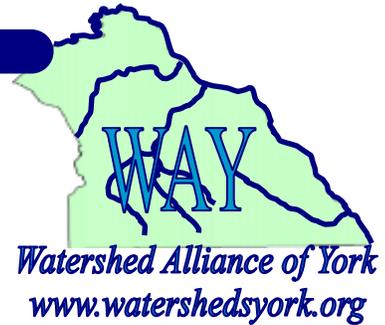


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- PAEE Conference - Mar 12-13
- PA Water Symposium - May 6

WATERSHED CONTACTS

COUNTY PLANNING - (717) 771-9870

CONSERVATION - (717) 840-7430

- Agricultural conservation planning
- Environmentally sensitive dirt & gravel road maintenance
- Environmental stewardship and watershed protection
- Erosion & sediment control
- Stormwater complaints

EMERGENCIES - (800) 541-4741

- Chemical and oil spills from transport trucks, trains and industrial facilities

ENVIRONMENTAL - (877) 333-1904

- Air Pollution from burning materials other than household garbage
- Illegal dumping of wastes
- Encroachment on surface waters and floodways
- Groundwater contamination
- Industrial sewage problems

- Mining/quarrying operational problems (800) 541-2050

• Pollution of water supply wells

• Underground storage tank failures

FISHERIES - (800) 541-2050

- Wildlife (fish, reptiles, amphibians) nuisance problems or to report violations

GAME & WILDLIFE - (888) 742-8001

- Wildlife (mammals or birds) to report violations or nuisance problems

ILLEGAL DUMPING - (877) 772-3673

- Illegal dumping on state forest and park lands

MUNICIPAL (Phonebook Blue Pages)

- Air pollution by burning household garbage
- Dumping waste in surface waters
- Floodplain disturbances
- Municipal and residential septic/sewage problems
- Stormwater management

NOXIOUS PLANTS - (717) 772-5209

RECYCLING - (717) 845-1066

WETLANDS - (717) 249-2522

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- CREP – profitable conservation program helps meet future cleanup regulations
- Sustainability Planning Toolkit by: ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA
- EPA Releases First-Ever Baseline Study of U.S. Lakes
- EPA Releases Final Specification for WaterSense New Homes
- EPA Releases National Water Program Research Strategy to Advance and Broaden Research Partnerships
- Preliminary 2010 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan
- Publication on the proposed TDS standards.
- PA Bulletin Online – www.pabulletin.com
- DEP eNOTICE - Regulation Update
- NOTICES – DEP Board and Committee Meeting Schedules for 2010 [39 Pa.B. 7249] [Saturday, December 26, 2009]
- Environmental Bills Await Action In Senate, House In 2010



WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM) – www.dickinson.edu/allarm

<> ALLARM at allarm@dickinson.edu or 717.245.1021. ALLARM Phone: 717.245.1135 fax: 717.245.1971

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay – www.alliancechesbay.org/

- Join the growing Chesapeake Watershed Network – www.chesapeakekenetwork.org/profile.htm?mode=getagreement
- <>Contact: Donna Morelli, Director Pennsylvania Office, 3310 Market Street Suite A, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011. Phone: (717) 737-8622 Fax: (717) 737-8650. E-Mail: dmorelli@acb-online.org.

American Rivers – www.americanrivers.org

- Help Your Community and Restore Your Local River – Learn more about this program and how to apply <http://www.americanrivers.org/our-work/restoring-rivers/dams/background/noaa-grants-program.html>
 - AARP Joins American Rivers in Promoting Volunteerism, Cleanups – Watch the video for this great new campaign and learn how you can help <http://www.americanrivers.org/newsroom/blog/american-rivers-teams-up-with-10-09.html>
- <> Contact: Liz Garland, Associate Director, Restoring Rivers Initiative, American Rivers, Pennsylvania Field Office, 355 N. 21st Street, Suite 309, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Phone: 717.763.0741

Capital Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D) Area – <http://www.capitalrcd.org/noframes/index.htm>

<> Contact: Susan Parry, Coordinator, Capital RC&D Area Council, 4750 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Phone: (717) 724-0009.

Carroll Citizens for Sensible Growth – <http://carrollcitizens.com/>

<> Contact: Deana Weaver at (717) 432-2211 or admin@carrollcitizens.com

Chesapeake Bay Foundation – www.cbf.org

- For nearly 12 months, CBF has been pushing the new administration in Washington to seriously commit to enforcement of the federal Clean Water Act. CBF members wrote thousands of letters to the new EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson urging her to make saving the Bay a federal priority. You certainly got her attention. We have just learned that Ms. Jackson will become the new Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council, the top leadership body for the government's program to address pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and the rivers and streams that feed it. This is a dramatic opportunity to achieve what we have all fought so long and hard to reach. But we know the forces that oppose such strict pollution reduction are powerful. They will be doing everything they can to weaken EPA's commitment to the Bay. What they do not have, however, is tens of thousands of committed members like you. You can put the voices of real citizens, not special interest lobbyists, to work. So once again, I call on you to write, e-mail, or call Lisa Jackson with your demands for stronger federal enforcement. Specifically I hope you will ask her to: Support the Chesapeake Clean Water Act introduced in the U.S. House & Senate, which will mandate a specific pollution reduction timetable, and Commit to a judicially enforceable settlement to CBF's lawsuit, which will complement the federal legislation requiring strict accountability on the part of EPA to enforce the Clean Water Act. If possible, please send or e-mail me copies of your letters, copy me on your e-mails, and let me know if you do call her office. We are interested in what you say. Thank you. - Will. To contact Lisa Jackson, call the Office of the Administrator at 202-564-4700, e-mail her at jackson.lisa@epa.gov, or write to her at: Lisa Jackson, USEPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Mail Code: 1101A, Washington, DC 20460

<> Contact Kim Patten, PA Deputy Director & Grassroots Coordinator, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 614 N Front Street, Ste G, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Phone: 717/234-5550, ext. 214. E-mail: KPatten@cbf.org. Web: www.cbf.org

Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership – www.codoruscreek.com

<> Contact: Michael Helfrich, Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership, at 324 W. Market St., York PA 17401. Ph: 717-718-5431. E-mail: info@codoruscreek.com

Codorus Creek Watershed Association – www.codoruscreek.net

- Jan. 11 – CCWA Member and Board meeting, 7:00 pm, at York Water Company's Mt. Rose Ave. Facility
- <> Contact: Jim Leaman at 843-2929

Conoquin Creek Watershed Association – www.conocreek.org

<> Contact: Gilbert Freedman, 49 Sample Bridge Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. H: 717-697-2513. E-mail: gil491@verizon.net

Conewago Canoe Club – www.conewagocanooclub.org

- Jan 7 – Club Meeting – Mount Zion United Church of Christ, 7:00 pm, at Ridgewood Road in Pleasureville
- Mar 20 – Super Supper Social TBD
- Red Lion High School Paddling Instruction Schedule online

<> Questions or comments e-mail me oc1mike@comcast.net, but remember you catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds (C-SAW)

- Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds (C-SAW) is a team of specialists who provide eligible watershed groups or local project sponsors Program Management and Scientific Technical Assistance through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) Growing Greener Program. The service is at no cost to eligible groups. <http://pa.water.usgs.gov/csaw/>

<> Contact: Michael Langland, langland@usgs.gov.

Deer Creek Watershed Association – www.harfordcountymd.gov/PlanningZoning/WRAS.

<> Contact Lee McDaniel at ldmcdaniel@aol.com.

