

# EPCAMR



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## MONTHLY BOARD REPORT – OCTOBER 2006

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Presented an AMD Education Module designed by Pam Kattner and myself at the Wetlands Symposium held on the campus of University of Virginia College at Wise. One hundred people attended this conference.
- Monitoring began for the Glen Nan discharge. Our two volunteers have taken several field measurements of the water quality and DEP BAMR collected samples for a laboratory analysis. All of the landowners have been contacted and support this monitoring initiative.
- The Nanticoke Terrace Residents' Council organized their first cleanup, the second at the South Street site. Twenty volunteers worked 6 hours and removed 34 bags of trash, 300 pounds of metal, six tires, and 6 large appliances.

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2006

- 10/3 and half of 10/4 OFF
- Coordinated stream monitoring orientation for volunteers I recruited last month. Prepared and organized this orientation. Pre-tested Glen Nan site to have a baseline to compare our results.

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2006

- OFF 10/9 – 10/13, for family death

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2006

- Wrote, edited, and prepared copies of the AMD Education Module created this past year by Pam Kattner and myself. Also researched and authored a quick use document about Resources for Teaching AMD. I recruited several people to edit and proofread the papers. These will be an important handout and the backbone of my presentation for the Wetlands Symposium. The OSM/VISTA program has looked forward to receiving these documents for many months.

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2006

- Coordinated and setup a meeting for the following week between Robert Hughes, Mike Hewitt, and Todd Wood from DEP BAMR. They plan to explore the Glen Nan discharge and collect water for lab analysis.

### **WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2006 (CONT'D)**

- 10/24 -10/27 traveled to and attended the Wetlands Symposium. I practiced my presentation during the ten hour drive. Its purpose is to provide an example of a way to teach students about AMD within a classroom. I arrived a day early to explore the campus and their new wetlands treatment system. On the first day of the conference we learned the history, story, and vision of this treatment system. Tours of the wetland showed us this college's method of teaching others about AMD, which is a nice comparison to EPCAMR's watershed tours. Also, I gave a successful presentation on this day. The second day of the conference focused on undergraduate research. Evan Smith, Kentucky's only OSM/VISTA provided a presentation of his volunteer water sampling initiative.

### **THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2006**

- 10/30 -10/31 returned to Pennsylvania from the Symposium.
- I continued organizing the gardens around the Avondale historic markers in Plymouth Township. This is located near Syl's Auto on Route 11, just north of the South Cross Valley/Route 29 bridge. Robert Hughes and I planned the items we will need to obtain and communicated with the Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech horticulture class, the volunteers who will construct the garden.