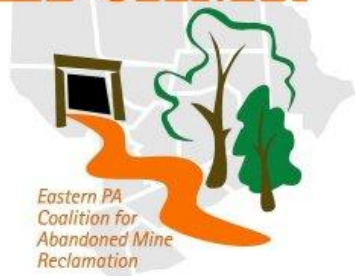


# EPCAMR



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### Education and Outreach

- Put updates onto EPCAMR's facebook page (**32** fans) such as upcoming events, links to articles featuring EPCAMR and their staff, and photos from recent chalk and tie-dye programs.
- Wrote a press release (EPCAMR Goes Green with Orange Chalk Talks) for the grant from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority that had funded all of EPCAMR's Chalk Talk Programs from February to June 2009 which was published by the PA Environmental Digest (<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=12934>).
- Wrote a press release (State Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference Attracts Over 168 People) after the conference that was published by the PA Environmental Digest (<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=13089&SubjectID>)
- Prepared an Iron Oxide order for **16** ounces of dried, processed iron oxide powder for the Appalachian Coal County Watershed Team (ACCWT) in West Virginia and also sent some Iron Oxide chalk along in the package.
- Went to Applied Planning Seminar at Bloomsburg University to give update about my internship at EPCAMR, including what I have done and am working on.
- Wrote a press release about the work being done at the Avondale Mine Disaster Site.
- Processed **20** ounces of Iron Oxide and put it in bags for future orders.

### Technical Assistance

- Spoke with Courtney Wirick from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown to reserve tables for exhibitors and vendors at the conference and to also order food for the buffet dinner and breaks.
- Placed a phone call to Costumes by Barbara to arrange a time to pick up the costumes she had made based on EPCAMR's coloring book characters.
- Put together the conference program (**16** pages) including daily schedules, synopses, biographies, and other activities.
- Went shopping with Robert and Mike for conference supplies.
- Made large posters with the conference schedule on them for outside the meeting rooms and also a poster with the names of all the sponsors, their logos, and names of the planning committee members which sat at the registration table.

- Printed out, stapled and folded **150** conference programs.
- Made **150** labels and peeled and stuck them to the fronts of **150** folders for the conference and then stuffed a campus map, conference evaluation sheets, and the conference program.
- Made name tags for all the registered conference attendees (**136**), the tags included their name, affiliation, and the name of the conference.
- Went shopping with Mike for light hors d'oeuvres for the evening mixer at the Johnstown Area Heritage Association.
- Created an excel spreadsheet with all the ratings from the conference evaluations and then turned it into a word document for an overall analysis of the conference.

### **Project Coordination**

- Began painting anti-graffiti paint which was donated to EPCAMR from Penn DOT on the underpass at Avondale to cover up the graffiti that was there.

### **Conferences and Trainings**

- Sat in on a meeting with Bernie McGurl and Anita Bowman (Lackawanna River Corridor Association), Tom Kerr (private consultant), Tom Peace (HDR, Inc.), Chris Gillis (Solution Mining, Inc.), and Robert Hughes and Mike Hewitt (EPCAMR) about the Growing Greener Grant that the Lackawanna River Corridor Association will be submitting.
- Sat in on a conference call with the Conference Planning Committee to finalize the program and other conference details.
- Traveled to Johnstown for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Abandoned Mine Reclamation and Coal Mining Heritage Conference.
- Sat at the registration table for the conference half of Monday, all day Tuesday and Wednesday, and half of Thursday.
- Went on a tour of the Stonycreek Watershed on the first day on the conference.
- Went to see a presentation by the AmeriCorps VISTAs about Anthracite Coal Mining Heritage.
- Traveled home from the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Abandoned Mine Reclamation and Coal Mining Heritage Conference.
- Went sampling at the Plainsville Borehole with Robert and Shawn in preparation for our water monitoring certification.
- Completed a visual stream assessment of Harvey's Creek with Robert and Shawn.
- Went sampling with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.