

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

PA AML Campaign Conference Call (3)

Blackleggs Growing Greener Grant Meeting (1)

PA AMR Conference Planning Call (3)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Blackleggs Watershed Association has an Act 13 grant for which is expiring in June 2018 and they have not yet begun work. The group has decided that due to personal issues for the directors, they are not able to manage the grant. BioMost Inc will be taking over grant management. An OSM WCAP grant is to be the match for the project. In August 2017, further grant application requirements were submitted to OSM. OSM WCAP grants will hopefully be awarded soon. Project partners met and determined we want to continue with the project even though more time is needed. One meeting was held in August with the new Growing Greener Grant advisor. In October, OSM reached out to ask for the completion of the financial responsibility questionnaire, which is now a requirement for federal grant awards. We take this as an indication that WCAP will still be in the federal budget.

In August 2017, two AMPs were distributed to encourage responses to the AMR Community Survey. In September 2017, one AMP was distributed with the notification that Growing Greener is threatened by the proposed state budget. In October 2017, two AMPs were distributed including one about a new round of PENNVEST grants and one about PA DEP collecting public feedback about public involvement in policy making.

The WPCAMR finance committee is working on some very interesting ideas to push WPCAMR into the future both with funding and with our mission and vision. In October, the committee met once and then 4 sections of a funding proposal were developed. I worked on two of those sections including the umbrella services section and the PA AMR Conference section.

PA AMR CONFERENCE

In August 2017, the wrap-up meeting was held. Initial decisions were made concerning the 2018 PA AMR Conference, which will be held at the Ramada in State College.

In September 2017, the planning committee met once. It was decided to request the dates of June 20-21 for the conference at the Ramada. Ramada began drafting a contract.

In October 2017, the planning committee met once. With dates chosen, the committee is finalizing the Theme and beginning to recruit presenters. This will be our 20th annual conference, so we hope to make it special.

The planning committee is considering a possible joint conference with NAAML in 2019 in Pittsburgh. We have entered discussions with NAAML in regards to how finances will be handled. In September 2017, I developed pie charts showing the breakdown of our typical registration list to consider when making scholarship and general budget decisions.

PA AML CAMPAIGN

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 AML Campaign website.

In August 2017, I continued to pull together a presentation for the 2017 NAAML P Conference. I developed a survey and conducted 10 interviews of experts on the success of the PA AMR community. Results of the survey and interviews will be developed into key tips for other states to foster a watershed movement and will be presented at the 2017 NAAML P Conference. I also began research into the Federal AML Fund spending on administration nationwide.

In September 2017, I completed a presentation for the 2017 NAAML P Conference. I developed a survey and conducted 10 interviews of experts on the success of the PA AMR community. Results of the survey and interviews were presented at the 2017 NAAML P Conference. Unfortunately, due to a family emergency, I was unable to attend the conference. In my place, Robert Hughes, of EPCAMR, gave my presentation.

In October 2017, I attended one PA AML Campaign meeting.

ARIPPA AWARD

We are pleased to award Sewickly Creek Watershed Association \$2,500 for the construction of an educational pavilion at the Lowber Treatment System.

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CONTRACTED VIDEO WORK

WPCAMR has been contracted by the Westmoreland County Conservation District to produce a video for municipalities about stormwater basin retrofits. WPCAMR will be paid \$1,400 for this video. In this quarter, I continued filming and had discussions with WCD staff about scripting, editing, and deadlines.