

EPCAMR



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MONTHLY BOARD REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2006

HIGHLIGHTS

- After nine months of work, the project on Avondale Hill finished with a community cookout. Forty volunteers donated 766 hours of their time to design and construct an industrial metal art piece, to create a large perennial garden, and to build a community bulleting board. Gathered resources for the entire project equal \$1,167.00 of direction donations and \$15,600.00 of in-kind donations. Noted in numerous local newspapers, the volunteers' dedication to the project inspires many.
- For eight days our EPCAMR staff, some board members, Shawn Rybka of the Luzerne Conservation District, and even Andy McAllister of WPCAMR staffed our Bloomsburg Fair exhibit.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2006

- Prepared August board report.
- Finished a few last things for the AMR Conference.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

- Recruited monitoring volunteers to begin regular testing of the Glen Nan mine drainage located in West Nanticoke. EPCAMR hopes to establish a treatment system at this site after a year of data is collected. I also monitored this site and made contact with several nearby residents.
- Prepared for the AMD Wetlands Conference at University of Virginia at Wise through communication with my Virginia contact, Abby Stengal. Brainstormed and outlined presentation.
- Avondale Workday with many attending. We applied two clear protective coats for the metal art piece and bought supplies for the kiosk. I also invited all donors, volunteers, and area residents to our upcoming cookout with door-to-door flyers and by mailing invitations. I wrote a press release for the picnic event.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

- OFF 9/11 and 9/12
- Explored Glen Nan site with Mike Hewitt and determined property owners for the ideal monitoring and treatment areas.
- Began 4th Quarter Report for OSM/VISTA.
- We built a rock boarder for the garden on our final Avondale Workday this week.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2006

- Preparations for the Avondale cookout including application of gray primer coat to the art piece, final touches to the kiosk, and chores such as mowing. Volunteers arrived early to organize tables, chairs, and food. Over 50 guests attended our event as well as three news staff.
- Wrote report and organized attachment packets for OSM/VISTA 4th Quarter Report.
- Robert Hughes and I traveled to a Susquehanna County Elementary School for an AMD Tie-Dye workshop with 75 first graders and 5 teachers.
- Set-up and display design for Bloomsburg Fair took place with Mike Hewitt and Robert Hughes.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

- Attended to EPCAMR exhibit at the Bloomsburg Fair. I answered questions, suggested resources, and taught children through various activities.
- Finished and mailed OSM/VISTA 4th Quarter Report.
- Prepared EPCAMR September Board Report.