Eden Mill Nature Center & Historic Mill - www.geocities.com/edenmillcalendar/EDENMill_New_W/Main_Indexx.html

<> For more information, contact Eden Mill Nature Center, 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, MD 21132. Hours of Operation: Office Hours M-F from 9am-2pm; Nature Center and Historic Grist Mill Hours M-F from 9am-4:30pm, Sat. from 10am-3pm, and Sun from 1pm-5pm. As always, please call ahead to confirm 410-836-3050 or emailing edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com

Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County – www.farmtrust.org

- Preserving York County: 2010 Municipal Official Educational Series (7:00 p.m.)
 - Jan 14 – Environmental Advisory Councils, Codorus State Park Visitor Center, Hanover
 - Jan 21 – Transfer of Development Rights, Ag & Industry Museum, City of York
 - Jan 28 – Impaired Waters & Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), Nixon Park, Jacobus
 - Feb 4 – Stream Best Management Practices, Codorus Valley Corporate Center, Leaders Heights
 - Feb 11 – Updating Municipal Landscape Ordinances, York County ANNEX, York
 - Feb 18 – Growing Greener – Conservation By Design, John Wright Factory, Wrightsville
 - Feb 25 – Agricultural Zoning, York County 4-H Center, Spring Grove
 - Mar 4 – Open Space Community Investment, Camp Tuckahoe, Dillsburg
 - Mar 11 – Sustainable Forestry, Nixon Park, Jacobus

<> Contact: Sean Kenny at Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County • 156 North George Street • Suite 300 • York, PA 17401 • Phone (717) 843-4411 • Fax (717) 854-7452

or skenny@farmtrust.org

Friends of Codorus State Park – www.friends-of-codorus.org/

<> For more information contact Becky Miller at 632-6747 or email beckymill1@juno.com or Dave Carbaugh at 637-9875 or email carbaugh3@embarqmail.com

Greater Hanover Alliance – pwingert@legacycaps.com

<> Contact: G. Paige Wingert, President, Greater Hanover Alliance, Inc., Hanover, PA 17331. Ph :(717) 630-0892.

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy – www.gunpowderfalls.org

- Most all of you have indicated an interest in volunteering for the Jennifer Branch Upland Restoration and Preservation Project in Carney and Cub Hill. The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) will begin this project with an upland assessment in this community on Jan 15th and 16th. The Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) will be leading this assessment and provide hands on training to GVC staff and community volunteers. There will be 3 assessments and one storm water retrofit inventory done. This work will include documenting pollution prevention problems and identifying restoration opportunities in the community such as locations for tree plantings, storm drain marking, rain gardens, rain barrel installations, bay wise yards and permaculture gardens. On Jan 15 we will need 7 to 8 volunteers, and on Jan 16 we need 4 to 5 volunteers. We will begin at 8:30 or 9:00 am, and end around 4:30 pm on both days. Volunteers need to dress warmly since we will get in and out of the cars. (The snow dates are Jan 22 and 23.). If you can only volunteer for half of a day, we can try to accommodate you by stopping at lunch time, around 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm, and then replacing you with someone else who can only volunteer half the day. GVC will give first priority to those volunteers who live in Carney/Cub Hill area, and secondly to those who are project partners. All others are welcome as well if we still have room for more volunteers. If you wish to volunteer, please let me know by Jan 8th. I ask you to indicate if you live in Carney or Cub Hill, which day you wish to volunteer, or both, and the time commitment that you can make (half or full day). I will let those who wish to volunteer know the location and meeting time for both dates in a later email. We will decide whether to bring lunches or determine a lunch meeting location later. Thank you again for your interest in volunteering with the GVC and CWP for our upland assessment. I look forward to working with you.
- GUNPOWDER VALLEY CONSERVANCY 2010 Calendar of Events – GVC invites volunteers and participants to attend all starred events:
 - Feb 20, 10 – 2 pm, Jennifer Branch Kick Off, Christus Victor Lutheran
 - Mar 13, 10 – 2 pm, Stream Watch Training, TBD
 - Mar 20, 10 – 12 noon, Rain Barrel Workshop, TBD
 - Apr 10, 9 – 12 noon, Project Clean Stream, Gunpowder Watershed
 - May 29, 10 – 2 pm, Stream Watch Training, TBD
 - Jun 19, 10 – 12 noon, Rain Barrel Workshop, TBD

<> TO VOLUNTEER OR REGISTER FOR FREE or for more information contact Peggy Perry, Program Director for Gunpowder Valley Conservancy at 410-668-0118 or email little-owl@msn.com.

Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education – www.hornfarmcenter.org

<> Contact: Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education, 4945 Horn Road, York, PA 17406. Phone: (717)654-0571. Email: info@hornfarmcenter.org. Web: www.hornfarmcenter.org.

Izaak Walton League York Chapter– www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/

• Calendar of events 2009 - www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/id21.html

• Club Open Meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

<> Contact: York Chapter #67 IWLA, 7131 Ironstone Hill Road, Dallastown, PA 17313. Club Grounds Phone: 717-428-2000

*Leave a message for the Committee Contact or Club Officer you are trying to reach. Committee Contacts & Club Officers are listed on the Club Information Page. If no phone or email address is listed contact club grounds phone number.

Kings Gap Environmental Education Center – www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/kingsgap.aspx

Sitting astride South Mountain, Kings Gap offers a panoramic view of the Cumberland Valley. Sixteen miles of hiking trails interconnect three main areas and are open year-round. Kings Gap offers environmental education programs from the pre-school environmental awareness program to environmental problem solving programs. Visit our calendar of events online at

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/list.asp?ICSORG=6320>.

<> For more information and how to register, contact Kings Gap at (717) 486-3799. E-mail kingsgapsp@state.pa.us

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper – www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org

• I was out taking footage of some poor farming practices that are polluting the Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay. The farm operation in this video actually put tons of manure on top of a foot of snow. Then, the rain on Christmas Night turned it all into a soup draining into the local stream. Please see my new video below, "Lancaster Dairy Present to the Chesapeake. Got Manure?"

<http://www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org/>

<> Contact: Michael Helfrich, Lower Susquehanna RIVERKEEPER®, York, PA. Cell phone: 717-779-7915 E-mail: lawsusriver@hotmail.com.

Maryland's Upper West Shore Trib Team – http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/tribstrat/upper_west/up_west_shore.html

• Jan 4 – Next Meeting of Trib Team, 5:30 pm, McFaul Center, Bel Air, MD

<> Contact: Mike Bilek, Tributary Team Coordinator, MD DNR, Tawes Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401. Ph: 410-260-8988. E-mail:

mbilek@dnr.state.md.us

Mason-Dixon Trail Society - <http://www.masondixontrail.org/>

• The next meeting and hike will be on April 17th at Chadds Ford Elementary School. Hike at 9 am, meeting at 2 pm. Check back for more details.

• We are seeking someone to act as secretary at our meetings. Contact Jim Hooper

<> Contact: James Hooper at james.hooper@worldnet.att.net.

Messiah College – www.messiah.edu

• Yellow Breeches Stream Restoration Project – Contact Dave Foster, Biology Dept.

<> Contact: Rebecca Owen, Local Community Service Director, Messiah College, PO Box 3027, One College Ave., Grantham, PA 17027. Ph: 717-796-1800 ext. 7255. Fax: 717-796-5221. E-mail: ServiceDay@Messiah.edu

Mid-Atlantic Ecological Landscapes Partnership [MAEscapes] – www.maescapes.org

<> Contact: 717-840-7408 or Connie Schmotzer at cxs51@psu.edu

Peach Bottom Concerned Citizens Group Inc. - www.pbccg.com

<> Contact Maria Payan by email pbccg@hotmail.com or mail: Peach Bottom Concerned Citizens Group, P.O. Box 307 Delta, PA 17314. PBCCG, Inc is a nonprofit organization supported solely by volunteers and donations.

