Education & Outreach

- Requested that Kelsey Biondo, EPCAMR Mine Map Program Coordinator reach out to Duane Feagley, PA Anthracite Council Executive Director, to see if there is a way that we can provide them with a summary of some of the mine mapping services that their Industry and Consultants that are within the Anthracite Region could utilize; We need to continue to look at alternative funding sources for all Staff and this is one way to do it and reach new clientele; Requested that a similar appeal be provided to George Ellis, ARIPPA Executive Director to see if he would forward it to his member plants and consultants; Provided her with contact information for both and a copy of the May 2017 Anthracite Report

- The Omnibus deal includes the AML Pilot Program. Funding for KY, WV, and PA is at $25M each, and funding for VA, OH, and AL is at $10M each ($105M total for six states) [pgs. 25-26]; on Page 100 of 119, "62AL", under Categorical Grants, the PA DEP 319 program got a $6M boost instead of a 30% cut; https://rules.house.gov/sites/republicans.rules.house.gov/files/115/OMNI/DIVISION%20G%20-%20INT%20SOM%20FY17%20OCR.pdf

- Jason Nark, Reporter for the Philadelphia Media Network requested assistance from EPCAMR in reaching residents of Centralia for an interview; EPCAMR placed his name on the Centralia Lives Facebook Social Media site and encouraged them to follow up with him directly if they were interested in talking with him; He wanted to document a bit of their lives as the last remaining residents in Centralia, PA

- Scott Herring, Coordinator for the 2018 250th Anniversary of the Anthracite Coal Region provided EPCAMR with publicity materials to spread around the region and to our partners, along with logos, flyers, and opportunities to sell and purchase commemorative license plates; 2017 is the awareness period and outreach

- Pamela McElmoyle, 8th grade Science Teacher for Panther Valley School District, asked for an estimate on how much iron oxide she would need to tie-dye 130 t-shirts for her students; Pamela was a former EE Intern for EPCAMR; Informed her to order 12 oz. from our EPCAMR online store
Coordinated with Gavin and Denise to see that they run the Trout in the Classroom Release with Heights Elementary 5th grade teachers at Frances Slocum State Park with Mike Corcoran and conduct two EE programs with the students while in the Park following the release of the native brook trout fingerlings.

EPCAMR hosted three corporate community leaders from Patagonia in the Office and presented them with an overview of our work in the region and EE programs offered to underserved coalfield communities, along with an overview of our other technical program areas and community outreach work; Offered to host them again for a day-long AMD Tour when they come back for another site visit to an area in Hanover Township, Luzerne County, PA where they will potentially be building an East Coast Distribution Center.

Registered the EPCAMR Staff to attend the end of the year presentations by the students from multiple high schools in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties who participated in the Community Connections to our Watershed EE Program coordinated by Diane Madl and Angela Lambert, EE Specialists for PA DCNR-Musto Environmental Education Center and the Lackawanna State Forest Office; Attended the student presentations at Montage Mountain Lodge and brought along a special guest, Beth Berkhauer-Chairwoman of the International Interdependence Hexagon Project, a STEAM example project, who is using iron oxide from EPCAMR in her artwork and curriculum development that the Executive Director is involved in writing; www.hexagonproject.org

PA DEP develops a new GIS Open Data Site that puts maps of PA Environmental Information at the public’s fingertips; http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/NewsRoomPublic/articleviewer.aspx?id=21189&typeid=1

EPCAMR signed on to Committee on Appropriations Budget Letter along with another 100 or so organizations nation-wide, supporting POWER Initiative, ARC, EDA, and a range of economic development programs that are being considered for deep cuts by the FY18 current Administration’s Presidential Budget BluePrint; EPCAMR feels that the language should reflect the fact that there needs to be a lower percentage of matching funds for grants required for rural and urban communities with the ARC region that are considered "Transitional"; All of Northeastern and NorthCentral PA that are included are listed as "Transitional" and in PA only a very limited pot of funds are available and they require a considerable match; EPCAMR has a hard time believing that all of our counties in PA are “Transitional”; If there is a formula that determines the categorization of how the counties are listed across Appalachia, we would hope to see it changed or to be looked at much closer; Our entire Anthracite and Bituminous Region of NC and NE PA gets slighted under the current formulas and categorization. https://www.arc.gov/research/MapsofAppalachia.asp?MAP_ID=116

