

Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation



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October 2025 Progress Report EPCAMR Conservation District Mining East Project

Project Coordination

Conservation District Mining East 319 Program Coordination-EPCAMR

- Prepared monthly report for the program coordination for the October 2025 monthly period

Swoyersville AML Community Recreation Area Reclamation Project

- Received additional payroll certificates from Keystone Reclamation Fuels Management, LLC after providing the correct address to the company that had several pieces of mail returned to them after using an incorrect address and name; Requested an updated Certificate of Insurance from Keystone that we had not received yet

Beaverbrook Hazleton Beltway Center East Reclamation Project

- EPCAMR needed to make necessary changes to the project name and number regarding the Beaver Brook grant project and signed and sent a Letter of Mutual Consent document back to Johnny Green-PA DEP BAMR; Informed Johnny that the developer had not gotten back to EPCAMR to date and that we would follow up once again to see if the project is even going to be able to move forward

ARIPPA Mini-Grant Program

- Cristy updated the website and narrative on the most recently funded projects and grant recipients

Remove Illegal Dumpsites (RID) Trash & Tire Cleanup Program with Amazon Community Foundation Fund and KPB

- Provided Lauren Holder-Luzerne Conservation District Environmental Educator with a summary of information on two decades of EPCAMR's past history of our tire and trash cleanups for an article that she is writing to include EPCAMR in it as a featured partner organization in their Mosquito Newsletter for the Fall of 2025; Worked with Maria Gereda-EPCAMR VISTA to pull together the information and send her the statistics; Provided Keith George-Luzerne Conservation District with various photos to choose from for the article of the cleanup in the Sugar Notch Run watershed and posted the newsletter once it was published by the Luzerne Conservation District

- **Cleanup events (2005–2025):** 79

Total volunteer hours: 161

- **Tires removed:** 7,705

Volunteers engaged: 1,393

- **Trash removed:** 356,722 lbs (~178.36 tons)

- Informed Lauren and Kieth George, of our future cleanup efforts that we are planning and looking forward to the District's participation and cleanup assistance; Mark Jones located a Scrap Tire Directory resource on scraptirenews.com, and they have a [Scrap Tire & Rubber Users Directory](#); Allen Belles from the Columbia County Conservation District will serve on our volunteer Tire & Trash Committee and will help us identify areas in Columbia County; He said there is a Bloomsburg Clean up Community Organization that we might be able to support with supplies and help them with a cleanup or two locally; Additionally, Columbia County has 4 watershed groups that provide cleanups in their respective watershed areas that he mentioned our program to at a meeting and they all seemed very interested in getting some cleanups organized; Set up a conference call on November 5, with Kylie McCutcheon, KPB to review the requirements of becoming a KPB Affiliate; Mentioned to Kylie that counties that we are looking to focus on for the Affiliate that are currently lacking support and technical assistance or some funding; Cole Sutton-Sullivan County Watershed Specialist agreed to be on our Advisory Committee; [The Farm at Catawissa](#) informed Ed Wytovich - from Catawissa Creek Restoration Association (CCRA) and EPCAMR that Deer Run on Deer Road is in need of a cleanup and that there are many tires dumped in that area; EPCAMR will have to investigate the area in the Spring 2026; Provided Marianne with a copy of the revised Budget for Quickbooks; Provided the Tire Script questions for the survey that Isabella Bufalino-student at King's College will be using when she reaches out to Used Tire Dealers in the region to ask about their disposal practices; Mark created a Cleanup Site Assessment Form for when we take a look at sites initially to gauge what will be needed to cleanup the site and made a general list of our initial sites that we've already noted and investigated for both tires and trash cleanup; Created a shared folder for before and after photos on the shared EPCAMR drive

Brockton South AMD 54 (2049)101.2 (GA) Problem Area Development Plan (*proposed*)