PPL Environmental Preserve – www.pplpreserves.com

<> Contact: Karen Ament, Naturalist, Holtwood Environmental Center, 9 New Village Road, Holtwood, PA 17532. Ph: 717-284-6272 or 6274 or email pplpreserves@pplweb.com.

PSU Cooperative Extension York County – <http://york.extension.psu.edu/>

• NEW GROUNDWATER WELL RESOURCE - <http://york.extension.psu.edu/NResources/PvtWtrSpIyInfo.htm> .

<> Contact Jeff Myers, Director, 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402-9041. Phone: 717-840-7408. Office Hours: 8:00 to 4:30.

County Email: YorkExt@psu.edu.

Prettyboy Watershed Alliance – www.prettyboywatershed.org

• Our next Board Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the River Valley Ranch.

• Jan 16 – Alien Nightmares (Invasive Plants Workshop) 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Carroll County. See EVENTS tab for additional information.

<> Contact: Nancy Shaper at nshaper@ihmi.edu

Red Lion Area High School – <http://rlashnature.wikispaces.com/>

<> Project Coordinator: Sarah Warner, Global Biology and Science Technology Teacher, Red Lion. E-mail: warnerse@rlasd.k12.pa.us

Shank's Mare "Go Play Outside" - www.shanksmare.com

- Winter Program Schedule - See "Activities".

<> Contact: Liz Winand at 2092 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Call: 717-252-1616. Fax: 717-252-0403. Email: shanksmare@comcast.net

Sierra Club - Gov. Pinchot Group of PA - <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/pinchot/>

<> Kim Anderson at sgfornyc@aol.com.

Spoutwood Farm CSA - www.spoutwood.com

Spoutwood Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), established in 1996 is going into its 15th year of operation. Spoutwood Farm Center, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational farm in Glen Rock, PA (southern York County), is seeking highly motivated, highly qualified applicants for the following positions:

1. Spoutwood Farm Transitional Farm Manager. We are looking for a potential partner with whom to forge a working relationship for expanding Spoutwood's ground operations. This would involve working closely together with Spoutwood's owners Rob and Lucy Wood. The outcome would be a thoroughly-researched joint business plan. This is an ideal position for a couple who want to run a farming operation. The candidate(s) should be college graduate(s) or have similar levels of life experience. Previous farm or garden experience is required. You will be expected to hit the ground running, learn by doing, and take responsibility for CSA operations quickly. Spoutwood Farm staff will be on hand to provide orientation, guidance, and answer questions. Some involvement with other Farm activities - including Festivals and Education programs - will also be included. The Transitional Farm Manager will receive a salary, lodging in Dogwood House, and of course, free vegetables from the CSA gardens.
2. Two (2) CSA Associate Apprentices. These are also full-season positions. However, here again, Associate Apprentices are expected to take on significant responsibility. Some involvement with other Farm activities - including Festivals and Education programs - will also be included. CSA Associate Apprentices receive a stipend, and free vegetables, but cannot be guaranteed lodging on the Farm. We will endeavor to work with you to solve your lodging issues.
3. CSA Interns (one month to full season, number variable). CSA Interns are typically college students or older who are interested in experiencing community supported agriculture from the inside. Interns may assist with all aspects of CSA operations, but do not have the level of responsibility expected of Apprentices, and need not sign up for the full season. CSA Interns normally do not receive a stipend, but we will work with you to obtain credit at your school, if desired, and you will receive vegetables from the CSA gardens.

For all positions drive, dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm are essential. So is a sense of humor, and a willingness to adjust/adapt to rapidly changing circumstances and unexpected challenges. All candidates help promote Spoutwood's educational mission and its overall keynote of Hospitality. Note that all positions involve sometimes hard physical labor, in a wide range of weather conditions! Willingness and ability to work well with others, including one's fellow apprentices & interns, permanent Spoutwood staff, CSA shareholders, and the general public is vital. Please send resume and cover letter to Spoutwood Farm at 717-235-6610 or spoutwood@comcast.net.

<> Contact: Rob Wood, 717-235-6610, Spoutwood@supernet.com

Strawberry Hill Nature Center - <http://www.strawberryhill.org/>

<> If you have questions, we hope you'll email us info@strawberryhill.org or give us a call at (717) 642-5840.

Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area - <http://www.susquehannaheritage.org/>

<> Contact Mark Platts, Susquehanna Heritage Corporation, 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Office: 717-252-0229. E-mail: info@lyhr.org.

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership - www.susquehannagreenway.org

<> For more information about the Susquehanna Greenway, please contact: The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, 201 Furnace Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Phone: 570-522-7211. Email: greenway@susquehannagreenway.org

Susquehanna River Basin Commission - www.srbc.net

<> Contact Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102. Phone: (717) 238-0423. Fax: (717) 238-2436. Email: srbc@srbc.net

Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network - <http://www.susquehannasbn.org/>

<> Contact: Lydia Sadauskas, Executive Director, ssbn can be reached by...email: info@susquehannasbn.org, phone: 877-500-6552, mail: Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network, P.O. Box 42, Marietta, PA 17547

Trout Unlimited Codorus Chapter #558 - www.codorustu.org

- Jan 13 - Monthly Chapter Meetings 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., at Gander Mountain store - York (winter) and Sawmill pavilion (summer)
- <> Contact: Tom Finenze at 840-1372 or tom@codorustu.org. Cancellations due to winter weather will be announced here, and on WSBA Radio, 910 AM.

Trout Unlimited Muddy Creek Chapter #575 - <http://muddycreektu.org/>

- Jan 20 - Chapter Meeting at Collinsville Fish & Game
- Rivers Conservation Plan - Muddy Creek TU has contracted with local firm Bucharth-Horn, Inc. to help prepare the plan. The firm's project manager, Jayson Romig, will attend the public meetings and answer any questions you may have about the project. If you have any questions regarding the meetings, please contact: Mr. Maurice Chioda, Muddy Creek TU, at muddycreekt@comcast.net
- <> Contact: Ron Heuston, President MCTU, 244-1851 or Heuy1955@aol.com

United Way of York County - <http://volunteer.united-e-way.org/uwoyc/agency/>

<> Contact: Kim Goff goffk@unitedway-york.org

Watershed Alliance of Adams County - <http://www.adamswatersheds.org/>

- The Watershed Alliance of Adams County holds its board meeting monthly. Board meeting dates have changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month. All board meetings are held at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center at 4:30pm unless otherwise specified. The public is invited to attend.
- <> Contact: Michelle Kirk 717-677-4628 or email at: mkirk@adamswatersheds.org

Watershed Alliance of York - www.watershedsyork.org

- Jan. 6 - Meeting of WAY Board of Directors, 7:00 PM, at 324 W. Market St., York, PA.
 - STREAM CLEANUPS - Got a stream needing cleaned up? Contact WAY to help coordinate and finance your cleanup.
 - COMMUNITY EVENTS - Got a community event planned for 2010 that you would like WAY to exhibit its display? Contact us.
 - SPEAKERS BUREAU - Need a speaker for your event? Contact WAY's speakers bureau composed of local experts in watershed-based planning, restoration and planning.
 - WAY E-News is published by the Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. to inform the public about news and information that affect York County watersheds and beyond. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND E-MAIL LIST. Contributions of news, events and information relating to watershed education, funding, planning, restoration, protection, and stewardship welcome. Send contribution to and contact us for mailing list additions/changes to the e-mail address below. Distribution: electronic (1,000+). Frequency: bi-weekly. Subscription: No charge. Editor: Gary R. Peacock.
 - www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter WAY as the charity you want to support.
- <> Contact: Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. (WAY), C/o York County Conservation District, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402. Phone: (717) 840-7430. Facsimile: (717) 755-0301. E-mail: gpeacock@yorkccd.org

Yellow Breeches Watershed Association - www.ybwa.org

- <> Contact: John Eby, President, at john_eby@lower-allen.pa.us

York-Adams Regional Smart Growth Coalition - www.yorkadamssmartgrowth.org

- Watch for our new website launch in early January 2010!
- <> Contact Shanna M. Wiest, Government Affairs Director, REALTORS Association of York & Adams Counties, Inc. 901 Smile Way York, PA 17404. Phone: (717) 843-7891. Fax: (717) 854-0720. <http://www.rayac.com>

York Audubon Society - <http://www.yorkaudubon.org/>

- Jan 9 - Gettysburg Battlefield wildlife tour with licensed Battlefield guide David Weaver. Fee required. Meet at 1:00 P.M. at Park Service Visitors' Center's front desk on Route 97, 1 mile south of Gettysburg square. Coordinator: Tish Swam. 717-235-2578.
 - Jan 11 - Surprise! Our spicy friend Hank Kaestner will dazzle us with another thrilling presentation. Don't miss it! Luther Memorial Church, 7:00 P.M.
- <> Contact Tom Smith at 717-246-9767 or tls35@psu.edu.