Reached out to Gerald M. Gatti, Plant Manager for DYNEGY who was involved in the initial incorporation of EPCAMR over 20 years ago, who has returned to the area working at the NEPCO Co-Gen Plant outside of McArdoo, PA; Provided him with a copy of the PA AML Pilot Funds Guidance document

Participated in a conference call with Louise Dunlap and John Dawes to review the Community Waterways Restoration Partnership Act and the need for some language changes to avoid confusion with the RECLAIM Act.
- Provided public comment to Carl Jones, Director of the Office of Environmental Justice, Harrisburg, PA on the lack of support for coalfield communities as environmental justice areas that don’t receive much attention, funding, or opportunities for public comment; EPCAMR offered to host a listening session in the future and be a community organization that can provide some outreach to our coalfield coalition partners; Shared the Executive Director’s comments with the EPCAMR Board; EPCAMR published a News article on our website: [http://epcamr.org/home/2017/epcamr-provides-public-comments-perspective-pa-department-environmental-justice-coalfield-issues/](http://epcamr.org/home/2017/epcamr-provides-public-comments-perspective-pa-department-environmental-justice-coalfield-issues/)

- Worked with Abbie Keefe, OSMRE AmeriCorps Volunteer, to complete the final edit on the new EPCAMR Brochure funded by Dominion and the Western PA Conservancy; With a few minor edits and a change in a paragraph or two, EPCAMR was able to target Dauphin and Tioga Counties for additional outreach, in one form of the brochure, and the other will become a regional updated brochure for EPCAMR

- Provided comments to PAEE President, Scott Cope on the upcoming PAEE Board Meeting related to the FY2017-2018 Budget that incorporated banners for each of the region and travel reimbursement for Board Members

- EPCAMR was contacted by Jefferson Martin, Synfluent Corporation, Elkins Park, PA who are interested in being involved in the quest for managing AML properties across the US and would like the opportunity to interface with AML professionals in PA; Conducted a conference call with Jefferson and invited him out to the region in the later Summer

- EPCAMR Executive Director sent a Letter of Support for the Growing Greener III to Senator John Yudichak to gain his support for the piece of legislation

- Mike found a US EPA website link to Non-Point Source Success Stories; [https://www.epa.gov/nps/nonpoint-source-success-stories](https://www.epa.gov/nps/nonpoint-source-success-stories)

- Anthony Gallagher, Forty-Fort, PA inquired about borrowing some fishing poles through EPCAMR’s Loaner Tackle Program; EPCAMR provided him and his family with a rack of 6 for the Memorial Day weekend to fish at Moon Lake Park, Plymouth Township

- Completed the “Creating an AMD Treatment System” Lesson Plan created by the EPCAMR Executive Director for a Civic Ecology Lab EE Webinar with Yue Li from Cornell University; Reviewed the final edits for Dr. Marianne Krasny, Cornell University from Dr. Louise Turner Chawla’s and the EPCAMR Executive Director’s co-authored Chapter on Returning Orange Waters to Blue: Creating a Culture of Civic Engagement through Learning Experiences for the upcoming Fall 2018 release of a new Cornell University Press Civic Ecology book; Informed Margaret A. Palmer, Director, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center that the EPCAMR Executive Director has not received any funding from the National Science Foundation in the last decade
- EPCAMR Staff presented to Keith Eberts’ 24 Wilkes-Barre Area School District Jr. High STEM Program at EL Meyers High School on STEM Careers, EPCAMR Volunteer Opportunities, EPCAMR Projects, and planted 2 Waterboxxes and 2 seedlings on the property of the School District beneath the former home side bleachers to participate in our research program with Groassis and ISI, LLC

