

EPCAMR



Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation May 2008 Progress Report

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Capacity Building:

- Wrote and submitted application to PACD's Nonpoint Source Pollution Educational Mini-Grant Program for Conservation Districts; asked for \$2000 funding to purchase a kiln for processing iron oxide, and to pay to run educational programming on uses of the iron oxide as a pigment in classroom and professional art projects.
- Applied for training at Bauen Arts Camp in Wyoming (a nonprofit overnight art camp for teens) to gain skills in working with youth to use art as a tool for social change.
- Received approval for Greater Pittston Historical Society's ACCWT Summer Associate work plan.
- Began preliminary efforts to incorporate Basic Engagement Plan into OSM/VISTA work plan in order to gain an additional \$1000 for EPCAMR from the ACCWT.

Watershed Projects & Monitoring:

- Wrote letter of support for Dale Freudenberger and the Growing Greener application to sponsor an OSM/VISTA Anthracite Team.
- Collected iron oxide from Earth Conservancy's Phase II Wetlands.

Education & Outreach:

- Wrote press release for AmeriCorps Week; submitted to local papers.
- Provided photos and information on OSM/VISTA program to Ed Zygmunt, field representative for Congressman Chris Carney; appeared in AmeriCorps Week article in Congressman Carney's newsletter.
- Attended Community Connections watershed field trip final student presentations in Scranton and Pittston.
- Coordinated arts segment of three field trips (approx. 240 students) to Canal Park and Honeypot AMD discharge with Dallas Elementary 5th-graders.
- Assisted in water monitoring and tie-dyeing with 48 4th-grade students at Blossburg Elementary in Tioga County.

Community Arts & Culture:

- Prepared and shipped recovered iron oxide pigment to Zach Zdanek (21st Century Patch, WV) and Kari (Friends of Decker's Creek, WV).
- Ran tie-dye workshop of approx. 75 shirts at Back to Nature festival in Nescopeck State Park.
- Ran tie-dye workshop of approx. 250 shirts at Bear Creek Festival in Schuylkill.

Networking:

- Met with Rep. John Yudichak at his Nanticoke office to discuss ACCWT Anthracite Team and AmeriCorps Week; took pictures for ACCWT.
- Participated in conference call for annual AMR conference.