

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 (4)

ASRS 2027 Conference planning committee meeting (1)

Abandoned Mine Reclamation Chronicles (3)

Capacity Building session with Westmoreland Greenways (2)

Federal Fiscal Compliance Training Webinars (2 days)

Raccoon Creek Conservation Convening (1 day)

Westmoreland Watershed Networking (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 March 2026, The grant was awarded. 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 April 2026, I helped them complete BCO filing for both the Trout Nursery and the Watershed Organization and I helped them complete a WPC Mini Grant Application for OMR plans.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Elk County Conservation District. In February 2026, I continued preparing the final report and all of the final forms. In March 2026, I continued preparing the final report and all of the final forms. In April 2026, the final report was submitted.

WPCAMR and EPCAMR have been awarded a small grant to produce a podcast. In February 2026, we held one episode and I began working on three future episode outlines. In March 2026, we held one episode and I began working on three future episode outlines. In April 2026, we held one episode and I began working on three 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 March 2026, I worked through the Federal Fiscal Compliance Training Webinars partially hosted by the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

In March 2026, I drafted a presentation on WPCAMR programs and services for Westmoreland Watershed Association Networking Event, to be held in April.

I spent a good bit of time in March 2026 dealing with our grant for Microsoft 365, which my phone had locked me out of.

In April 2026, I attended the Raccoon Creek Conservation Convening, hosted by Independence Conservancy, Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, and many others.

In April 2026, I presented on WPCAMR programs and services for Westmoreland Watershed Association Networking Event.

In February 2026, one AMP was published regarding webinars and training on 2CFR200 compliance. In March 2026, One AMP was published to remind people of the 2026 ARIPPA Award application round. In April 2026, One AMP was published to open a request for proposals for presentations at the 2026 PA AMR Conference.

PA AMR CONFERENCE

The PA AMR Conference will be held Oct 20-22, 2026 at the Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA. In February 2026, one meeting was held begin the planning for the 2026 conference. Venue quotes were collected, a venue was chosen, and we began brainstorming presentation ideas. I reached out to several possible presenters. In March 2026, one meeting was held and I reached out to several possible presenters. In April 2026, one meeting was held and I reached out to several possible presenters, coordinated with sponsors, and organized efforts with committee members.

We have signed 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 February 2026, I coordinated with ASRS on questions we have about the possible joint conference. In March 2026, I coordinated with ASRS on questions we have about the possible joint conference, one meeting was held with ASRS and they also attended the PA AMR Conference planning committee meeting. I have begun receiving presentation proposals and coordinating with presenters. In April 2026, I coordinated with ASRS on questions we have about the possible joint conference, two meetings were held with ASRS to get an MOU.

PA AML CAMPAIGN

In February 2026, two meetings were held. In March 2026, two meetings were held and I took minutes for both. I also spent considerable time updating the campaign website. In April 2026, two meetings were held and I took minutes for both. I edited and mailed a letter to PA Representatives regarding the campaign's opposition to any future repurposing of the IJA Coal AML Funds.

ARIPPA AWARD

WPCAMR has remaining funds from the 2025 Award round. WPCAMR will be rolling over our remaining funds. In February 2026, I began fielding questions on applications. In March 2026, I continued fielding questions on applications. In April 2026, four applications were received. I did the administrative reviews for all of them and I organized the applications for the review committee and scheduled the review committee meeting. We have recommendations for the WPCAMR board to take action on.

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No new activity to report

VIDEO WORK

In February 2026, WPCAMR continued publishing monthly livestreamed podcasts. 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. These two scripts will be built into videos in the coming months. In March 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. These two scripts will be built into videos in the coming months. In April 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 recorded the narration.