- Abbie sent out the EPCAMR May Newsletter to our followers

- Planned a future meeting with Taylor Casey, with the Conservation Voters of PA to learn about each other’s organization and ways that we could help each other; Taylor is focused on partners in the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed and the Delaware River Watershed Initiative and may be able to help us find funding sources to support our efforts and increase our outreach within the larger watershed

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**Technical Assistance**

- Participated in an EE Capacity Leadership Team conference call to review PAEE EE Capacity Professional Development Survey Results and to receive input from others on the Team as to how to present an Executive Summary to the PAEE Board, which EPCAMR is represented on, as a non-traditional EE organization that conducts EE programs across the region

- Provided Karen Galle, Historical Marker Program Coordinator, PHMC, with a copy of the completed application for the Huber Breaker Preservation Society’s application and request for a historical marker in honor of the Huber Breaker; Andy Freifeld, EPCAMR and HBPS Intern was going to be making slight editorial changes to the text that will eventually go on the historical marker

- Provided the EPCAMR Staff with an interesting article on Alkaline water and TDS

- EPCAMR Executive Director and Program Manager began working on two **AML Pilot Project Proposals** to submit to the PA DEP BAMR; One on the potential pilot scale treatment of AMD at the Solomon Creek AMD Boreholes in partnership with John Ackerman, P.E.Twin Oaks Research Labs, Inc. and Luzerne County, and the other for the reclamation and removal of potentially 4 million cubic yards of anthracite waste coal piles at the former Harry E. Colliery site in Swoyersville Borough with a portion of the property being donated by the landowner to Swoyersville Borough for a recreational complex of fields to accommodate all of the local youth sports groups that utilize undersized fields currently; EPCAMR has many partners in this project, including ARIPPA, Olympus Power, Pagnotti Enterprises, Rep. Aaron Kaufer, Senator Yudichak, Congressman Barletta, Mayor Chris Concert of Swoyersville, Northampton Fuel Supply, Inc., and several local youth sports organizations; EPCAMR reached out to several other regional partners to see if they were able to come up with some projects utilizing the 2016 AML FINAL OSMRE GUIDANCE document that was provided by Kim Snyder-PA DEP BAMR; Continued working on writing and editing the narratives and budget requests for both grant proposals throughout the month; Forwarded the Solomon Creek AMD Borehole RainMaker Mobile Unit Pilot Scale project to SRBC for their review and consideration

- Joe Sassaman, PG, PA DEP requested information from EPCAMR on any GIS data on minepools in the Carbondale Area where they are looking to reclaim a stripping pit and waste coal pile in PA 2074
Emily Krafjack, Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association, Choose Clean Water Coalition AMD SubGroup member, and EPCAMR volunteer, provided EPCAMR with some information on several Headwater proposed Hydro-Dam projects in the EPCAMR Region; Merchant Hydro was submitting the majority of the applications to FERC; EPCAMR made a phone call to them and sent an email asking them to get in touch with us to discuss the proposed projects; http://www.merchanthydro.com/home.html

Collected all the bid packages for the Huber Breaker Miners Memorial Park construction project and provided them to the HBPS for their review and consideration on May 16th

EPCAMR participated in the monthly Choose Clean Water Coalition (CCWC) conference call with Ezra Thrush-PennFuture (PF) and others to discuss the pumped storage hydro projects around the EPCAMR Region following our quarterly EPCAMR Board Meeting; EPCAMR and LRCA were able to prepare comments and get them to the CCWC and PF; There may be sites where AML and AMD sites could provide opportunities for pumped storage; Using AML & AMD sites will require a whole additional layer of engineering to insure the stability of the storage reservoirs and the industrial suitability of mine water sources; The conservation community should consider supporting this type of energy project IF the right set of environmental benefits can be delivered by a project, however any projects in a headwater area are not good ideas; EPCAMR Executive Director did research on the projects and presented them to the Board, passed along the information to Ezra, and provided comments for a news article to Dave Hess’s PA Environmental Digest; http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2017/05/is-pumped-storage-hydro-next-wave-of.html