- Reviewed water quality data from PA DEP BAMR provided by Alexa Smith-Schuylkill Conservation District; Rob Baldwin from RES compared it to data that he collected earlier in the year in July and it was comparable and similar; Set up a pre-application meeting with Johnny Green-PA DEP BAMR for October 21 and held it to summarize the application and work that is proposed for the scope of the development plan to monitor the AMD discharge and upstream and downstream locations on the Schuylkill River; Johnny provided EPCAMR with the PA DEP BAMR Consent form since we are putting an excavator rental on the site to install the weir; The weir falls under "Materials" he said since it's a direct cost; It was determined that we should not include the removal of the material to a pit that is not an AML approved feature; If it's a post-SMCRA location or a permitted mine permit through DMO, the funds can't be allocated to move the material to that pit; It was suggested to look for another AML pit that the material could go in the area and mention that for another grant in the narrative; We have to pull that portion of the budget out of the grant and the proposal narrative; This would also eliminate the count of the features (5) that were a part of that idea; Johnny gave a number for the water body feature (2049-04) and the name as Brockton South as the Problem Area; The other Title he provided us was AMD 54 (2049)101.2 (GA) that we had to use in the application; Brandon found a date on E-facts that says 1960 as last mined, but they suggested looking at a ScarLift Report for a better date or a mine map a little closer that might list a last date mined that will document that it is pre-1977 or historic imagery map that might show it pre-dating 1977; The property owner signed a purchase option agreement with RES back in June and that agreement gives them the right to perform necessary inspections/sampling/design work and to be on site during the option period; Rob Baldwin-RES will check with their land guy about the consent to enter agreement; He thinks all the items PA DEP actually would need are covered in the option

agreement, however, the property owner requested to keep an easement through the property for a future haul road; EPCAMR Executive Director continued to work on the grant application online

Technical Assistance

Shamokin Creek Watershed Assessment with Tetra Tech

- Discussed with SCRA that they could ask Stream Restoration Inc (SRI) and Trout Unlimited through their Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for additional technical assistance with their treatment systems in the watershed above what data EPCAMR has collected from the AMD discharges; Described to them what the Datashed Snapshot 2025 event was that EPCAMR had completed earlier in the year with SRI; When we sample for Datashed Snapshots at sites in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Schuylkill, and Carbon counties, SRI wants Inflow, Outflow, and some samples between components of the treatment system; The focus is to evaluate the treatment system itself; EPCAMR has been working with SRI on a way to show the status of the treatment systems statewide; There are now 5 statuses: Good/Operational, Needs Maintenance, Not Operational, Abandoned/No Longer Exists, and Under Development/Construction; Updated water quality is critical to determining the status of the systems; WPCAMR has a program they call the [Quick Response Program](#); The Quick Response program provides funding for emergency repairs for Growing Greener eligible water restoration projects, which include passive treatment systems; Mike provided SCRA with additional sources of potential funding; Heather Makal-SCRA shared with EPCAMR documents that pertain to when Reading Anthracite began controlling water levels in the underground mines by drilling through areas to drain certain levels of water into other mines and estimated volumes in the 1915-1920s

Villanova University AMD Research

- Vito L. Punzi, PhD, P.E., Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering and MSChE Program Director, and Dr. Dorothy Skaf requested that EPCAMR be an Advisor on their recent grant they received from the PA DCED to provide them with technical assistance; The goal of the research is to investigate, at the laboratory scale, Abandoned) Mine Drainage treatment using sustainable treatment method; SRBC is an Advisor as well with staff members Andy King and John Belay involved; They will be looking to visit 5 sites across PA in 2026 to take influent and effluent samples from AMD treatment systems; Suggested they review Datashed; Many treatment systems are in the Schuylkill County area; They may be looking for systems that have low pH and elevated acidity to help with their research if you are trying to generate alkaline addition to treat mine water; Many AMD discharges in the Anthracite Region are alkaline, circum-neutral pH, with some alkalinity that require mechanical aeration to drop out the metals first; EPCAMR provided a [presentation](#) that we have given to college students and high school students alike, to tell the difference between active and passive treatment systems; Reviewed their proposal and made some comments and scheduled a Zoom meeting for October 29 and participated in the call to learn more about their research and ways that EPCAMR could help; Provided them with a link to the [STAC Report](#) that might be of value to them based on some research and field work that EPCAMR has done and contributed to this research report; It's relevant in the discussions around nitrogen and phosphorus that we were and are finding in AMD; Suggested that if they were going to be grabbing any samples in the Schuylkill River drainage or watershed area, they may want to see if the [Delaware River Basin Commission](#) has anyone that is interested in being a part of the Advisory Committee or a member of the [Schuylkill Action Network](#)

Pine Knot, Oak Hill, & Repellier Mine Pool Feasibility Study & Monitoring Project with the Schuylkill Conservation District