YorkCounts - yorkcounts.org

- <> Contact James DeBord, Director YorkCounts, 105 Leader Heights Road, Suite #2, York, PA 17403. P: 717/650-1500. C: 717/475-6785. Web: www.yorkcounts.org

York County - www.york-county.org

- <> Contact the Board of Commissioners, Administrative Center, 28 East Market St. York, PA 17401-1588. Phone: 717-771-9964.

York County Agriculture Business Council

- Jan 27 - 24th Annual Agricultural Recognition Banquet 5:45pm, York Expo Center Old Main Hall
- <> Contact Michelle Grove, 1500 Felton Rd., Felton, PA 17322. Ph: (717) 246-3578. Em: ycabc@comcast.net

York County Agriculture Land Preservation Board - www.york-county.org

- <> Contact Patricia McCandless, Director, 118 Pleasant Acres Road (Suite F), York, PA 17402. Hours of Operation (for business office): 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Phone: 717-840-7400. E-mail: PMcCandless@york-county.org

York County Community Foundation - www.yccf.org

- Grants Strengthen Area Nonprofits - York County Community Foundation recently awarded \$32,000 in grants to strengthen local nonprofits.
 - \$10,000 grant to [Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area](#)
 - \$1,000 grant to the North East Neighborhood Association
 - \$10,000 grant to [York College of Pennsylvania's Nurse Managed Wellness Centers](#)
 - \$1,000 to [Susquehanna Senior Center](#)
 - Up to \$10,000 to the [York County Rail Trail Authority](#)

Congratulations to these deserving nonprofits! Please click on the link below to read more details about the grants.

- If your municipality or organization would like to partner on a project, sponsor a project, or need free technical assistance leveraging resources to implement a project the York County Community Foundation's Codorus Endowment can help. Contact: Jake Romig, Coordinator, 848-4717 or e-mail jakeromig@ecoconstructionllc.net
- <> Contact Jane Sload at 717.848.3733 or jsload@yccf.org.

York County Conservation Alliance - www.yorkcountyconservationalliance.org

- YCCA signed on to Comments on the Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement on the Oil, Gas, and Solution Mining Regulatory Program
- <> Contact: Jane Heller at info@yorkcountyconservationalliance.org or 717-845-3797, or mail to YCCA - 543 Dupont Ave, York, Pa. 17403

York County Conservation District - www.yorkccd.org

- Jan. 8 - District Board of Directors meeting, 11:00 AM, at ANNEX
- Have you entered our state-wide Student Wildlife Art Contest yet? Get published in a professional wildlife book! Deadline April 1, 2010. Check out rules online at www.yorkccd.org
- Rain Barrels For Sale - High quality HDPE construction, 60 and 80 gallon sizes. Order by calling 717-840-7430 or online at www.yorkccd.org. District donates \$50 per sale to restoring headwater streams
- Annual Native Tree & Shrub and Fruiting Plant Sale - April 16 delivery. Orders being taken beginning January 1 to March 26, 2010. Order by calling 717-840-7430 or online at www.yorkccd.org
- Disney Announces New Friends for Change Grants for Youth-Led Environmental Service Projects - January 29 Deadline
One hundred and fifty grants of \$500 will be awarded to schools, organizations, and individuals planning service projects to make environmentally friendly changes in their communities. The grant program is open to schools, organizations, and individuals planning service projects. To be eligible, projects will need to be done any time during 2010 and should include one service or celebratory component on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, an annual campaign that mobilizes young people around the world to make a positive impact in their communities. If a school group wants to use funds to purchase trees/seedling we would be glad to coordinate efforts with our tree sale.
- <> Contact Mark Kimmel, District Manager, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402. Phone: 717-840-7430. E-mail Yorkccd@yorkccd.org. Office hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM weekdays.

York County Planning Commission - www.ycpc.org

- January 1 - Office Closed to observe New Years Day
- January 5 - York County Planning Commission Meeting
- January 6 - York County Commissioner's Meeting
- January 6 - LTAP Class - [Asphalt Roads](#)
- January 7 - York County Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) Technical Committee Meeting
- January 13 - York County Commissioner's Meeting
- January 18 - Office Closed to Observe Martin Luther King Day
- January 20 - York County Commissioner's Meeting
- January 27 - York County Commissioner's Meeting
- January 27 - Local Government Advisory Committee Meeting (LGAC) Executive Committee Meeting
- January 28 - York County Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) Coordinating Committee Meeting
- <> Contact: 717-771-9870 or e-mail planner@ycpc.org

York County Parks & Recreation - www.yorkcountyparks.org

- Interns Wanted - College students seeking an internship in parks, recreation or related fields, consider York County Parks. Call (717) 840-7440 for further information.
- <> Contact ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS (Located adjacent John Rudy County Park) 400 MUNDIS RACE ROAD. YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17406-9721. TELEPHONE: 717-840-7440. FAX: 717-840-7403. Email: Parks@york-county.org

York County RailTrail Authority - www.yorkcountytrails.org/

- York County Rail Trail Authority monthly business meetings will be held at 7 PM on January 11, 2009 at our office (45 Cherry Street Seven Valleys, PA). The public is welcome to attend.
- <> Contact the YCRTA at 717-428-0999 or e-mail info@yorkcountytrails.org. Please contact the York County Department of Parks and Recreation for any information regarding the Heritage Rail Trail County Park. Phone: 717-840-7440. E-mail: parks@york-county.org



WATERSHED EDUCATION & OUTREACH

What We Do In 2010 Is More Important Than What Happened In 2009

(Pa. Environmental Digest) - "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -- Pennsylvanian and Anthropologist Margaret Mead. 2009 is easily the worst year in the history of environmental protection programs in Pennsylvania given the dramatic cuts in the budget this year, and the last six, the layoff of [DEP and DCNR workers](#) and the prospect of even more layoffs in the future. But that's not important. What's important is what we do about it in 2010. Read article... <http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=14454>

EPA Outlines Framework for Holding States, D.C. Accountable for Reducing Chesapeake Bay Watershed Pollution

PHILADELPHIA (December 29, 2009) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed the creation of a rigorous accountability framework for reducing pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and the region's streams, creeks and rivers. A letter sent today to the six states in the Bay watershed and the District of Columbia outlined a series of consequences EPA could impose if jurisdictions do not make adequate progress in reducing water pollution. Federal, state and local officials have been working together on development of the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), a pollution budget that will set limits for sources of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment to the Bay and its tidal creeks, rivers and bays. EPA is confident the collaborative work will continue and that the states and D.C. will successfully meet expectations for reducing water pollution. The series of consequences will serve as a backstop, however, to achieving water quality goals.

