

# Watershed Coordinator's Report for May 2005

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### **ACT 220**

Each committee will start to write their regional component. Since we have a lot of information obtained from our "Ohio Alliance Formation Grant" of a few years ago, I will be assisting in writing the Ohio. The public meetings/hearings are starting throughout the state. May 9 and 10 were held for the Ohio. There will be an additional meeting in Johnstown in August. I am also trying to get one scheduled in the Brookville or St. Mary's area too. For a complete list of the updates on what the Statewide Committee is doing as well as the list of public meetings – visit our website:

[www.amrclearinghouse.org](http://www.amrclearinghouse.org)

### **Passing Go**

The southwest region held their workshop on "Avoiding Potholes in the Non-profit Fast Lane" (re: legal issues, board development, financial statements) on March 9. It was attended by 50 people – 20 watershed groups. The steering committee will be meeting to discuss whether to have a Fall workshop

The northwest region decided not to hold their grant writing workshop this Spring. They will wait until the Fall.

### **W. Branch Symposium**

Attended the W. Branch Susquehanna Symposium May 6-7 and moderated a Saturday session with Janie French on "Where do we go from here?" The W. Branch Taskforce will wait for the results from Saturday's session before making any decisions in moving forward.

### **Keystone Watershed Monitoring Network (KWMN)**

The steering committee is meeting to discuss the "statewide database for monitoring" as well as the structure of the Network. Discussions have taken place about reinstating "The Summit" (a conference held bi-annually for watershed monitors). Last year, it was decided to add a component about monitoring and the KWMN onto the Statewide Watershed Conference. However, the grant was not funded and the future does not look good for funding for the Statewide Watershed Conference. Therefore, the KWMN does not want to give up holding "The Summit" which usually draws over 300 people from across PA.

### **Other**

Attended the West Virginia AMD Symposium. (Glad we don't have to worry about Selenium – yet) Attended a Non-Profit Summit at the David Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh – over 1200 people were in attendance. Attended a coalbed methane public meeting at the Donohoe Center. It was standing room only - over 100 people in attendance. Taught 8 classes in Jefferson County (K-8) and 3 sixth grade classes at the Washington Groundwater Festival.