- Wayne Lehman-Schuylkill Conservation District provided Roy Green with a copy of the summary of the monitoring project and the access agreement to monitor the Pink Hill shaft for water elevations in the mine pool; Provided Wayne EPCAMR's Tax ID number

Bowman's Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan with the Stanley Cooper Chapter TU

- Confirmed with Angie Tuttle the flow meter equipment and field sampling equipment that should be purchased under the grant; Visted the PA Game Commission's SGL 57, Wilson Road- Railroad Grade on October 20 to assess the Bowman's Creek sediment and erosion situation with partners in Wyoming County, including the [Wyoming County Conservation District](#), Luzerne Conservation District, Stanley Cooper Chapter TU, EPCAMR, PGC, and several township supervisors; The location is along the SGL boundary west of Cider Run Road junction at the location where Wilson Road bears to the right and the Railroad Bed Road continues to the left eventually crossing Cider Run bridge; Discussions began with methods and costs to restore a stabile streambank along the State Game Lands Road (Old Railroad Bed) at the intersection of Wilson Road (Noxen Twp Route) and Old Railroad Bed (SGL Rt.) , with a natural stream design that would protect the roadway long term, protect wild trout fishery and minimize costs for the project to be completed; Discussions of use of rock riprap, log-root wads, (jewt) soil tacos and deflector logs were discussed with pros and cons of natural stream design and rock riprap reviewed and discussed; Permitting was discussed with the focus on securing a General Permit or asking for an Emergency Permit for bank stabilization, possible gravel shoal removal/reuse (with approval of the adjacent land owner). Bernie Scalzo preferred getting a General Permit and indicated he would secure that for the project; Discussions of the adjacent land owner to the south of Bowman Creek were reviewed and the approximate location of the boundary discussed. Miles Laubacher indicated that the Real Estate section of PGC is pursuing the actual description of the Game Lands and private landowners boundary in this location to verify if a riparian description or metes and bounds description is included in this area to identify where the property line exists through the project location. Tom Norris suggested that the land owners were probably approachable for this type of project; The preliminary cost estimates of the project ranged from \$250,000 to \$500,000 to restore the creek channel to a natural waterway, with riparian zone replanted, roadway restored and possible additional cross culverts to be installed. Miles Laubacher indicated that money could be available through PGC for road work and bank stabilization (\$100,000); Tom Norris indicated Noxen Twp said that they could do match work with their equipment to minimize costs; Angela Tuttle suggested several contractors and rental locations that could be approached to secure low cost rental or leasing for equipment; Bernie Scalzo indicated he would approach Jeff Swire about possible cost estimates and or work in the future; Miles Laubacher indicated that possible Land Management crews could do the work; No funding was available from other attendees without submitting for grants that would prolong the project time frames with loss of the roadway base being critical at this time; Miles Laubacher suggested rerouting the road away from the eroded stream section and to restore the road base into an expanded stream riparian zone reducing probability of recurrence. Tom Norris agreed it was acceptable with Noxen Twp. All parties present appeared that they were in agreement with the idea (no vote taken) and were interested in the change to the project approach; Reviews for wetland and watercourse impacts were pursued on the rerouting alignment and discussions for reuse of trees uprooted in the work could be used in the natural stream design; At the end of the meeting it was expected that the quickest and least impactful relocation was to abandon the existing Railroad Bed Road along the severe Bowman Creek erosion area to near the unnamed tributary culvert and keep the roadway in

the existing Wilson Road, creating a diagonal transition back to the former Rail Road Bed away from the erosive impacts; Discussions of working on the GP to conduct natural stream design for the restoration of the creek was further evaluated with no work to be done until after January 1 in the stream; Funding for the stream restoration will be difficult and temporary bank erosion measures should be pursued; John Levitsky-Luzerne Conservation District provided team members with a review and summary of his thoughts on the Montour Power Plant NPDES Renewal and eventual conversion to natural gas from coal that could help reduce the amount of acid deposition that is suspected to be partially contributing to the lower pH rainfall and stream pH readings, in addition to Ohio River Valley prevailing winds that have historically dropped lower pH rainfall over the watershed; The document will be included in the report; Discussed the type and placement of HOBO sensors and dataloggers at a number of locations including Water tower Run, Bean Run, Wolf Run, Cider, and Acid Run; Continued culvert and bridge assessments on October 23 & 24 and was interviewed by Ben Freeman-Fox 56/WOLF TV about how our team was going about conducting the bridge and culvert assessments and gathering water quality data; Jeremy Campbell-SRBC provided EPCAMR with historical water quality data that we provided to Stanley Cooper Chapter TU

