

# **WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report**

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## **PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:**

PA AML Campaign meetings (8)

PA AMR Conference Planning Committee Meeting (3)

Abandoned Mine Reclamation Chronicles (5)

Capacity Building session with Westmoreland Greenways (2)

## **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 January 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. We met once in November 2025 and once in January 2026. I aided Blackleggs in compiling information for their board member packet.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Elk County Conservation District. In December 2025, the grant contract ended and I began preparing the final report and all of the final forms. In January 2026, I continued preparing the final report and all of the final forms.

WPCMR is administering a WCAP grant for Cambria County CD for Victor 10 pipeline project. In December 2025, the final report was accepted and the grant was closed out.

WPCAMR and EPCAMR have been awarded a small grant to produce a podcast. We had two episodes for November 2025, one episode for December 2025, one episode for January 2026, and a recorded episode in November 2025 that we will use as a backup for the future. I am also coordinating efforts for future episodes. I also published multiple shorts from the podcasts in both December 2025 and January 2026.

In December 2025, I prepped one AMP for the announcement of the 2026 round of the ARIPPA Award. In January 2026, Three AMPs were published. I published one AMP for the announcement of the 2026 round of the ARIPPA Award. WPCAMR published one AMP to request action from non profits regarding pending legislation. I also published one AMP to announce the WPCAMR quarterly board meeting.

## **PA AMR CONFERENCE**

In December 2025, one meeting was held to wrap up the 2025 conference.

In January 2026, one meeting was held begin the planning for the 2026 conference. Venue quotes were collected, we chose a theme, and we began brainstorming presentation ideas. I reached out to several possible presenters.

We have begun conversations with American Society of Reclamation Scientists (ASRS) for a possible joint Conference in 2027. I have joined the planning committee for this conference. In December 2025, I attended one planning committee meeting. In January 2026, ASRS joined the PA AMR Conference planning committee to start discussions about important topics such as sponsors and registration costs.

## **PA AML CAMPAIGN**

In November 2025, one meeting was held. In December 2025, two meetings were held to catch up on any things that have been occurring. Andy prepared an advocacy letter to be sent to Congress, which I reviewed. In January 2026, four meetings were held. Andy prepared an AMP, which I published.

## **ARIPPA AWARD**

WPCAMR has remaining funds from the 2025 Award round. WPCAMR will be rolling over our remaining funds. In December 2026, I prepped an Abandoned Mine Post to announce the opening of the 2026 ARIPPA Award. In January 2026, I announced the opening of the 2026 award round.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN**

No new activity to report

## **VIDEO WORK**

In August 2025, WPCAMR began publishing monthly livestreamed podcasts. We had two episodes for November 2025, one episode for December 2025, one episode for January 2026, and a recorded episode in November 2025 that we will use as a backup for the future. I am also coordinating efforts for future episodes. I also published multiple shorts from the podcasts in both December 2025 and January 2026. I also scripted two videos for this 319 grant round including The History of SMCRA and The Importance of OM&R Funding in AMD Treatment. These two scripts will be built into videos in the coming months.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN DUTIES**

In accordance with action items outlined in the 2022 WPCAMR Strategic Plan, during the last quarter, I continued to monitor our progress with Strategic plan duties on a regular basis.