Provided Special Agent Robert E. Kelly with a copy of EPCAMR’s photoessay of Sugar Notch Run, a tributary to the Solomon Creek watershed in Ashley Borough that was covered over during the demolition of the Huber Breaker by a private entity and scrap recycler, Paselo Logistics; The photos were needed to show that the stream was flowing not covered over prior to the demolition of the Huber Breaker in April of 2014

EPCAMR requested from Walt Dietz, PA Fish & Boat Commission to be able to host and have all of our Staff become certified Fishing Skills Instructor Volunteers to assist with future fishing programs in partnership with them and for our own programs that are grant funded; We would solicit EPCAMR volunteers to join the class

Spencer Zuraski researched Fossil Graphics website and was able to download a brochure about signage design and fabrication that the company does for educational projects; EPCAMR will have to call for prices; We are looking to create signage at the Plainsville Borehole location and the Solomon Creek Dam Removal and Trout Stream Habitat Restoration Project location

Meeting with Dr. Geri Reisenger in Kirby Park to investigate his concerns with the River and the Riverfront Parks area on the inside of the Wyoming Valley Levee System with Wilkes-Barre City Official, Joyce Morrash Zaycowski, and Andrew Korzon, LandStudies, Inc.
Project Coordination

- On May 1st, 2017, EPCAMR was informed that we were awarded a **$3000** PA DEP Environmental Education Grant for the *Solomon-Plains AMD STEM EE Project* that will focus on the Plainsville AMD Borehole in Plains Township, Luzerne County, PA; EPCAMR received all of the grant paperwork, benchmark sheet, budget sheet, and signature sheet for the full execution of the grant and the Executive Director coordinated with *Gavin Pellitteri*, Watershed Outreach Specialist on the development of the next steps in the grant acceptance process; Provided *Angela Rothrock*, PA DEP, with our President’s and Secretary’s information to sign the grant contract electronically in their new eGrants System.

- Promoted the Waterboxx Flyer to our regional school teacher contact list to see if they were interested in obtaining a Waterboxx to monitor for one year as a part of the research project; EPCAMR has 20 remaining Waterboxxes to distribute for free; Coordinated a pickup time with *Matt McHenry*, Kistler Elementary 6th grade teacher in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, who is interested in obtaining a Waterboxx to monitor on behalf of EPCAMR for our research project with Groassis and ISI, Inc.; Connected him up with Gavin to set up a time for pickup of the Waterboxx and the seedlings for the *Waterboxx Phase III Research Project*.

- Communicated with *Gregg Davis*, PA DEP BAMR Project Officer on the *Hicks Creek Natural Stream Channel Design and Construction Project* to address specific minor changes and modifications that EPCAMR needed to make to our previous reporting, reimbursement, and request for an extension to complete the final Bid Meeting and Bid Selection prior to completing the construction project on Hicks Creek; Completed the supplemental sheet for reimbursement after receiving them from *Gregg* on May 22nd; Followed up with *Mike Lower-Skelly & Loy, Inc.* to inform him that we are going to request the extension to complete the project and will have to wait and hear back from PA DEP Growing Greener before proceeding because 4 weeks turnaround time is not going to be enough to complete the construction and final reporting for the project.

- EPCAMR partnered with the Earth Conservancy, who were recently awarded a very large *US EPA Region III Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant*; $2.7 million in grant funding to 14 communities across the country to recruit, train, and place unemployed and underemployed individuals with the skills needed to secure long-term employment in the environmental field; EC will receive **$200,000** in funds to develop and operate environmental job training programs that advance environmental justice by providing opportunities for residents living in areas impacted by contaminated lands; The Earth Conservancy plans to train 40 students and place at least 35 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 218 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, OSHA 10-hour construction safety, first aid/CPR/AED, introduction to brownfields, AutoCAD-level I, surveying field assistant, basic land surveying techniques, GIS for resource conservation, and terrestrial laser scanning; Participants who complete the training program will earn 3 federal certifications. The Earth Conservancy is targeting unemployed and underemployed individuals, with a special emphasis on veterans, in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton metropolitan area; Key partners include Pennsylvania State University-Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board, Lackawanna County and Pocono County Workforce Development Boards, Northern Tier Regional Planning Development Commission, Employment Opportunity Training Center, EPCAMR, and Penn Eastern Engineers LLC.