Lost Creek Borehole Monitoring and Mine Pool Evaluation with Kleinfelder

- Reviewed and signed the subcontract agreement to perform work on locating all boreholes in the Lost Creek area and monitoring their water elevations if they weren't plugged and to gain a better understanding of the mine pool in the area as well as stability of the barrier pillars and hydrogeologic connections to the Packer #5 and Packer #2 and a few other AMD discharges in the Shenandoah Creek tributary that flows to the Mahanoy Creek; Forwarded the agreement to Tibben Zerby at Kleinfelder; Set up a kickoff meeting with Kleinfelder and partners, including Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association, the Girardville Borough, and Cravotta Geochemical Consulting, for November 13 at the Girardville Borough Hall

Pasco Schiavo Foundation Proposal to Support Friends of the Nescopeck and Catawissa Creek Restoration AMD Watershed Monitoring

- Informed by The Luzerne Foundation that our grant was not funded in this round to support the monitoring needs of the two local watershed associations

Loyalsock Creek Watershed AMD Monitoring

- Informed Cole Sutton-Sullivan County Watershed Specialist of our planned sampling event for the month so he could meet with us in the field
- Referred EPCAMR's Bookkeeper, Ignite Business Services to Russ Thrall at the PA Council of Trout Unlimited
- Reviewed a [research paper](#) on reusing abandoned mine lands for cooling data centers from PSU RECET, provided by Mike Korb, Tetra Tech, and forwarded it to Frank Sindaco-EPCAMR to possibly site in our technical review section of our work on the US DOE completed project

- Steven Trate-Michael Baker International, a Technical Manager reached out regarding a mapping question since they were currently reviewing subsurface conditions in Schuylkill County and are particularly interested in the mine pools shown in a KMZ file they provided; We informed him that we didn't have an updated mine pool data set for the area he was interested in; We informed him that those areas needed to be updated with current mine maps; Their boundary layer file that he was looking at looked to be from our boundary we defined from 2014 before we started reviewing mine maps and adding them to the Mine Map Atlas; Provided him with a link to a copy of our online [report](#) for him to review; Provided Steven with a quote for work if they are interested in having EPCAMR assist them in the project

Education & Outreach

PA AMR Chronicles Podcast Series with WPCAMR

- Provided Jennifer Swan-PA DEP with a copy of the outline for PA DEP Secretary Jessica Shirley's podcast interview on October 3; Interviewed Jessica Shirley and requested that following the podcast that Jennifer post the YouTube video and Facebook live on their channels since they have 25K followers on Facebook and 2.82K on YouTube and it could really help us out in spreading the word to have their followers follow our podcast monthly; Scheduled an interview with Carla Ruddock-Mountain Watershed Association to have her episode as a backup in case we have a last minute cancellation on November 19; Finalized interview questions for Tom Clark's from Kleinfelder; Asked Don Kane Jr.-President of the Huber Breaker Preservation Society, to be our guest in December; Worked on his interview questions with Anne and forwarded them along to him for his review; Lannie Erdos was confirmed as the newest OSMRE Director and Anne sent an official request to Julie Moore-OSMRE Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer - to see if he'd like to be on our podcast in 2026 since additional details will be required before they can secure appropriate approvals; Firepoint Energy CEO Bill Smith is interested in being a potential guest speaker; Firepoint Energy has literally moved into the former site occupied by the Tunnelton Mining Company in Saltsburg, PA; Since then, they have put millions of dollars into renovating the abandoned mine in the hopes that they can develop it into a dual-purpose site that hosts critical mineral recovery elements and waste-coal-to-energy transformations; Anne, Andy, and the Executive Director will consider him for a future episode and get back to Ian Douglass, his Communications Director

PA DEP Environmental Justice Advisory Board

- Proposed 2026 EJAB Meeting Dates: Q1-Public Meeting Friday, Feb. 6th 9:00AM-12:00PM; Q2-Public Meeting Wednesday, May 6th 9:00AM-12:00PM; Q3-Closed Meeting Wednesday, Aug. 12th 9:00AM-12:00PM; Q4-Public Meeting Nov.- Joint CAC meeting TBA; Travel reimbursements can't be requested during the shutdown

Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders' Advisory Committee (SAC)

- Will Parson-Chesapeake Bay Foundation forward me photos from Charlie Nick, an intern for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, provided us with Flickr [link](#) to photos of AMD he had taken back in June when he met with Kelly Williams on an AMD Tour when he was in the State College area; A note to requests@chesapeakebay.net is all EPCAMR needs to utilize any of the photos to give proper credit to Charlie; Informed Alex Cuorto that the Executive Director would be able to make

the early part of the February 19, 2026 Stakeholders' Advisory Committee Meeting and have to get back on the call in the afternoon once our EPCAMR 1st Quarter Board Meeting was over at 1PM; Informed Amber Cameron-Chesapeake Bay Trust that EPCAMR would participate in a requested interview on how some funders can help PA non-profits continue to build capacity efforts throughout the watershed and discuss funding needs; EPCAMR was not funded in the last round of Chesapeake Bay Trust Capacity Building grants due to a high number of applications; EPCAMR Executive Director is scheduled to speak to Kristin Clear Mielcarek, from the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland on November 6; EPCAMR is familiar with the EFC because they were previously our technical assistance provider during our project with the US DOE until their grant was terminated

Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 AMD and Art Education Program with the Armature

- Finalized the agreement through the grant to provide some outreach, iron oxide, and assistance to artists from the Armature, and Wilkes-Barre Elementary and Pittston Elementary Schools participating in the program to use iron oxide to create art
- Forwarded Lana Gulden-Sierra Club NC Chapter PA a summary description and title of the planned presentation, "EPCAMR Regional Updates on Watershed Assessment and Monitoring Work in the Northcentral and Northeastern PA's Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Regions"; EPCAMR showcased watershed assessment projects, photos of different types of AMD, abandoned mine land reclamation projects, AMD watershed monitoring, educational programs, and examples of our use of 3D printers in our educational programs and 3D software that helps us to create modeling of the surface and underground mines; Discussed how we are recycling iron hydroxides and creating iron oxide pigments that we use in our educational programs and as a part of our AMD Tie-Dye workshops for both youth and environmental fairs and festivals; Presented on October 28 in Lewisburg
- Received permission from Ryan Sotelo to use some of his drone photos of AMD for a news article EPCAMR was interviewed for by the Harrisburg-Patriot News; Provided details on the photo of the AMD coming into the Susquehanna River below the Old Forge AMD Borehole that enters from the confluence of the Lackawanna River in between the Fort Jenkins bridge and abandoned train bridge up river
- The Daily Item, covering Sunbury and the Central Susquehanna Valley, published the Executive Director's [OpEd](#) as did the [Patriot News](#) in Harrisburg; Forwarded the links to Drew Robinson-CCWC
- Investigation, Land Reclamation, Water Treatment Techniques for Abandoned Coal Mines Webinar by Half Moon Seminars was moved to the Winter of 2026 (January or February)
- S. Robert Powell, Ph.D., with the Carbondale Historical Society and D&H Transportation Museum met EPCAMR at Railfest 2025 at Steamtown this past August; He had lots of information on the Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad and on the D&H in general and on anthracite coal mining in northeastern Pennsylvania (specifically in the Northern Coalfield); He was interested in scheduling an visit to the EPCAMR Office in the Fall in November; He provided EPCAMR with a copy of the D&H Bibliography he put together
- Reached out to a colleague of EPCAMR's, Ryan Klemish, Environmental Health Services (EHS) Manager for [Pittston Co-Packers](#), a beverage manufacturer in the Center Point Industrial Park, Pittston, who is interested in partnering with EPCAMR and the local communities in the Valley;

Provided him with a variety of examples of ways that his company can support EPCAMR; Told Ryan that Mark Jones and EPCAMR can meet up with him when he's ready to move forward and if he's interested in taking us up on some of the outlined examples of ways that his company might be able to support EPCAMR

- Bode Murin informed EPCAMR that Individuals and organizations interested in contributing programs are encouraged to submit proposals through the museum's website: www.anthracitemuseum.org/amhm for Anthracite History Month in January 2026; Programs must have a confirmed venue before submission and should avoid overlapping with previously scheduled programs in the same area; A program calendar is available on the museum website; The deadline for submitting January and February 2026 programs will be December 15 2025; Proposals for year-round programs will be accepted on a rolling basis

