

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

PA AML Campaign meetings (2)
PA AMR Conference Planning Committee Meeting (6)
ASRS 2027 Conference planning committee meeting (2)
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Chronicles Podcast episode (3)
WPCAMR Quarterly Board Meeting (1 day)
Meeting with Eric Dixon of Ohio River Basin Initiative (1)
ARIPPA Awards luncheon (1 day)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Blackleggs Creek Watershed Association is interested in applying for a BIL/IIJA AMD/AMD grant for the continuation of the work being done in the watershed but is unable to manage the grant if awarded. SRI has agreed to be the applicant. In February 2026, we await review of the application. I am also participating in a capacity building project with Westmoreland Greenways to help get Blackleggs documents in order and plan for the future. In May 2026, They were awarded a WPC mini grant to develop OM&R plans for the treatment systems in the watershed. I helped them start to think about what will be in the plans. In June 2026, I started to review other published OMR plans to help them decide what their plans should look like. In July 2026, I continued to review other published OMR plans to help them decide what their plans should look like.

WPCAMR administered a WCAP grant for Elk County Conservation District. In May 2026, we awaited closeout of the grant. In June 2026, we received closeout of the grant.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Clearfield County Conservation District. In June 2026, we resubmitted application forms and budgets and awaited receipt of the contract. In July 2026, we continued to await the contract. I coordinated with OSMRE on an update.

WPCAMR and EPCAMR have been awarded a small grant to produce a podcast. In May 2026, we held one episode and I began working future episode outlines. In June 2026, we held one episode and I began working future episode outlines. In July 2026, we held one episode and I began working future episode outlines.

In March 2026, I applied for the BHE GT&S Watershed Mini Grant Program, administered by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, for new WPCAMR brochures and display panels. In July 2026, I designed 10 display panels and contracted FastSigns to print the display panels.

In June 2026, I attended one meeting with Eric Dixon of Ohio River Basin Initiative to discuss potential research in PA of the BIL/IIJA spending and how it benefits local economies.

In May 2026, One AMP was published to advertise for sponsorships and the opening of registration for the 2026 PA AMR Conference. In June 2026, One AMP was published to advertise for the NTPP course. In July 2026, One AMP was published to remind people of the WPCAMR board meeting.

PA AMR CONFERENCE

The PA AMR Conference will be held Oct 20-22, 2026 at the Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA. In May 2026, one meeting was held and I reached out to several possible presenters, coordinated with sponsors, and organized efforts with committee members. In June 2026, one meeting was held and I reached out to several possible presenters, coordinated with sponsors, and organized efforts with committee members. I began to work on the conference program and agenda. I began to organize the list of people requesting PDH certificates. In July 2026, two meetings were held and I reached out to several possible presenters, coordinated with sponsors, and organized efforts with committee members. I continued to work on the conference program and agenda. I coordinated the contract with the bus for the tour.

We have entered into an MOU with American Society of Reclamation Scientists (ASRS) for a joint Conference in 2027. I have joined the planning committee for this conference. In May 2026, I coordinated with ASRS on questions we have about the possible joint conference, one meeting was held with ASRS. In June 2026, I attended one meeting with ASRS to work on the conference. In July 2026, I coordinated with ASRS committee members regarding sponsorships.

PA AML CAMPAIGN

In May 2026, one meeting was held and I took minutes. In June 2026, one meeting was held and I took minutes. In July 2026, the meeting schedule was updated to be once per month. No meeting was held in July.

ARIPPA AWARD

In June 2026, I attended the 2026 Annual ARIPPA Awards Luncheon and gave a presentation on the 2026 awardees.

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No new activity to report

VIDEO WORK

In May 2026, WPCAMR continued publishing monthly livestreamed podcasts, uploading finished files to the EPCAMR and WPCAMR YouTube Channels and managing video files. I also published multiple shorts from the podcasts. I edited scripts for two videos for this 319 grant round including The History of SMCRA and The Importance of OM&R Funding in AMD Treatment and coordinated interviews with a couple people to be included in the videos. I also filmed interviews of experts that will be used in the videos. In June 2026, WPCAMR continued publishing monthly livestreamed podcasts, uploading finished files to the EPCAMR and WPCAMR YouTube Channels and managing video files. I began editing the video for two videos for this 319 grant round including The History of SMCRA and The Importance of OM&R Funding in AMD Treatment. In July 2026, WPCAMR continued publishing monthly livestreamed podcasts, uploading finished files to the EPCAMR and WPCAMR YouTube Channels and managing video files. I continued editing the video for two videos for this 319 grant round including The History of SMCRA and The Importance of OM&R Funding in AMD Treatment.