- Followed up with Haoling Wu, University of Michigan graduate student working on the **Bendable Engineered Composite Cementitious (ECC) Concrete Project using AMD**, to see when the University was going to reimburse EPCAMR for the costs of the purchase of the water shipment containers and shipping of AMD to Michigan; EPCAMR needs to send an invoice in addition to the receipts; Preliminary results were positive and a first draft of Haoling Wu's journal paper was provided to EPCAMR for comment and will soon be published

- Added Spencer Zuraski, EPCAMR Summer Watershed Outreach Intern, to our Scientific Collector's Permit with the PA Fish & Boat Commission to assist with our **Abraham Creek Coldwater Heritage Conservation Plan** assessment

- Received approval from the PA DEP Division of Dam Safety on May 3rd that the restoration plan has been reviewed and approved to breach and remove the Solomon Creek Dam for the purpose of eliminating a threat to public safety and restoring the stream to a free-flowing condition; We are now awaiting an official response from the US ACE, Baltimore District since work can't begin until we have received a response from them; The PA DEP also conducted an environmental assessment and concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on aquatic resources for the **Solomon Creek Dam Removal and Trout Stream Habitat Improvement Project**; EPCAMR is now just waiting on PPL for the utility pole relocation before RiverLogic Solutions can start the construction

- Provided Brad Dimitrovitch, AES, information on Plainsville AMD Borehole and Spencer Zuraski, EPCAMR Summer Watershed Outreach Intern for background information on the project

### Community Volunteer Coordination

- **Ray Pryor**, a long-time friend of the Executive Director's from Meyers High School reached out to introduce the son of a friend of his, **Jessie Tarnowski**, who will be attending Alleghany College majoring in Environmental Studies, to EPCAMR; Not realizing it, the EPCAMR Executive Director was familiar with the family in the Nanticoke area since Jessie and his younger brother were involved in Little League and Newport Township Biddy Basketball; Suggested to his mother Lynn, that Jessie get have Jessie sign up to become an EPCAMR Volunteer for the future

- **Alyse Callahan**, Sugar Notch, PA signed up to become an EPCAMR Volunteer; Sent her a presentation on career paths in the environmental field; She’s in the same undergraduate Environmental Resource Management Program at Penn-State that the Executive Director had graduated in

- Followed up with **Raymond McConnell**, Photographer, from the County College of Morris, who is interested in coming into the Coal Region and shooting some AMD photos and Anthracite landscapes in support of EPCAMR
• Sharon Sharp, Hazleton Area school teacher signed up to become an EPCAMR Volunteer to become involved in activities that are in the Hazelton Area of southern Luzerne County.

• Mohammed Almoumin, student at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, PA in the Environmental Studies Major, signed up to become an EPCAMR Volunteer; Mohammed came in to speak with the Executive Director about volunteer opportunities; Mohammed surveyed a site in Wilkes-Barre for a future cleanup along Dana Street and High Street for EPCAMR and was going to return to the site to take pictures of the illegal dumping for EPCAMR to estimate how much material will need to be hauled away.

• Veronica Robbins, from Susquehanna County, signed up to become an EPCAMR Volunteer; She’s an Environmental Resource Management student at Penn-State.

• Wesley Mech, Nanticoke, PA signed up to become an EPCAMR Volunteer.

Conferences, Training, Tours, & Workshops

• Informed Cristy Doyle, ARIPPA Administrative Assistant that EPCAMR will be representing both Coalitions this year at the August 16th, 2017 ARIPPA Tech Convention and Symposium in Harrisburg to receive the ARIPPA AMD/AML Donation to the Coalitions and to set up an EPCAMR Exhibit; EPCAMR will take this opportunity to offer some of our technical assistance and professional services to the member plants and consultant firms in attendance.