Conferences, Training, Webinars, Tours, Exhibits, & Workshops

27th PA AMR Conference Planning for 2025

- Approved a scholarship request for Ben Smith-Jefferson County Conservation District Watershed Specialist; Registrations continue to pour in from attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors through the [website](#); Modified Shane Hoffius-Clarion County Conservation District Watershed Specialist's, overnight stay accommodations with Toftrees since he wasn't able to make it down on Tuesday evening; Cancelled Alexa Smith's-Schuylkill Conservation District's reservation for a scholarship since she will be unable to attend; Cancelled Jeff Sarver's room with Malcolm Crittenden and Mark Jones rooms and added Jim Eckenrode's as a scholarship award after communicating with Tracey from Toftrees; Robindale Energy became a platinum sponsor of the Conference at **\$5000**; The Planning Committee received an update on the AMD Rushton Treatment System Tour from Andrey Lernerman; Malcolm Crittenden informed EPCAMR that he wouldn't be able to attend the Conference for health reasons; Cougar Printing completed the Survey Sheets and the final Conference Programs; Convened our final planning meeting on October 8 to check all of our boxes and finalize the smaller details of the conference; Provided Mike with abstract on Mine Pool Mapping to fill a slot that went unfilled at the Conference due to a presenter dropping out due to the government shutdown to place it on the website; Final Program Booklet was completed by Anne Daymut-WPCAMR after minor changes and edits and a logo change for the PHREEQ-N-AMDTreat program and AMR Group, LLC; CDM Smith became a **\$1000** sponsor; Picked up the Program Books and Surveys from Cougar Printing; Provided Toftrees with the final scholarship and room list and they returned an updated room count for the Committee; Carl Delucca, PA DEP provided EPCAMR with a copy of his presentation; Elliot Copeland and Abi Jiminez from Senator Fetterman's Office informed us that they would not be able to attend due to the government shutdown, although they were considered constitutionally essential; GT Thompson did provided a video presentation directed at the Conference attendees to show his support for the work of the Conference Planning Committee and our volunteers and partners across the State; Added Brian Cooper-Trout Unlimited to the final registration count; Cornhole Networking and Mixer location was setup on Wednesday evening and looked great; EPCAMR Executive Director and his teammate made it to the finals, again; Coordinated the annual conference on October 12-15th in State College; Nate Houtz sent WPCAMR and EPCAMR a personal note of thanks for allowing him to speak at the Conference; Details and all presentations have been uploaded to [Treatminewater](#)

Universidad Pedagogica y Tecnologica de Columbia Conference

- Executive Director presented to students remotely on October 8 at a Columbian University on EPCAMR regional work on abandoned mines, reclamation, watershed restoration, renewable energy projects, and environmental education hosted by colleague David Mesa and provided a copy of the presentation for him to send around to each of the students in the class

Chesapeake Bay Funders Network AMD/AML Tour

- EPCAMR, Clearfield County Conservation District, Moshannon Creek Watershed Association, and Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, and the Foundation for PA Watersheds led a tour in Centre County of AMD and AML sites in the Moshannon Creek watershed around SR 53, Phillipsburg area, Coaldale, and Cold Stream for a number of Chesapeake Bay funders and philanthropic organizations to provide them with a comprehensive overview of the legacy of AMD and AML in PA; Funders were from all across the Chesapeake Bay and from the lower Bay area

Misericordia University Environmental Science Class Wyoming Valley AMD Watershed Tour

- Dr. Cosima Wiese extended her appreciation to EPCAMR for hosting her class at the end of September; She said it was another great exploration of the history of our area and the impacts of that mining legacy; She appreciated the Staff taking the time to share our knowledge and passion with the students and for mentoring them; The Executive Director talked about the importance of community service and seeking volunteer opportunities and internships so that they can network themselves and become immersed into the broader community while still in college

Chesapeake Bay Semester AMD Watershed Tour

- EPCAMR provided our annual AMD Watershed Tour around the Wyoming Valley and activities with Mel Skirkanich-Instructor for the Chesapeake Bay Semester Gunston School visit from Maryland on October 30th 2025; Conducted an AMD Tie-Dye T-shirt workshop with the students and visited the Askam AMD Treatment System and Solomon Creek AMD Boreholes