To help the states and D.C. improve the performance and accountability of pollution control programs, EPA will provide technical assistance and an additional \$11.2 million in grants for fiscal year 2010, more than doubling 2009 funding levels to the states. The funds are designed to improve permitting, enforcement and other key regulatory activities that increase accountability for reducing water pollution. EPA is creating the rigorous accountability framework for accelerating cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay and the region's waterways by utilizing the authorities of the Clean Water Act, President Obama's Executive Order and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Letters to the states and D.C. in September 2008 and November 2009 stated that the jurisdictions must create strategies and schedules for reducing water pollution loads as part of the accountability framework. While the six Bay states – Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia – and D.C. have considerable flexibility in how they achieve reductions, the jurisdictions must meet milestones every two years for implementing pollution controls. EPA may impose a variety of consequences for inadequate plans or failure to meet the milestones, including:

- Expanding coverage of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits to sources that are currently unregulated.
- Increasing oversight of state-issued NPDES permits.
- Requiring additional pollution reductions from point sources such as wastewater treatment plants.
- Increasing federal enforcement and compliance in the watershed.
- Prohibiting new or expanded pollution discharges unless sufficient offsets are provided.
- Redirecting EPA grants.
- Revising water quality standards to better protect local and downstream waters.
- Establishing finer scale load allocations in the Bay TMDL.

Within 60 days of receiving a deliverable – such as a plan, milestone or permit – EPA will provide an assessment. If EPA finds a deliverable inadequate, the state or D.C. will then have 30 days to respond. EPA will deliver its final assessment and indicate any consequence the agency intends to impose within 120 days of the original submission. The Chesapeake Bay TMDL will be completed by December 31, 2010. Under the TMDL, EPA expects the states and D.C. to provide specific timelines for enhancing programs and implementing controls to reduce pollution. By November 2010, the states and D.C. are required to identify gaps in current programs that must be addressed to meet pollution limits. Bridging these gaps may require expanding regulatory authorities, improving compliance with existing regulations, securing additional financial resources and issuing more stringent permits for wastewater facilities. By 2011, EPA expects the states and D.C. to divide their allocated pollution loads to the local level so that counties, municipalities, conservation districts and watershed organizations understand their role in meeting water quality goals. States and D.C. must also offset any increased loads from population growth and land use changes anticipated in the coming decades. EPA expects that pollution controls will be in place that should result in approximately 60 percent of the required reductions by 2017. All measures needed to reach the pollution load limits must be in place no later than 2025. To view the letter visit http://www.epa.gov/region03/chesapeake/bay_letter_1209.pdf

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Press Release Announces Bay Cleanup Legislation May Generate Millions in Revenue for PA Farms

A new analysis of the nutrient trading program contained in the proposed Chesapeake Clean Water Act has determined that Pennsylvania farmers could be paid as much as \$117 million annually to reduce nitrogen pollution, creating jobs and bolstering the agricultural economy. The analysis by the World Resources Institute (WRI), an international leader in market based environmental programs, found that water quality trading could potentially double conservation funding compared to what is currently available in the federal Farm Bill. Read more... <http://www.cbf.org/Page.aspx?pid=1536>

Ask Your Representative: Are You Really for the Bay?

Now is a critical time for the Chesapeake Clean Water Act. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) needs your help now to pass the most important clean water legislation in a generation. The [Chesapeake Clean Water Act](#), which is being debated by Congress, is critical for reducing water pollution in the nation's largest estuary. With two deadlines for cleaning up the Bay already blown, this bill would force an end to the broken promises by putting pollution limits into law and threatening federal penalties to states that fail to meet the goals. Sponsored by Senator Cardin (MD) and Congressman Cummings (MD-7), the bill has picked up [19 co-sponsors](#) in the U.S. House and Senate, as well as the support of 110 environmental and community organizations, including the National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council. But industrial-style farming industry groups are lobbying hard against the bill, falsely claiming that it will bankrupt family farms. In fact, the legislation is designed to boost rural economies. The bill creates a pollution-credit trading program that will generate about [\\$117 million a year to Pennsylvania farms](#) that meet basic standards for reducing runoff pollution, plus another [\\$85 million annually to Maryland farmers](#) and [\\$50 million a year in Virginia](#), according to an analysis by the World Resources Institute. "Our members have written thousands of postcards and letters in support of the bill, and we've met over and over again with the staffs of the Congress members from the watershed," said Doug Siglin, Director of Federal Affairs for CBF. "We are getting traction, but not as much as we'd like, and so we need you to help us," Siglin said. To find out if your member of Congress supports the bill, check our interactive map (<http://www.cbf.org/Page.aspx?pid=1467>). To find out how you can urge your legislator to back the bill, [check our action center](#). For more information on the Act, [see our fact sheet](#). To join up with our allies in the [Choose Clean Water Coalition](#) and learn more about how you can help persuade lawmakers to pass the legislation, attend the coalition's January 10 conference in Washington, D.C. For details, [click here](#).

Clean Water Network Unveils New Website

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Clean Water Network's new and improved [website](#). Thanks to the hard work of CWN's webmaster Gordon Culver, CWN now has a much more user-friendly and attractive site. We also have an improved members only section where information can be found on workgroups, the latest legislative initiatives, regional news and much much more. Visit <http://www.cleanwaternet.org/>

EPA Launches TMDLs at Work Web Site

EPA has released a new Web site which provides a collection of stories to inform and educate stakeholders about the benefits of developing pollution reduction budgets, or total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), to protect and restore water quality. The site provides fact sheets which are representative of TMDLs prepared by states around the country. These fact sheets illustrate how stakeholders can get involved in identifying and cleaning up polluted waters that do not meet their state's water quality standards. The fact sheets also give real-life examples of benefits citizens can enjoy from a cleaned-up waterbody, including enhancements to recreation or better quality drinking water supplies. The TMDLs at Work Web site is available at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/tmdlsatwork/>

"Water Is Worth It" Facebook Page Launched by EPA's Office of Water

On December 9, the Agency launched a new Facebook page, titled: "Water Is Worth It" to provide a public forum to share information, encourage discussion, and raise awareness about the value of our water and water-related resources. EPA will be regularly posting information and discussion topics, which Facebook users can have delivered to their virtual door by becoming a "fan" of the page. You can reach the page via the link given below, and we encourage all to post and interact as we discuss and learn about our nation's water and water infrastructure--and the many ways that Water Is Worth It! Resource: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC/EPA-Water-Is-Worth-It/175423483336?ref=mf>

Send WAY Your Videos!

- Of cleaning the creek video by Eli & Friends - Hello my name is Eli, from Central York High School, and I am contacting you because I want to watch a video of my group from school cleaning the Codorus Creek, so that you may refer it to other organizations who may want to help in yours, and our causes, (Of cleaning the creek). All we want is a cleaner creek, and we think that if the general public is informed about how dirty it is, they may be more likely to want to help, or even donate money. Thank you for your time, and a response back would be helpful, including your input about the video. The link to the video is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGpY1kWn1bg>
- Mni Tokahe Wildlife Habitat Stream Film by Matt of CBP – I hope that this video can help you spread the word about biodiversity and native plants more effectively in your neighborhood. The youtube video is here: (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BA9g1xWhqE>)

Christmas Tree Recycling – Jan 1–31

Kain Park, Lake Redman Activity Area York County residents may drop off Christmas trees for recycling at William H. Kain County Park, near the Lake Redman boat rental, from December 26 through January 31. All protective plastic bags, ornaments and tinsel must be taken off the trees. For more information, please call the York County Solid Waste Authority at (717) 845-1066.