• Prepared the Welcome Address for the Conference Program; Requested a high resolution logo image of SMS, LLC from Bill Letwinsky and Tom Reilly, for their $1000 sponsorship of the 19th Annual PA AMR Conference; www.treatminewater.com; Received three logo images; Penn-Anthracite Section of the Society of Mining Engineers provided EPCAMR with a $500 sponsorship for the Conference and a high resolution image of their logo; Communicated with Josh Herzing, Eco Solution Distributing, to see if his company was still interested in becoming a sponsor for the Conference www.ecosolutiondistributing.com; Provided Richard Andrejko, White Transit School Buses Inc., Nanticoke, PA with a fully executed and signed, $400 contract agreement for the bus rental for the PA AMD/AML Watershed Tour for the Conference on June 21st; Caryl Fish, Chair of the Interdisciplinary Department at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA asked if three of her students working on the Mine Map Project could make a poster presentation; EPCAMR agreed that they could present and set up their poster board; Tour bus is filling up and we set aside a seat for Joe Pizarchik, former USDOI, OSMRE Director, under the Obama Administration; Added a third track and third room to the Genetts contract for $300; Prepared a draft talking points list of the Opening Remarks for Mayor Tony George of Wilkes-Barre who will be welcoming everyone on June 22nd in the morning; The PA AMR Conference Committee began to follow up with the remaining speakers about their presentations and sponsors to inform of us who will be taking their registration slots;
• *Dave Hess* created an article to promote the conference for us; [http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2017/05/pa-abandoned-mine-reclamation.html](http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2017/05/pa-abandoned-mine-reclamation.html); *Stephen Lee*, Reporter from Bloomberg BNA press was interested in covering the Conference and was invited to spend the day with the attendees to interview folks on various topics related to abandoned mine land reclamation, economic development, AMD remediation, energy transition, and coal mining; Abbie created a video to promote the PA AMR Conference that was posted to our YOUTUBE Channel and other social media outlets; [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvrCHHlgoC4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvrCHHlgoC4)

• Registered for the **Just Transition Fund Convening Annual Meeting** in Washington DC and applied for a scholarship at the request of *Heidi L. Binko*, Executive Director, to attend along with *Mike Hewitt*, Program Manager; Added the discussion topic of “Northern Appalachian’s Anthracite & Bituminous Mining Legacy: Supporting Local Capacity to Encourage Economic Redevelopment and Environmental Watershed Restoration in the Coalfields” to a list suggested by *Kathryn Coulter*-Rural Support Partners, a former OSMRE-VISTA for the Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance in Northumberland County, and friend of EPCAMR; Attended the Just Transition Fund Convening Annual Meeting and participated in several breakout group discussions over the course of the two-day meeting

• Informed *Paul Golias*, Citizens Voice News Editor and *Tom Venesky*, Times-Leader Outdoors Columnist, that EPCAMR will be revealing the Green Infrastructure and Watershed Action Plan to City Council that was completed by the EPCAMR Executive Director and *Andrew Korzon*, LandStudies, Inc. as a part of the **NFWF Stormwater Technical Assistance Grant** to the City of Wilkes-Barre, sponsored by EPCAMR; Checked to see if he was interested in covering the reveal of the Plan and our designs for Coal Street Park, Miner Park, the upcoming rain barrel workshops on Public Square and in the driveway of *Joe Borland’s* house on W. River Street, and the Infiltration Trenches that were stormwater best management practices that were designed and constructed along W. Ross and W. River Street in Wilkes-Barre that has seen a lot of localized street flooding in the past; Took some pictures of the infiltration trench under construction; Worked with *Andrew* to finalize the presentation details and PowerPoint for the May 11th presentation; Presented to City Council; *Spencer Zuraski*, EPCAMR Watershed Outreach Intern created some laminated images for our display board on stormwater management techniques, designs, best management practices, and examples of green infrastructure planning such as infiltration trenches and rain barrels that we will use for our future outreach workshops with the City of Wilkes-Barre; Picked up 12 rain barrels in Dalton and received permission from Joyce to store them at the Public Works Garage in the City of Wilkes-Barre until July 24 and July 27th; Received approval from *Andrew Korzon*, LandStudies, Inc. to purchase a banner with the logos from the City, EPCAMR, and NFWF, and LandStudies on them for outreach purposes when we do the Downspout Disconnect Workshops; Ordered the logo banner from VISTAPrint; Submitted EPCAMR’s second Invoice to LandStudies for all of the supplies for the Downspout Disconnect Workshops materials and supplies

