

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

Anne Daymut August 12th, 2010

PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

2010 Joint Mining Reclamation Conference
Loyalhanna Watershed Association Dedication for Saxman Run Hydroelectric Project
Ohio River Watershed Celebration Planning Committee meetings
Datashed Meeting at Cambria District Mining Office
Meeting with Wil Taylor of Jennings Environmental Education Center
Meeting with Bob Black of Tour-Ed Mine
ARIPPA Award Review Committee

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

I have written three Abandoned Mine Post articles and one video diary. Two articles were about the 2010 Joint Mining Reclamation Conference and the third was about the ARIPPA award. The Video Diary was about the Saxman Run Hydroelectric project. Archived Abandoned Mine Post articles may be found at the Abandoned Mine Posts blog site: www.amp.wpcamr.org.

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 was held at the Radisson in Greentree/Pittsburgh, June 5-11, 2010. The theme was: "Bridging Mining Reclamation, Science, and the Community". The PA AMR Conference portion of the Joint Conference was referred to as the "Science, Community and Reclamation" (SCR) Track. The SCR Track was three days long and had approximately 30 different presentations. Presentations can be downloaded at: <http://www.pghminingreclamationconf.com/>. The Prime Sponsor of the conference was CONSOL Energy.

My preparations for the Conference during this quarter included but were not limited to:

1. I attended all 5 days of the event
2. Setting up
3. Attending planning committee meetings
4. working at the registration table
5. moderating sessions
6. aiding presenters
7. attended the CONSOL Marcellus gas field trip
8. made flyers and posters
9. set up our display
10. collected presentations for the website

2010 OHIO RIVER WATERSHED CELEBRATION

The event is to take place in September 15th, 2010. There will be two boats again this year, one for the adults to network and the other for school children. My involvement this past quarter include hunting additional displays from watersheds outside of Pennsylvania, securing a fish tank for the dock, and getting a contact with Allegheny front for advertising.

ARIPPA 20th ANNIVERSARY AWARD RFP

We have spoken with applicants and collected applications for the past month. The application deadline was July 30th, 2010. We received 8 applications. The review committee met to discuss the applications and make recommendations.

BENEFICIAL USE OF COAL ASH CAMPAIGN

No news to report.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Andy and I are reviewing the 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.

319 GRANT DELIVERABLES

Over the next three years, our deliverables include three education projects that WPCAMR and EPCAMR will jointly engage. WPCAMR will be directing short films as an outreach tool to watershed organizations grappling with treatment solutions to acid mine drainage. During this month, it was decided that our first film will discuss the origins and formation of abandoned mine drainage. EPCAMR will develop a companion document as their portion of this deliverable.

We have gathered a project steering committee made up of Andy and I, Robert Hughes and Mike Hewitt of EPCAMR, Donna Carnahan of DEP, Kelly Williams of the Clearfield Conservation District, and Rachel Kester of Trout Unlimited. With our committee, we have had several phone conferences and meetings. Carnahan, Williams, and Kester were all asked to serve on our committee because the Clearfield Conservation District is the recipient of an educational grant that was supposed to be making a similar film. When we learned that we were both doing the same thing, we decided to work together. By combining our efforts, Carnahan will be able to provide some more advanced filming equipment and help with publication and distribution.

In order to prepare for the production of the video, I spent the majority of this quarter on this project. I began researching documentary productions techniques, learning how to use the equipment and editing software, drafting the film script and storyboard, scouting filming locations, interviewing cast members, gathering props, and planning a filming schedule.

Most of the filming is completed.

We have set an internal deadline of September 15th, 2010 for the first film. I actually hope to unveil the first film on the Annual Ohio Watershed Cruise on September 15th and show it again at the annual Watershed Specialist training in October.