Nominations Open for Richard C. Bartlett Award - Jan 15

Nominations for the Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award are now being accepted. The award is presented annually by the National Environmental Education Foundation to an outstanding teacher who has successfully integrated environmental education into his or her daily curriculum. The winner receives a \$5,000 award and a trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with national representatives from the environmental education community. Nominations are due Jan. 15. For more information: NEEF-Bartlett Award Website <http://www.neefusa.org/bartlettaward.htm>

Pennsylvania Biodiversity Workshop – Feb 11

The Pennsylvania Game Commission and Wildwood Park are inviting teachers to register for a Pennsylvania Biodiversity Workshop at Olewine Nature Center Feb. 11. Program participants will explore Pennsylvania's biodiversity through experiential activities that are correlated with Pennsylvania's Environment and Ecology standards. The registration deadline is Feb. 4; cost is \$10. Act 48 hours are available. For more information: Wildwood Lake – Events <http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events/>

Great Backyard Bird Count – Feb 12-14

Staff, volunteers, and visitors at Nixon County Park will participate in the 13th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count February 12–14, 2010. Join us during regular Nature Center hours, as we study and observe winter birds. Special programs will be held at the Nature Center during the Great Backyard Bird Count weekend (see page 4 for a schedule of events). Visitors of all ages will enjoy these programs. Participating in this special weekend is a great way to give something back to the birds we all enjoy. Volunteers in the Great Backyard Bird Count need no prior birding experience. Staff and experienced volunteers will assist new birders. Our Nature Center is ADA-accessible to accommodate persons with limited mobility. If you would like to volunteer or need more information about Project FeederWatch or the Great Backyard Bird Count weekend, please call the Nature Center at (717) 428-1961.

Outdoor Adventures Program Registration Open – Mar 1

Outdoor Adventures is accepting registrations from elementary school teachers for their students to attend a free, day-long outdoor education experience May 6 or 7. The program aligns with Pennsylvania academic standards for Environment & Ecology and Science & Technology, and is a joint project of the Kiski-Conemaugh Street Team and Natural Biodiversity. The deadline for registration is March 1. For more info: http://www.ohmonth.com/adv_teachers.shtml

Aquatic Ecology Workshop in the Amazon Offered - May 25

The Amazon Center for Education and Research, Stroud Water Research Center and West Chester University are offering "Water, People and Climate Change: Future of the Amazon Rainforest," an aquatic ecology workshop in Peru, May 25 –June 4. Academic credits are available; cost is \$2,590. For more information: ACEER – Workshops <http://www.wcupa.edu/aceer/workshops.asp>

National Wildlife Federation Launches 'Eco-Schools USA'

The National Wildlife Federation has launched "Eco-Schools USA," the U.S. component of an internationally acclaimed program. The program provides a framework to help educators integrate sustainable principles throughout their schools and curricula. More than 70 U.S. schools, representing 30,000 students in 21 states, have already joined. For more information: NWF Eco-Schools Website <http://www.nwf.org/ecoschools/index.cfm>

Two New Freshwater Invertebrates Resources

Earlier this past fall, McDonald & Woodward Publishing announced its new environmental education initiative and the approaching release of four new interactive educational resources for use in identifying and studying common, widespread freshwater invertebrates of North America. The first of these new products, QuickGuide to Major Groups of Freshwater Invertebrates, was released in September. QuickGuide is an easy-to-use guide to identifying common, widespread macroinvertebrates to the levels of class or order. This week, Set One (Common Classes and Orders) of Flash Cards of Common Freshwater Invertebrates of North America was released and orders are now being shipped.

With each set of flash cards comes A Companion Reference booklet, which contains a glossary of 52 terms, diagrams of body parts, taxonomic classifications, and suggestions for using the flash cards. The second and third sets of Flash Cards of Common Freshwater Invertebrates of North America are now "in press" with an expected release date of January 2010. In order to encourage and facilitate the rapid, widespread placement of these resources into the hands of potential users we continue to offer, for a limited time, substantial discounts - up to 50%! - on the purchase of these items - and on any other of our publications if ordered at the same time. For descriptions of the products and terms of the discount offerings, please visit www.mwpubco.com/titles/invertspromotion.htm or contact McDonald & Woodward Publishing directly at 1-800-233-8787 or mwpubco@mwpubco.com.



WATERSHED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Pennsylvania Communities Eligible For Historic Preservation Grants – Jan 15

Communities leading the way in historic preservation in Pennsylvania are encouraged to apply to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for [historic preservation grants](#). Applications are due January 15. Cities, boroughs and townships that are designated by the National Park Service as "certified local governments" can compete for more than \$116,000 in available funds. CLG Grants are available to support cultural resource surveys, National Register nominations, historic preservation planning and development, archaeology, and staffing and training. Eligible projects must be undertaken between August 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011. Municipalities do not have to achieve CLG status by the time the grant application is due. But if awarded a grant, CLG status must be designated by the contract start date in order to receive grant funds. The federally funded reimbursement grant program requires a 50/50 funding match. Approximately \$116,750 will be awarded through a competitive selection process. Applicants for PHMC grants are required to use the web-based electronic grant application process ([eGrant](#)). For grant program guidelines and eGrant application instructions, visit the [PHMC website](#) or contact community preservation coordinator Michel R. Lefevre by sending email to: mlefevre@state.pa.us or by phone at 717-787-0771.

OCIA Accepting Applications for Scholarship - Jan 15

To encourage study and research in the area of organic agriculture, the Organic Crop Improvement Association Research and Education Board is offering a \$1,000 scholarship. Graduate students at any institution studying organic and sustainable agriculture are eligible to apply. The deadline is Jan. 15. For more information: OCIA Scholarship <http://www.ocia.org/RE/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx>

DCNR Recreation and Conservation Greening Webinar – Jan 21

DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation recently developed and published new Green Grant selection criteria and developed a webpage to serve as a clearinghouse for green recreation and conservation information. The Bureau is interested in sharing the new green selection criteria and webpage content with potential grant applicants who will be applying during the open application period extending from January 6 to April 21, 2010. The Bureau will be hosting a webinar training session on January 21, 2009, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. This webinar will be very useful for Community Conservation and Partnership Program applicants and others who are interested in greening their recreation and conservation sites. This training will specifically cover: DCNR's Green Grant Initiative; The new Greening website <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/indexgreen.aspx>; The Green Scorecard Tool, and Real world examples of practical and cost effective ways to green your recreation and conservation projects. Space is limited for this webinar so please register early. You can register by using DCNR's calendar of events by clicking this link: http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/view_event.asp?CalendarID=12823&Location=List. Once registered you will receive a confirmation email with the log-on information. The webinar is open to the first 200 registrants. Depending on demand other webinars may be offered. If you have any questions or problems registering, please contact Sherri Clukey at sclukey@state.pa.us or 717-705-8532.

