

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

Anne Daymut May 14th, 2010

PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

DEP SW Regional Watershed Roundtable, Greensburg
Ohio River Watershed Celebration Planning meeting, Pittsburgh
Watershed Specialist Quarterly Meeting, Apollo
SW Regional RC&D, Bedford
2010 PA AMR Joint Conference planning meetings, Conference calls
West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium, Williamsport
Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds' Watershed Summit, State College
Beneficial Use of Coal Ash Campaign meetings, Conference Call
ARIPPA 20th Anniversary Celebration Award Steering Committee, Conference Call

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

I worked on our Abandoned Mine Post (AMP) Newsletter. So far, I have written three articles advertising the 2010 Joint Mining Reclamation Conference and one highlighting the Foundations for Pennsylvania Watersheds' Watershed Summit. I have drafted on to promote the ARIPPA award. Archived Abandoned Mine Post articles may be found at the Abandoned Mine Posts blog site: www.amp.wpcamr.org.

Andy and I met with a PhD student at Ohio State who is from Fayette County. She interviewed us for her thesis, which is about the public perception of water and pollution. She had planned to interview several other professionals as well as the public of Fayette County at large. Her findings should be published next spring in time for possible presentation at the 2011 PA AMR Conference.

I researched lobbying laws for 501 c 3 non-profits and found that it would be virtually impossible for WPCAMR to do enough lobbying to jeopardize its non-profit status. Further, most of the activities that WPCAMR has participated in recently that might be viewed to be campaigning (Title IV reauthorization for example) are technically grass-roots efforts, to which there is no limit that will threaten to revoke 501 c 3 status.

I spent one day at Yellow Creek State Park giving lessons to 5th graders on water ecology and AMD.

2010 AMR CONFERENCE

The Joint Conference will be held at the Radisson in Greentree/Pittsburgh, June 5-11, 2010. The theme is: "Bridging Mining Reclamation, Science, and the Community". The website is: <http://www.pghminingreclamationconf.com/>. The PA AMR Conference portion of the Joint Conference is being referred to as the "Science, Community and Reclamation" (SCR) Track.

The SCR Track will be three days long and have approximately 30 different presentations. The Prime Sponsor is CONSOL Energy.

My preparations for the Conference thus far included but were not limited to:

1. Choosing presenters from submissions
2. Notifying those who were selected
3. Collecting presenter information including titles, bios, abstracts, and presentations
4. Drafting the SCR track schedule
5. Passing along our track's information to the conference committee
6. Developed a poster and a post-card handout to distribute at the events that Andy and I will be attending before the conference.

2010 OHIO RIVER WATERSHED CELEBRATION

The event is to take place in September 2010. There will be two boats again this year, one for the adults to network and the other for school children. My involvement thus far in the event preparations include drafting a donation request letter and flyer to be mailed to potential sponsors.

ARIPPA 20th ANNIVERSARY AWARD RFP

Using Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Dominion Watershed Mini Grant as a template, I developed an RFP for the 20th Anniversary Celebration Award. Copies are available for the board to review. I am currently developing a protocol and check list to evaluate applicants. EPCAMR will be making the RFP into a fill-in-the-blank pdf file so it can be placed on the internet for online retrieval, completion, and submission. We will be asking that Three (3) volunteers join Andy and I on a panel to evaluate proposals. I drafted an AMP to promote the award.

BENEFICIAL USE OF COAL ASH CAMPAIGN

I researched the plethora of information on both sides of this campaign, read all of the materials that were passed to me via the pro-Campaign, and participated in the conference calls.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Andy and I are putting the final touches on a Draft Employee Manual. Copies will be available for the board to review soon. The Draft Employee Manual was developed by combining several other available manuals including one corporate example, one conservation district example, and one non-profit example.