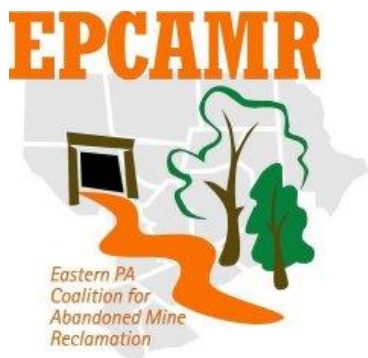




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Education & Outreach

- Followed up with Kim Morgan, a 7th grade teacher at the Pine Grove Area High School about conducting environmental education programs on AMD next Spring and provided her with resources and websites with information that she could follow up with, including St. Vincent's College AMD Curriculum that EPCAMR assisted with developing
- Conducted an AMD Tie-Dye Outreach Program to **65** after school youth in Lehighton, PA at the Family Fun Night with the AHA and the DL & NHC and brought along some of our AMD Avengers/Pollution Posse Costumes for the kids to wear
- Met with Megan Boone, Community Service Coordinator and Anna McFadden, scholarship student at Wilkes University to provide them with a list of ways and volunteer services that their Community VISTA Program can support EPCAMR's activities in the Region
- Talked with Brad Bohr, video producer, who is interested in working with EPCAMR on online education snippets and videos thru the development of an educational series related to AMD; <http://www.levelproductions.com>
- Provided John Dawes, Foundation for PA Watersheds, with a document on the Federal Good Samaritan Legislation being proposed by Senator Udall that is related to abandoned mines, hard rock mining, and mine reclamation on a national level
- Working with the Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Tech School on a Living to Serve grant that is open with the USDA that allows high school students working on trades to work in the community with non-profits; EPCAMR was selected to assist in the submission of a grant for **\$2000-\$4000** to help us complete the cleanup, reclamation, bat gate fabrication, and community garden installation at the Avondale AML site; Provided Janice Leiby, Teacher at W-B Vo-Tech with a narrative and draft budget for her review
- Renewed the EPCAMR website webhosting and domain name for several years

Technical Assistance

- Worked with Mike to submit the **\$25,000** technical assistance proposal to the Pocono Forests & Waters Conservation Initiative Grant Program administered by PEC NE Office, funded by the PA DCNR to develop mine pool maps and to work with community groups and local municipalities on creating a digital set of GIS layers for the Northern Anthracite Coalfields in the Lackawanna Valley Watershed; Developed the narrative and budget and sought support from LRCA
- Worked on preparing a Letter of Recommendation for Zach Petroski, EPCAMR student volunteer, who is applying for a Mine Map Repository Technician position at the Wilkes-Barre OSM Office
- Prepared a Letter of Support for the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) NE office's proposed trail/greenway feasibility/master plan within the Harvey and Toby's Creek Watersheds in the Wyoming Valley, Luzerne County
- Prepared a Letter of Support for the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) NE office's proposed Fishing Access Recreation Feasibility Study for the Catawissa Creek
- Provided a Letter of Support for Marywood University's grant application for engineering costs to convert design plans into engineering/construction documents for the development of an innovative Land Design/Environmental Remediation Initiative, a public, park-like open space that will serve as the region's first major work of environmental art and greatly advance conservation, stewardship and nature-based tourism in Northeastern Pennsylvania to the Pocono Forests & Waters Conservation Initiative Grant Program
- Prepared two Letters of Support for Taylor Borough in their application for US EPA Brownfield's Grant funds for the assessment and cleanup of mine scarred lands within Taylor Borough and provided them to Dan Zeleniak, Borough Manager
- Provided a Letter of Support for Earth Conservancy's US EPA Brownfield's Grant application for the Hanover 9 B, C, & D parcels of abandoned mine lands that are in need of reclamation and submitted them to Jackie Dickman, Director of Public Affairs & Development
- Worked with Mike to provide Bill Best with information on the Anthracite Living History Group website so that it can be recreated and mirrored on another site by a volunteer webmaster that Bill has worked with
- Followed up with Lisa Van Houten, Hy-Tech Mushroom Compost Inc. to provide her with additional contact information related to the reuse of mushroom compost in AMD remediation and AML reclamation projects; Mentioned to her that we would provide technical assistance to her company in applying for an OSM Applied Science Grant, if they choose to go that route; Provided her with the solicitation <http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov/NTTMainSite/appliedscience.shtm>

Project Coordination

- Still awaiting formal grant extensions on the Hicks Creek NSCD and the Mine Pool Mapping Project from the Grants Center

Conferences and Trainings

- Forwarded Amanda Knott, Administrative Director for **EnviRemed**, <http://www.enviremed.net/> ; a company that is interested in becoming a major sponsor of the 2010 AMD Conference to WPCAMR
- Call for Abstracts have gone out for the 11th Annual AMR Conference; Planning has begun; <http://www.pghminingreclamationconf.com>

Conservation District Communications

- Followed up with the Northumberland CCD about the EPCAMR contract amendment that was approved was for (\$29,764) for the Site 15 Fence Construction project by the PA DEP 319 Program; There was a cost overrun of \$3302.77 for the project, and EPCAMR submitted it to the PA DEP 319 Program for consideration, however, we don't believe that they were going to be able to pay for the overrun because it was not in the original amendment; DCED came up with the remaining balance for the project
- EPCAMR will follow up with CD Watershed Specialists and community watershed groups to get updates on AMD Treatment system projects within the Region to provide the updates to the 319 NPS Liaison Workgroup, Resource Extraction Subcommittee, who will create a document for the US EPA Region III

Community Cleanups

- Responded to Donna Yavorski, a Verizon Employee who was interested in getting her company involved with our community cleanups and offering a small grant for **\$750** to support EPCAMR; The employees need 50 hours of volunteer community service