Disney Announces New Friends for Change Grants for Youth-Led Environmental Service Projects – Jan 29

One hundred and fifty grants of \$500 will be awarded to schools, organizations, and individuals planning service projects to make environmentally friendly changes in their communities. The grant program is open to schools, organizations, and individuals planning service projects. To be eligible, projects will need to be done any time during 2010 and should include one service or celebratory component on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, an annual campaign that mobilizes young people around the world to make a positive impact in their communities. Link: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.html?id=278800021

PA Fish and Boat Commission Seeking Applicants for Grants – Jan 30

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is seeking applicants for Sporting/Aquatic Education grants. Grantees can receive up to \$5,000 for the purchase of equipment, materials and costs for field trips for aquatic resource education programs. Applications, available online, are due Jan. 30. For more information: PFBC Grants Website <http://www.fishandboat.com/promo/grants/sportfishing/00sportfishing.htm>

Landowners Urged to Apply for Funds – Feb 1

Landowners with eligible acreage are encouraged to apply for technical and funding assistance available through the Wetlands Reserve Program. The program is voluntary and seeks to provide the opportunity to create, restore, and enhance wetlands for long-term conservation and wildlife habitat protection. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1. Landowners who choose to participate may sell a conservation easement or enter into a cost-share restoration agreement with the USDA. <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2009/dec/20/landowners-urged-apply-funds/>

USDA Scholars Program Seeks Applicants – Feb 1

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced applications for the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program are being accepted. High school seniors, juniors and sophomores are eligible to apply by Feb. 1. The scholarship program, designed to expand diversity throughout the USDA, is a partnership initiative between the USDA, the 1890 Land Grant Universities and Tuskegee University. For more information: USDA Scholars Program Press Release

Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund Grants – Feb 5

The goal of the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund is to accelerate local implementation of the most innovative, sustainable and cost-effective strategies to restore and protect water quality and vital habitats within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The Stewardship Fund offers two grant programs: The Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant Program and the Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Program. Major funding for the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Innovative and Nutrient Sediment Reduction Program is now accepting applications for funding. Pre-proposals are due on February 5, 2010. Read More... www.nfwf.org

Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Program Grants Available – Feb 5

The Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, provides grants for projects related to conservation, recreation, historical preservation and the repair of institutional vandalism. Applications from political subdivisions and nonprofits are due Jan. 8 and applications from state agencies are due Feb. 5. Application forms are available online. For more information: PCC Grants Program <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=598231&mode=2>

The Five Star Restoration Program – Feb 11

A new funding opportunity exists for the Five Star/NRT Restoration Program. Applications are due via Easygrants (www.nfwf.org/easygrants) by Thursday, February 11, 2010. The Five Star Restoration Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships for wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), National Association of Counties (NACo), Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Southern Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), are pleased to solicit applications for the 2010 Five Star Restoration Program and Nature Restoration Trust (www.nfwf.org/nrt). The 2010 RFP and proposal narrative are available for viewing on our website at <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar>

EPA Seeks Applications for Environmental Community Grants – Mar 9

SAN FRANCISCO– The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is making \$2 million available in 2010 to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. CARE is a community-based program that works with county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities to help the public understand and reduce toxic risks from numerous sources. EPA will award CARE cooperative agreements in two levels. Level I awards range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and will help establish community-based partnerships to develop local environmental priorities. Level II awards, ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000 each, will support communities that have established broad-based partnerships, have identified the priority toxic risks in the community, and are prepared to measure results, implement risk-reduction activities and become self-sustaining. Applications for the CARE grants are due March 9, 2010. EPA will conduct three Webcasts to answer questions from prospective applicants about the application process on Feb. 2, 23, and 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. More information about the grants: www.epa.gov/care

WREN Watershed Education Grants – Mar 26

Application Instructions and Forms are Posted at <http://wren.palwv.org/grants/local.html>. Proposals due Friday, March 26, 2010. Rain Gardens ...Rain Barrels... Green Infrastructure ... Septic Education Programs ...Getting Residents to "get it" ...Water Friendly Ordinances....Better ag practices... Riparian Buffers...pervious paving...planet-friendly Best Management Practices....Enlightened local government leaders...Smart Water Management ... Education ... Education ... Education! Looking for ways to launch a change? WREN Watershed Education Grants make a difference!

YOUR ORGANIZATION IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN "Give a Day. Get a Disney Day." - Dec 15

In 2010, HandsOn Network is partnering with Disney Parks to celebrate the spirit and power of volunteerism by giving volunteers free admission to a Disney park through the Give A Day. Get A Disney Day. program. As a HandsOn Network affiliate (or through your Volunteer Center & Volunteer Solutions), you can share join us as we inspire one million people to volunteer. Volunteer registration for Give A Day. Get A Disney Day. will open on Jan. 1, and the one million free tickets earmarked for this program will go fast with international media coverage and advertising beginning Dec. 28. We estimate that one million volunteers will access DisneyParks.com on Jan. 1, searching for volunteer opportunities. AGENCIES MUST REGISTER AND OPT IN ON THEIR OWN FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW AND BE PART OF THE PROGRAM. If you are interested, go to <http://VOP.HandsOnNetwork.org> and complete the registration process or for more information. Opportunities listed in the United Way of York County Volunteer Solutions database will be automatically transferred into the Disney database once participating organizations opt into the program. You can use existing opportunities showing on Volunteer Solutions or create a new opportunity in Volunteer Solutions to show on VOP. A short Agency training is also available at: www.handsonnetwork.org/disney/training . For more information on the program, visit: www.disneyparks.com



WATERSHED FACILITATION ASSISTANCE

Watershed Academy Presents a Webcast the Draft Findings of the National Lakes Assessment – Jan 5

EPA's Watershed Academy will present a Webcast on January 5, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. eastern time on the first-ever assessment of the condition of the nation's lakes--the National Lakes Assessment: A Collaborative Survey of the Nation's Lakes. This draft report is available for public review and comment at: www.epa.gov/lakessurvey (direct link: http://www.epa.gov/lakessurvey/pdf/nla_report_low_res.pdf). The survey results indicate that 56 percent of the nation's lakes support healthy biological communities. The report identifies poor lakeshore habitat conditions and high levels of nutrients as widespread stressors impacting lake water quality in the United States. The National Lakes Assessment(NLA) is the latest in a series of surveys of the nation's aquatic resources being conducted by EPA and its state and tribal partners. Sarah Lehman, Team Leader for National Aquatic Resource Surveys, Monitoring Branch, U.S. EPA's Office of Water will provide an overview of the aquatic resource surveys and an introduction to the NLA. Neil Kamman, Chief, Water Quality Monitoring, Assessment and Planning, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation will summarize

key findings of the draft report and policy implications. Mr. Kamman served on a detail to EPA for more than a year to manage the analysis and reporting of the NLA. Register for the Webcast at: www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts

1st Annual Choose Clean Water- Chesapeake Restoration Conference – Jan10-12

The Chesapeake Coalition announces the 1st Annual Choose Clean Water- Chesapeake Restoration Conference. Registration for the Conference is now open. Reserve your spot today! Registration is [now open](#) for the 1st Annual Choose Clean Water conference. First Annual Choose Clean Water Conference at the Renaissance M Street Hotel • Washington, DC. January 10-12, 2010 Visit our website at www.choosecleanwater.org and go the "Events" tab to sign up today! Registration is available for both the conference as well as discounted hotel accommodations, all taking place the Renaissance M Street Hotel in Washington, DC. We have secured a great hotel discount for you, so don't delay, register today!

'Introduction to GIS and Community Analysis' Workshops – Jan 12

"Mapping Pennsylvania Communities: Introduction to GIS and Community Analysis" is a workshop designed to teach participants how to use ArcGIS software to analyze their communities. The workshops will be in Pittsburgh Jan. 13 and 14, and Philadelphia Jan. 22. The workshops are presented by New Urban Research Inc. Cost is \$495. For more information: New Urban Research Workshops <http://www.urban-research.info/workshops/pennsylvania-gis.htm>

Climate Change Impacts on Water: An International Adaptation Forum – Jan 27-29

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, the Water Research Foundation, the International Water Association, the Water Utility Climate Alliance and the American Water Works Association will host the Climate Change Impacts on Water: An International Adaptation Forum on January 27-29, 2010 in Washington, D.C. The forum is designed to encourage water utility managers in the United States to network with and learn from their international colleagues while raising the profile of climate change related water adaptation challenges to American policymakers. The forum's closing session will include a declaration of adaptation principles for utilities to consider in moving forward to address climate change within their water systems. Following the forum, a compilation of case studies and best practices presented during the event will be made widely available. The forum is open to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater utilities worldwide. Elected officials and other government officials are also invited to attend. For additional information, visit: <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=751101>.

