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HIGHLIGHTS

- Pam Kattner and I created AMD lesson plans for elementary, middle, and high school students. We prepared these plans to be stored in EPCAMR's collection of education materials and field tested these with 7 classes at two different schools.
- Presented students with the EPCAMR Partnership Award at the Luzerne Conservation District Banquet. Wrote press releases about their achievement and enjoyed articles written about them in the newspapers.

WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2006

- Began layouts for the RC&D stormwater website. Created graphics, collected and prepared photos.
- Attended the Schuylkill Watershed Congress on 3/4 with Robert Hughes and Pamela Kattner. Enjoyed several concurrent sessions: Evaluating channel instability issues, The Pennsylvania Watersheds data system, The Audenreid Project, and Getting the word out.
- Began brainstorming for a United Way Day of Caring community service project.

WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2006

- Continued design and layout for stormwater website. Collected more links to include in the website.
- Assisted EPCAMR with AMD tour of the Upper Schuylkill Watershed for high school students from the lower watershed. Pamela Kattner and I led discussions about AMD topics with the students in our van between sites. Photographed the trip.
- Reviewed information collected from and notes taken at Schuylkill Watershed Congress. Wrote a thank you letter and provided an evaluation of the event.
- Organized my office space and organized supplies used for education.
- Began writing OSM/VISTA Quarterly Report for newest template.
- Met with John Fridman, naturalist at PPL Susquehanna Riverlands in Berwick on 3/9. He showed me several littered sites. We chose a site for a cleanup on May 18. Registered the cleanup for the United Way "Day of Caring" and for the Great PA Cleanup.
- Wrote a press release for the Vo-tech students who received the EPCAMR Partnership Award.
- Assisted with preparations for the LCD Banquet. Helped pack banquet supplies Saturday morning and assisted with setup and cleanup.
- Viewed DVD from Schuylkill River Outreach Team summer camp 2004. Outlined their organization of activities and began brainstorming about a similar camp in Luzerne County.

WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2006

- Contacted different local greenhouses to ask for donations. Prepared letters requesting donations. Prepared photos to include with letters. Made follow up phone calls at the end of the week.
- Continued work on website layout and design. Sorted and collected relevant information received in emails. This will be added to the Reference page.
- Attended Community Connections' March AMD Tour in Lackawanna County with Robert Hughes, Mike Hewitt, and Rob Lavelle. Assisted the high school students with their water tests and provided information about EPCAMR.
- Traveled with Robert Hughes on March 14 to the West-side Vocational-Technical School to meet the students with whom Pam Kattner works. Delivered supplies to make chalk, viewed their chalk block, and took photographs for Pam to use in a press release.
- Updated press release about the Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational-Technical School students' award. Contacted area newspapers. Faxed and emailed release and photos of event.
- Registered for March 22 EPA webcast about fundraising for watershed organizations.
- Began organizing the EPCAMR supplies that live in the basement.
- Discussed future projects with Robert Hughes.

WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2006

- Participated in EPA's webcast on 3/22 to learn about fundraising for watershed organizations. This provided ideas on how to make my projects sustainable when my term is complete.
- Attended Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) coordinating meeting on 3/20 to plan the Earth Day cleanup of Gardners' Creek, which will be held on 4/22. Joined PEC onsite the following day, 3/21, to walk the creek. I will be the team leader for the youth. We chose the safest spot for them to clean. I will ask Wilkes-Barre Area vo-tech school for volunteers.
- Prepared to join the Anthracite Living History Group meeting on 3/20 to present logos I have designed for them. Meeting was rescheduled.
- Worked with Pamela Kattner, EPCAMR Environmental Education Intern, to write the lesson plan we created for a past AMD workshop with elementary students. We also began to prepare a lesson plan adapted for high school students. Materials were gathered for our program with Lehman High School on 3/28 with Ann Devine from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). Prepared an outline and activities for the event. Worked with Rob Lavelle to create a map for this presentation.
- Pam and I received a request to provide a presentation about AMD to 1,000 students in Freeland around Earth Day. We planned and discussing possibilities for these two auditorium-style presentations to 500 youth, Kindergarten to 8th grade. Our plan will be presented to Robert Hughes in a week or two.
- Continued preparing the OSM/VISTA quarterly report.
- Continued to coordinate volunteers and supplies for the PPL Riverlands cleanup on 5/18. Contacted John Fridman to discuss further details. Began compiling documents to fax to him. Located Release of Liability and Certificate of insurance to provide to him.
- Created a rough draft of text to include on the RC&D stormwater website. Began planning the text layout. Prepared a few more photos to be included on the Photo Gallery page.
- Spoke with press concerning the award the vo-tech students received at the LCD banquet. Provided background information and a way to contact the class. Communicated with Dennis Gallagher throughout the day about the students' interviews with reporters.

THRU MARCH 28, 2006

- 3/26 OFF
- Presented our interactive AMD lesson plan with Pamela Kattner on 3/27 to three of Mr. Dave Clancy's 7th and 8th grade life science classes. We reached 75 students.
- I am a member of the pyriteBAD steering committee to plan this year's AMD Conference and a participant in the outreach sub-committee and co-chair of the workshop sub-committee. I have had much correspondence to read and to write, documents to create, and meetings with the other co-chair.
- On 3/29 I joined Pamela Kattner and Robert Hughes in providing a tour of four future Wyoming Valley cleanup sites to two members of DEP and the COALS initiative. Recorded GIS points for later use, by Rob Lavelle, in map generation.
- Completed OSM/VISTA Quarterly Report. Prepared and mailed news articles, flyers, and CD of relevant photos.
- Completed EPCAMR Board Report.