• EPCAMR sponsored the **Anthracite Heritage Conference** on May 13th; [www.anthracitemuseum.org](http://www.anthracitemuseum.org)

• EPCAMR Executive Director presented to 30 Weatherly Area Elementary students on STEM careers and EPCAMR’s work in the region at the request of *Mrs. Cathy Tombasco*, long-time educator and friend of EPCAMR’s
• Sent PA DCNR our EPCAMR Waivers to participate in the kayaking trip on the Susquehanna River with the bi-county high school, Community Connections Watershed Program; Kayaked from Falls, PA to the AppleTree takeout in Harding, PA; Served as safety kayak personnel and chaperones

EPCAMR Program Administration

• Reconciled EPCAMR’s Checking Accounts and PA Invest Accounts; Completed bi-weekly Payroll Reporting and submitted to OneSource; Paid Health Care Premiums for EPCAMR Staff; Balanced EPCAMR Checking Register; Paid our last quarterly invoice to RJ Zagrapan & Associates

• Prepared a Letter of Support template language for EPCAMR to be sent to elected officials about the substantial budget cuts that the US EPA are facing in the current Administration; The language will be provided to our volunteers in the monthly newsletter

• Interviewed Joshua Rinehimer, Bloomsburg, PA for a 6 week Summer Internship with EPCAMR; Joshua is a student at Bloomsburg U. and lives in Berwick, PA; Provided him with an Internship Activity Description Work Plan and EPCAMR Brochure for his review; Prepared a Letter of Acceptance for Joshua to inform him of EPCAMR’s intention to bring him on as another Summer Watershed Outreach Specialist for 6 weeks during the Summer 2017; Worked with him to prepare his first press release on himself as an autobiography; http://epcamr.org/home/2017/epcamr-welcomes-joshua-rinehimer-bloomsburg-university-senior-6-week-summer-watershed-outreach-intern/

• Completed the April 2017 Monthly Report and 319 Progress Report and forwarded to Mike for posting on the website and for inclusion in quarterly reimbursements to the PA DEP

• Continued providing Payroll Service information to OneSource and hours bi-weekly

• Prepared a Letter of Acceptance for Spencer Zuraski, Mansfield University Senior, to inform him of EPCAMR’s intention to bring him on as a Summer Watershed Outreach Specialist Intern for 2017; Worked with him to prepare his first press release on himself as an autobiography; http://epcamr.org/home/2017/mansfield-university-junior-spencer-zuraski-joins-epcamr-summer-internship-watershed-management/

• Signed up for the free Grammarly App to help with spelling errors on e-mails and social media posts, as well as in Word documents at the recommendation of Abbie, our OSMRE AmeriCorps Volunteer; https://app.grammarly.com/

• Informed all Executive Board Members that they needed to sign the Executive Officer’s Declaration document that EPCAMR will forward to our State Workers’ Insurance Fund (SWIF) account manager in Scranton, PA; Mailed each of them an original copy for them to sign and send back to SWIF

• Prepared a Letter for the Luzerne Conservation District detailed the ARIPPA EPCAMR AMD/AML Mini-Grant Award for $700 towards an equipment purchase to assist with monitoring at the Plainsville AMD Borehole, Plains Township, PA to purchase water quality monitoring equipment, in partnership with the private landowner, Mr. Greg Price, and EPCAMR

• Held our quarterly EPCAMR Board Meeting on May 18th

Met with Wendy Cominsky, Candidate for Luzerne County Council, who was interested in finding out more about EPCAMR’s work and how she can help support our efforts