

# EPCAMR



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## March 2007 Monthly Report

### Luzerne County Highlights

- Coordinated and hosted a Regional COALS Meeting of PA DEP, PEC, PGC, EPCAMR, and the LCD at our office to inventory and suggest illegal dump sites for potential cleanup in Luzerne County
- Coordinated with the Banquet Facility Manager for Genetti's Hotel, W-B regarding the upcoming PAEE Conference on April 12-14 and checked out the breakout rooms and banquet facilities on behalf of the PAEE Conference Planning Committee
- Coordinated a meeting with the PA DEP BAMR, Hicks Creek Watershed Association, Skelly & Loy, and Borton-Lawson Engineering for the Hicks Creek Natural Stream Channel Design Project to review the necessary Scope of Work revisions that were submitted to Growing Greener; Requested a 30-day extension from the PA DEP GG Grants Center to have enough time to revise the scope of work that was developed; Forwarded final contract grant agreement to Ed Wytovich-EPCAMR President for his signature
- Attended two "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow" Leadership Training workshops sponsored by the Penn-State Cooperative Extension for Pocono Region Conservation District Staff along with Josh, Susan, and Heather from the office
- Attended a meeting of the Anthracite Living History Group, Plymouth Township to prepare a plan of work for the Summer 2007, which includes the development of a brochure for the new organization, a membership drive, a cleanup of AML lands, and some outreach events and a video production in partnership with Kings College, W-B
- Assisted in coordinating the Luzerne County Enviro-Thon Study Day at Moon Lake County Park, where over 100 students were preparing for the upcoming County Enviro-Thon Competition sponsored and run by the Luzerne Conservation District
- Coordinated efforts with the W-B Riverfront Parks Committee on the planned Summer RiverFest 2007 on the Susquehanna River on June 23-24<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- Prepared a Letter of Support for the PEC's Humboldt Northwest AML Reclamation Project in partnership with PA DEP BAMR and CAN-DO
- Updated our Luzerne Conservation District ESRI ArcGIS 9.2 User License/Maintenance Agreement
- Began to assist Josh with the development of an internship policy development document

## EPCAMR Region Highlights

- Attended the Pocono NE RC & DC Meeting, Pittston
- Passed along important dates to Jamie Reeger, Conservation Alliance-Lackawanna College, on upcoming environmental education and outreach efforts
- Provided Ed Wytovich-EPCAMR President with a list of Pros and Cons for obtaining an OSM/VISTA
- Prepared a Letter of Acknowledgement for the Design and Permitting Project of the Arnot #5 AMD discharge in the Babb's Creek Watershed for the Babb Creek Watershed Association and the Arnot Sportsmen Club
- Provided comments to Judy Jordan, POWR's Executive Director on a Flooding Coalition Grant Proposal being considered by POWR
- Prepared a Letter of Acknowledgement for the Design and Permitting Project of the Rock Run AMD discharge in the Babb's Creek Watershed for the Babb Creek Watershed Association
- Attended the PACD "Capitol Day" in Harrisburg to interact with local legislators to discuss ways in which the Conservation District and EPCAMR could provide valuable technical assistance to their constituents; Met with Representative Karen Boback who requested a map of her jurisdictional boundaries and watersheds, streams, and land uses within her District
- AML Program Manager was asked to be a guest speaker at the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> State-wide Summit for ALL Volunteer Monitors on AMD Monitoring in Gettysburg on May -5<sup>th</sup>, 2007; Accepted the invitation as a service provider to the region's AMD watershed volunteer monitors
- Held an initial EPCAMR MOU Development Meeting with EPCAMR Board representatives from Lackawanna County and Josh; Lackawanna County didn't get the message in time that the meeting was postponed until 3-29-07
- Provided contacts on abandoned mine reclamation to Gene Richards, Richards Enterprises, Inc., who is in the mushroom compost business in Oley, PA;
- Josh and the AML Program Manager conducted an internship interview with Joe Looker who is interested in working with the EPCAMR Program at the Conservation District
- Meeting with Chris Gillis, Eco-Tech LLC to review additions made to the Iron Oxide Market Study Powerpoint Presentation for the Old Forge Borehole
- Conducted an AMR Conference Planning Committee Meeting conference call to continue to work on the planning for the 2007 State-wide AMR Conference at the Ramada Inn, State College, from 7-20-21<sup>st</sup>, 2007
- Prepared a Letter of Support for the Tioga County Concerned Citizens Committee Multi-Phase Final Design and Construction Plan for the Fall Brook tributary to the Tioga River
- Prepared a Letter of Support for the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Dauphin County for their proposal to design and construct a long-term AMD Treatment Facility on the Stony Creek tributary of Rausch Creek
- Prepared a Letter of Support for the Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association and their proposal to restore the South Branch of the Mehoopany Creek through a natural stream channel design

- Attended a sub-committee meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council in Harrisburg, along with WPCAMR to make a co-presentation on the Title IV AML Education and Outreach efforts that will be ongoing this Summer to community groups and local governments in the EPCAMR/WPCAMR Region
- Attended the Institute for Conservation Leadership Organizational Development Training Benchmarking Workshop on behalf of the EPCAMR Board in Pottsville, at the Schuylkill Conservation District's Ag Center, which will help EPCAMR potentially develop a newly revised strategic plan update
- Coordinated a meeting with partners involved with the Anthracite Mine Pool GIS Mapping Project at the Pottsville District Mining Office with USGS, PA DEP, PA DEP BAMR, PA DEP BMR, PA DEP Deep Mine Safety, and Evergreen Environmental to lay out the initial direction that we all want to go on the project in targeting mine pool areas of interest in the Western Middle Coalfields first, and then on to the Southern Coalfields, as far as data collection and compilation; Requested a 30-day extension from the PA DEP GG Grants Center to have enough time to revise the scope of work that was developed; Forwarded final contract grant agreement to Ed Wytovich-EPCAMR President for signature
- Prepared a Letter of Support for WPCAMR's PA League of Women Voter's WREN Grant submission to support the 2007 AMR Conference
- Renewed EPCAMR's free membership to the Mid-Atlantic Biosolids Association (MABA) to stay up to date on resources that are available to inform the public on biosolids, odor issues, abandoned mine reclamation, land application of biosolids, education, and recycling
- Provided a description of the Aylesworth Creek AMD Oxidic Limestone Drain Treatment System in Lackawanna County to Molly Burns, PACD for the upcoming PACD/SCC Joint Annual Meeting in Scranton, July 15-18<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- Provided Kelly Martin-an OSM/VISTA from George's Creek Watershed Association with some iron oxide for an upcoming Spring AMD Tie-Dye Workshop that they were impressed with when it was put on by EPCAMR at the Northern Coalfields Training, last October 2006
- Attended an MOU Development Meeting with LCD Personnel Committee Members and EPCAMR Board Members to begin to flush out a working document for both organizations