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MONTHLY BOARD REPORT – JULY 2006

HIGHLIGHTS

- The South Street Cleanup in Nanticoke, PA occurred on 7/22.
 - 25 volunteers worked for 2 hours
 - 47 bags of trash (~1880 pounds)
 - 23 pieces of furniture and appliances
 - 1350 pounds of scrap metal recycled
 - 108 tires collected
 - The in-kind tally for this event will be available soon.

More litter remains at this site and the Nanticoke Terrace Residents' Association is planning another cleanup for this site in the fall.

- Avondale Workdays were held each Thursday of this month. Twelve or more volunteers assisted each day. They spread 20 tons of donated top soil, planted over 100 flowers, and spread 10 tons of donated mulch. The graffiti decorating the rocks was removed, the plaque is now anchored completely, a drip edge was put in place, and the stone wall is built.
- Summer Splash is a new partnership for EPCAMR. We traveled to the Wilkes-Barre Townhomes, a low-income housing development, four times this month. With about 60 youth each day, we tie-dyed with mine drainage, painted with iron pigment, played related games, and used the lesson plan developed in our office.

WEEK OF JULY 8, 2006

- OFF 7/3 and 7/4.
- Prepared Quarter 3 Office of Surface Mining/ AmeriCorps*VISTA report.
- Continued progress on the Stormwater Resources for Municipalities website.

WEEK OF JULY 15, 2006

- Mike Hewitt and I led incoming freshmen students of Wilkes University in a cleanup at Luzerne Conservation District wetlands. We had 60 volunteers.
- I wrote and delivered a press release for this cleanup to area newspapers and television stations. PENNDOT also donated supplies for the South Street Cleanup in Nanticoke and I picked up these materials from their office.
- Robert Hughes, Devon Rother, and I participated in Summer Splash two days this week.
- A conference call with Steve Bartos and Patti Olenick allowed us to organize our site visit that will be held next week.
- An Avondale workday took place on 7/13.

WEEK OF JULY 22, 2006

- Robert Hughes and I met with Patti Olenick and Steve Bartos from the COALS initiative on 7/17 to visit various future cleanup sites.

WEEK OF JULY 22, 2006 (CONT'D)

- I met with Perry Clay, director of the Nanticoke Housing Authority, and Bill Wolfer, president of the Nanticoke Terrace Resident Council, on 7/17. We finalized plans for the weekend cleanup.
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- Devon Rother and I presented a program to 60 youth at the Summer Splash Day Camp on 7/18 held for the children of the low-income housing development, Wilkes-Barre Townhomes.
- Attended the Outreach Committee conference call for the PA Conference on Abandoned Mine Reclamation on 7/19.
- The annual EPCAMR Board meeting was held at the Luzerne Conservation District office on 7/20. Fourteen people attended and we began the meeting with a dinner that I organized and prepared, and was cooked by Robert Hughes, Mike Hewitt, and Rob Lavelle.
- Coordinated Avondale workday for 7/20. Ten tons of mulch were donated and delivered to the site and spread by volunteers.

WEEK OF JULY 29, 2006

- OFF 7/23 – 7/29

THRU OF JULY 31, 2006

- OFF 7/29 – 7/30
- Began compiling presenter biographies, workshop abstracts, and other information to include in the conference packets that will be given to attendees. I also started a conversation between all of the presenters for the Operations & Maintenance panel discussion workshop.