- Participated in a discussion meeting on 2-7-25 with *Deb Nardone*-Foundation for PA Watersheds Executive Director on the EPCAMR/WPCAMR Visioning Session held in November 2024
- Prepared a 2025 Update for EPCAMR to highlight projects and successes throughout the year to include in the Year End Appeal for membership renewal and printed off the letters to go out
- Provided *Mark Jones* with an updated Staff Bio List
- Interviewed *Emily Buchinsky* from Wilkes University, an Environmental Science student about volunteering with EPCAMR in the late Summer, early Fall 2025
- Completed an Employment Verification Request Form for *Levi-Sunday Lefkowitz* from Mott
- Added *Jonas Lanier Crass*, Scranton, to our membership as a Lifetime Member with his donation
- EPCAMR was informed by Conservation Legacy of recent Administrative Holds on a number of AmeriCorps positions; *Mark Jones*-EPCAMR Community Development Coordinator AmeriCorps VISTA had not been put on leave initially
- EPCAMR received a **\$5000** organizational support grant from the Foundation for PA Watersheds
- Sent out Tentative EPCAMR Board Meeting notice on 2-7-25; Convened our EPCAMR Board Meeting on 2-27-25