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Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program June 2007 Progress Report

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Education and Outreach:

- EPCAMR Staff took Dallas Elementary School 210 5th grade students on an Abandoned Mine Land (AML) and Mine Drainage (AMD) Tour of the Southern Wyoming Valley on three separate days.
- EPCAMR Staff provided an AMD Tie Dye workshop to approximately 50 attendees at the Luzerne Conservation District's (LCD) Conservation Field Day.
- EPCAMR Staff lead approximately 45 kids from the Wilkes-Barre Townhomes and the Mineral Springs Development on a Department PA Fish & Boat Commission and "Take Me Fishing" and SMART Angler Program at Moon Lake County Park, Plymouth Township
- Attended the Non-Profit Community Assistance Center's Annual Dinner Meeting in Scranton, to accept the first annual Ted Daniels Community Development Award for our work on the Avondale Hill Community Garden and Industrial Art Preservation Project on behalf of EPCAMR and the Luzerne Conservation District; 1st place out of 28 nominations

Technical Assistance:

- Attended the Pocono NE RC & DC Quarterly Meeting to provide an update on SMCRA Title IV to the Board
- Presented RAMLIS to Newport Township officials and developed a relationship with them that may allow us to work on a parks and recreation project that will allow local youth to participate in the painting of benches, pavilions, and other structures at the Wanamie Recreation Park using recycled iron oxide paints.
- Reviewed the draft Routine Wetlands Delineation worksheets (2 representative plots) completed by Mike and Joe along Hicks Creek within the Natural Stream Channel Design Restoration Project boundaries; Agreed that the two sites were deemed not to be wetlands (atypical non palustrian)

Cleanup Coordination:

- Conducted a roadside and streamside cleanup along Smith's Pond Road, Shavertown as a part of the National River Cleanup Week with Joe; 8 bags of trash removed (320 pounds)
- Coordinated efforts with PEC and Wilkes University for an anticipated COALS Cleanup on an AML Site in Newport Township, near the Newport Cemetary and "Loch Mess", a water-filled lake of AMD

Conferences and Trainings:

- Attended the ESRI Annual GIS Conference, in San Diego, CA from the 17th to the 22nd of June, as a member of the Office of Surface Mining's Geospatial Data Task Group that are developing national standards for surface mining, underground mining, and abandoned mines; Trip was fully funded by OSM; Presented on two occasions, one to the larger National OSM Task Group on Mine Reclamation and during a panel presentation session on Abandoned Mine Reclamation; Attended dozens of sessions on watershed restoration, stream restoration, ESRI ArcGIS Extensions, tips and tricks for ArcPad 7.1, etc.
- Attended the OSM Geospatial Data Task Group's full committee meeting in Portsmouth, VA from the 25th to the 28th to partake in discussions on further developing the data standards that we've been reviewing and going over for several months as well as to partake in the ASTM Data Standards sub-committee meeting where our standards were to be approved by the larger group of ASTM members in Norfolk, VA