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Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program March 2008 Progress Report

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Capacity Building:

- Attended informational session on Growing Greener II grant program.
- Participated in day-long "Beginning Fiscal" training, hosted by Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team; learned tips and guidelines for finding and successfully applying for grants.
- Attended ACCWT session on effective board development.

Watershed Projects & Monitoring:

- Visited 18 different AMD sites in Western Middle Anthracite Coalfields with co-workers and DEP; took pictures and water samples.
- Attended informational session on River Network; verified membership sign-up.

Education & Outreach:

- Tabled for EPCAMR at the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum's Charter Day.
- Assisted with two Community Connections Watershed Tour field trips with local schools in the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley watersheds, hosted by DCNR.
- Attended informational session, hosted by ACCWT, on successful educational outreach.

Community Arts & Culture:

- Attended board meeting for Huber Breaker Preservation Society; provided price estimates and offered grant-writing assistance for potential commemorative park construction.
- Attended ACCWT presentation on historic preservation, hosted by WV Dept. of Historic Resources; learned more about specific preservation techniques and guidelines.

Networking:

- Attended Anthracite Living History Group presentation on Avondale Mine disaster; networked with Dr. Robert Wolensky, local historian and professor at King's College and the University of Wisconsin.
- Attended panel discussion for Huber Breaker Preservation Society; wrote and distributed press release summarizing panelists' suggestions for future Breaker developments.
- Attended meetings for RiverFest '08 and Susquehanna Greenways Partnership; networked with SGP attendees and recapitulated progress on EPCAMR's planned RiverFest art projects.
- Attended and assisted with Luzerne Conservation District's annual banquet.
- Attended informational session on The Mountain Institute; looked into potential future partnership opportunities.
- Attended ACCWT's Northern Coalfields spring training; met fellow OSM/VISTAs, organizational coordinators, and supervisors.
- Attended ACCWT workshop on strategies for and importance of partnership-building.