

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

Pennsylvania Statewide Conference for Watersheds planning meeting (4)

Westmoreland Partner Breakfast (1)

Blackleggs Nursery meeting on pollution event (2)

PA AMR Conference Planning Committee (3)

PA AML Campaign Conference Call (2)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

I am on the planning committee for the Pennsylvania Statewide Conference for Watersheds, which will be held March 5-6, 2017 in State College. In November, I participated in one planning conference call. I aided in reviewing the conference agenda and agreed to give two presentations at the conference, one on PA EGSA and one on Rules and Regulations of Lobbying for Nonprofit organizations. In December, I participated in two planning conference calls. I aided in reviewing the conference agenda and agreed to give two presentations at the conference, one on PA EGSA and one on Rules and Regulations of Lobbying for Nonprofit organizations. I have been working to update these presentations to make them as relevant and timely as possible for the March Conference. In January, I participated in one planning conference call. I aided in reviewing the conference agenda and agreed to give two presentations at the conference, one on PA EGSA and one on Rules and Regulations of Lobbying for Nonprofit organizations. I submitted reviewed my information in the conference agenda, submitted a bio, and registered for the conference.

Three Abandoned Mine Posts were distributed in November. There was one AMP for the WPCAMR Quarterly meeting, one for a free EPA Webinar with Bob Hedin of Hedin Environmental and Amy Wolfe of TU, and one to encourage watershed organizations to register with PA EGSA.

2017 PA AMR CONFERENCE

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PA AML Campaign

During this quarter, I continued to develop a story line for a longer film advocating for the reauthorization of the AML fund collection fees. I also continued to work on details for the website.

In November I got my hands on an updated list of PAEGSA registered projects. I went through the list one-by-one to compare it to datashed in order to figure out which projects do not have liability coverage. This is a big project as there are approximately 350 treatment systems across the state. There are many inconsistencies with the registry. I began reaching out to watershed organizations and conservation districts to collect more information on specific projects.

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ARIPPA AWARD

No new activity to report.