PCPG/AIPG Wyoming Valley Watershed AMD/Geology Tour

- Coordinated with Vincent Carbone, HRG about the upcoming Anthracite Region Wyoming Valley Watershed AMD/Geology Tour; EPCAMR hosted the tour with 22 attendees and PCPG covered the lunch costs on November 1

EPCAMR Program Administration

- Reconciled EPCAMR's Checking Account and PA Invest Accounts in QuickBooks; Paid Health Care Premiums for EPCAMR Staff for October 2025 with Highmark and United Concordia; Paid EC the rent monthly; Made EPCAMR deposits to FNB monthly as needed; Made reconciliations in Quickbooks with *Marianne*, our Bookkeeper-Ignite Business Services and provided her with a copy of the PA Invest Statement monthly for both September and October; Completed bi-weekly payroll submissions through ADP for OneSource; Activated our PayPal Debit Mastercard

- Provided Supervisor comments on Mark Jones' Quarterly Report through September 2025 document that he sent to VISTA and Conservation Legacy; Informed Gwennan Richmond-Stewards Individual Placement Program, that EPCAMR's Office will remain open during the shutdown and that our VISTAs can continue to report to the Office and provided her with the Executive Director's information as a point of contact
- Provided Karen Hazelton, CPA with additional reports that she requested to assist her with completing the Single Audit for 2023; Informed Jonathan Menzter, Maher & Duessel, Harrisburg, PA, that followed up with their ability to perform the audit that we had selected Karen Hazelton and we appreciated him getting back to EPCAMR; Informed Courtney Solomon, CPA, Sunbury, PA that we also appreciated her getting back to EPCAMR and that we had selected another CPA firm to perform the audit
- Confirmed some administrative actions on our EPCAMR PayPal Account and was notified that our PayPal Debit Mastercard would be mailed shortly; Set up the card and the account with security details
- Frank Sindaco went ahead and set up an EPCAMR Business Chat GPT5 Account to work with to pull together his resources for the Information Hub and AMLConnect platform since it has higher processing and higher security levels
- Cristy reached out to several venues for quotes for the 30th Anniversary Reception/Dinner in the Fall of 2026; [The Friedman Jewish Community Center](#); [Sand Springs](#); [The Lakeview Terrace](#); Decided on Sand Springs because they had the date (September 19) and the price point and accommodations for an estimated 150 attendees were right where we needed it to be; Sent her EPCAMR's Sales Tax Exemption Certificate and Non-Profit Letter of Determination document to her following the PA Conference on Abandoned Mine Reclamation and wrote a \$250 check for a deposit to Sand Springs to secure the date and facility ; Mailed the check and signed contract
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- The t-shirt and hoodies website from School Spirits [online](#) for EPCAMR volunteers to be able to order some safety t-shirts or sweat hoods closed and the orders were filled; EPCAMR picked up a box and others were shipped directly to the customers and volunteers
- Reviewed the Joseph Robert Foundation criteria and found out that EPCAMR would not be eligible
- Prepared and submitted a Final Operational Support Grant Report to Maggie Anderson from the Foundation for PA Watersheds
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- EPCAMR completed a Nonprofit Grantmaking Experiences Survey, conducted by [Candid](#) and [ABFE](#) last year; The survey, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, provided an opportunity to hear directly from nonprofits about their experiences navigating funder priorities and changing circumstances while supporting their missions, leaders, and communities. Our responses helped inform the direction of their research for years to come; They have compiled a [summary](#) of findings for nearly 4,000 participating nonprofits included aggregated response results for each survey question, along with general information about participating nonprofits; EPCAMR hopes to learn more about our peer organizations' perspectives and experiences, as well as contextualize our organization's work within the broader nonprofit sector
- Filled out Mark Jones' Exit Interview from AmeriCorps VISTA and submitted it to Addie Gilkerson

- Prepared a Request for Letter of Recommendation – DEP Upper-Middle Susquehanna Regional Water Committee for colleague and EPCAMR volunteer Nate Eachus
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- Completed and signed the Bonterra Tech MOU
- Jacob and Brad from The Scranton Area Foundation had to reschedule a visit to EPCAMR to talk with Mark Jones and the Executive Director