

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

PA AMR Conf planning committee (monthly plus extra as conference drew near)
ORWC Steering committee (monthly)
Trompe Technology Transfer Event
PA Envirothon
Interview and Tour with Terry Schmidt
ARIPPA Training Mixer and Fundraising Golf Outing

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Several AMPs were released this quarter including one for the ARIPPA Award RFP, one for the ARIPPA fundraiser, one written by guest author Bob Hedin regarding the passive treatment of the Delta Maust and his concerns the AMD treatment guidelines, and one for the Trompe Technology Transfer Event.

I attended the PA state Envirothon and helped the kids tie die t-shirts with AMD.

We drafted a survey to send to the watershed specialists across the commonwealth to assess the state of the watershed movement. The survey was made on survey monkey and distributed to all of the watershed specialists across the state to help gauge the state of the watershed movement. We got positive feedback from the majority of the survey responders and watershed specialists.

2013 AMR CONFERENCE

The 15h Annual PA AMR Conf took place August 8-10, 2013 at the Ramada Inn, State College. EPCAMR was the primary host for the 2013 conference, however, WPCAMR and EPCAMR have collectively decided that duties to coordinate the conference should remain the same as they were in 2012 because EPCAMR has taken on the bulk of the financial coordinating and maintains the conference website. WPCAMR will continue to organize the planning committee meetings, secure presentations, and publish conference materials and other duties as appropriate. During this quarter, several planning committee conference calls were held, decisions were made in regards to pre-conference workshops, theme, special activities to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the conference. We have begun collecting abstracts and are well on our way to filling the schedule.

The committee began working with Jeff McNelly to organize a joint effort between ARIPPA and the PA AMR Conference in 2014. The Conference will take place June 24-26, 2014 at the Ramada Inn, State College.

2012 OHIO RIVER WATERSHED CELEBRATION

The planning committee has begun preparations for the 12th annual event. The event will take place on Sept 19, 2013. This year I am participating by holding a benefit dinner at Mad Mex in Shadyside, hosted by the Big Burrito Restaurant Group. This event has the potential to raise \$2000 for ORWC. A date for the dinner is March 4, 2014. I am also coordinating outreach activities with Denny tubbs of PFBC. This year's theme is: "Working together for Clean Water" and all event activities will focus on connecting watershed groups with local industry. I attended all meetings for ORWC held this quarter.

ARIPPA AWARD

The ARIPPA Award RFP was revised for the 2013 year. I collected applications for both EPCAMR and WPCAMR and conducted the technical reviews. Each organization has \$2500 to distribute. Applications for WPCAMR were as follows:

1. Allegheny Valley Land Trust requested \$2500 for construction of a system to collect sediment from a spoil pile along the Allegheny River.
2. Allegheny Land Trust requested \$939 for muskrat damage to Wingfield Pines
3. Evergreen Conservancy requested \$1639 for the Renewable Energy Project at Tanoma Wetlands

The Award review committee met over the phone and recommends that funds be distributed as follows:

Allegheny Valley Land Trust: \$1500

Evergreen Conservancy: \$1000

Allegheny Land Trust: \$0

319 GRANT DELIVERABLES

Over the last three years, our deliverables include three education projects that WPCAMR and EPCAMR jointly engaged in. WPCAMR will be directed short films as an outreach tool to watershed organizations grappling with treatment solutions to acid mine drainage. Our first film discusses the origins and formation of abandoned mine drainage. EPCAMR developed a companion document as their portion of this deliverable.

In 2011, WPCAMR produced a video on AMD passive treatment options and EPCAMR will produce the accompanying poster insert based on Bob Hedin's passive treatment flow chart. The video depicts a conversation among some experts in the field of passive AMD treatment. They discuss how to choose the right technology, some key design considerations, emerging technologies and trends,

and the future as they see it with regards to funding, OM&R, and the role of the Conservation District.

I have begun to filming and editing of the final year of this project. WPCAMR will produce a third video on the permitting challenges the watershed community faces when constructing an AMD treatment system. I began conducting interviews and planning a script. I visited a project in Indiana County where the Conservation District has had extensive experience with permitting issues when constructing an AMD passive treatment system. I visited a project in McKean County where the Conservation District is learning about the permitting challenges when constructing and AMD treatment system. During this quarter I interviewed Terry Schmidt of Skelly and Loy. I also began helping EPCAMR with their portion of the deliverable by working with Schmidt on making a flow chart poster on the process of permitting.

In addition, we will be producing a fourth video that is an advertisement/commercial for WPCAMR

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No new activity to report