Registration Now Open For EPA Green Cleanup Symposium – Feb 10-11

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 is partnering with Drexel University to co-host a Green Cleanup Symposium scheduled for February 10-11, 2010. Area experts on green cleanup practices will be available for informational sessions, workshops and forum discussions during the symposium. Topics to be discussed include tools for long-term cleanups, green construction, life-cycle analysis and renewable energy at contaminated sites. The Drexel University/EPA website for the Green Cleanup Symposium provides biographies on speakers, session topics, hotel and local information, as well as an opportunity to register for the conference. <http://www.drexel.edu/cities/greencleanupsymposium.html>

From the Rooftop to the Bay Symposium – Mar 9-11

From the Rooftop to the Bay will be an intensive, interactive three-day learning experience specifically designed to help public and private sector stormwater professionals. This workshop will be similar in format to CWP's Stormwater Institutes, without the traditional introduction of basic stormwater management concepts. Concurrent "tracks" will be available throughout the three days so that participants may tailor their workshop experience. Participants will be free to attend sessions in any track they wish and may choose to attend either all three days of the workshop, only Tuesday, or only Wednesday and Thursday. Registration limited to 150 participants, so register now! Participants may attend all three days of the workshop (encouraged!) or Tuesday only or Wednesday and Thursday together. Wed. and Thurs. are a package. Registration includes: instruction, training materials, Continuing Education Units (if requested), continental breakfast, lunches, and snacks. Visit our website at www.cwp.org for registration and payment information. Full Workshop (Tu, Wed, Thurs) = \$350; Wednesday and Thursday = \$275; Tuesday only = \$175 (Discounted rate for Municipal Elected Officials \$50). Registration deadline is February 5, 2010. For more information visit www.cwp.org or contact Laurel Woodworth at lw@cwp.org or 434.293.5793.

PAEE Conference - Mar 12-13

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators Conference is March 12-13 conference in Blue Bell. Conference attendees will include classroom teachers, environmental educators, and representatives from various environmental agencies and organizations. Exhibits should address this audience and the overall mission of the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators. For more info: <http://www.paee.net/2010%20Conference/index.html>

PA WATER SYMPOSIUM – May 6

In celebration of National Drinking Water Week, the Pennsylvania Water Resources Research Center and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection invite you to the 2010 Pennsylvania Water Symposium. **The symposium will be held on May 6, 2010 at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College, PA.** The symposium will showcase water resources research and outreach being conducted by faculty, students, and professionals throughout Pennsylvania. This year's symposium theme is *Groundwater and Surface Water – A Single Resource*. The final agenda and registration information will be available in early February at the web site above. Based on the generous support of our sponsors, we currently anticipate a very low registration fee (less than \$20) for several hundred registrants. Questions about the Pennsylvania Water Symposium can be directed to Bryan Swistock (brs@psu.edu) or Stephanie Clemens (mwon@psu.edu).



WATERSHED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

CREP – profitable conservation program helps meet future cleanup regulations

(By David Wise Chesapeake Bay Foundation Watershed Restoration Manager) – President Obama’s Executive Order, the Environmental Protection Agency’s Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), and federal legislation reauthorizing the Chesapeake Bay Program all promise to heighten scrutiny on efforts to reduce nutrient and sediment loads into the Chesapeake Bay. When Pa. landowners look to agricultural technicians for compliance advice, one of the tools can be the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is a voluntary program that rewards participants for implementing conservation practices such as installing streambank fencing and planting native trees and shrubs along the edge of a non-forested stream. It’s one of the best economic incentive packages for practicing conservation in Pennsylvania. Not only is it a great program for farmers or landowners who want to improve water quality, but also participants are financially compensated for their good deeds. Streamside forests effectively filter the nutrients and sediment to help achieve pollution load reductions that the Environmental Protection Agency will be seeking. Also, landowners often see buffers as helping slow down stream bank erosion, and as a part of good stewardship overall. Landowners with grazing animals receive additional benefits as CREP will also pay to construct fences, stabilize crossings, and install alternative water supplies. Pasture improvements can help increase forage production by allowing farmers to rotate livestock between pasture units. Fencing keeps livestock out of creeks and helps protect them from diseases that can be transmitted by waterborne bacteria. Farmers with fields or pastures near a non-forested stream can take advantage of a popular option within CREP. CP 22 for “conservation practice number 22” establishes riparian buffers. For this practice, the program typically provides 90 to 130 percent reimbursement for installation and key parts of post-planting maintenance and provides additional annual payments to the landowner. Profits of \$2,000 to \$4,000 per acre over a 15 year contract are typical. Highly productive soils earn nearly \$6,000 per acre over 15 years. CREP participants receive free assistance to plan, design, and implement projects. Conservation professionals can help determine the best native plants to actively enhance fish and wildlife habitat on a particular property. For example, tree plantings to establish food and cover for game animals and the many song birds that use streamside forests. It’s important to note that landowners’ responsibilities do not end with installation. Conservation practices must be kept in good working order for the entire CREP contract. Federal, state and local partners help with the technical details of CREP. And, for the case of forested buffers, CREP can provide full reimbursement for work by professionals on key parts of post-planting care to assure project success. Enrollment information is available at 1-800-941-CREP. Callers will be directed to the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) to sign the CREP interest list, a step that gets things started, but is non-binding. Clean water is critical to the health of livestock and people alike. Forested buffers are clean water factories that help everyone downstream, all the way to the Chesapeake Bay. For details, visit www.creppa.org or www.cbf.org/CREP.

Sustainability Planning Toolkit by: ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA

The new Sustainability Planning Toolkit from ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA establishes for the first time the best practices to develop a local sustainability plan. With ICLEI’s toolkit, jurisdictions of all sizes can now follow a proven, straightforward, and flexible process to create long-term sustainability plans that bring together their individual environmental, economic, and social initiatives under one holistic vision. The toolkit, which has been developed for ICLEI’s 600 U.S. local government members, is based on the planning model pioneered by City of New York for its renowned PlaNYC sustainability plan. The toolkit was authored by ICLEI and developed through a close collaboration between ICLEI and the City of New York’s Mayor’s Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability. To reach their chosen sustainability goals, local governments can follow ICLEI’s Five Milestones for Sustainability process, which is the foundation of the toolkit. By following this process, local governments can create plans with strong, measurable goals that can be tracked over time. The ability to measure performance has been a key to the success of PlaNYC. Inside the toolkit, local government staff will find guidance on how to structure their planning process, what types of strategies and measures to include in their plan, step-by-step guidelines to achieve each of the Five Milestones, best-practice examples, checklists, templates, and guidelines for organizing a team to develop the plan. Visit the link below to view the toolkit’s table of contents, introduction, and related free resources. Only ICLEI member local governments, however, may download the complete toolkit. Resource: <http://www.icleiusa.org/sustainabilitytoolkit>

EPA Releases First-Ever Baseline Study of U.S. Lakes

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today released its most comprehensive study of the nation's lakes to date. The draft study, which rated the condition of 56 percent of the lakes in the United States as good and the remainder as fair or poor, marked the first time EPA and its partners used a nationally consistent approach to survey the ecological and water quality of lakes. A total of 1,028 lakes were randomly sampled during 2007 by states, tribes and EPA. The National Lakes Assessment reveals that the remaining lakes are in fair or poor condition. Degraded lakeshore habitat, rated "poor" in 36 percent of lakes, was the most significant of the problems assessed. Removal of trees and shrubs and construction of docks, marinas, homes and other structures along shorelines all contribute to degraded lakeshore habitat. Nitrogen and phosphorous are found at high levels in 20 percent of lakes. Excess levels of these nutrients contribute to algae blooms, weed growth, reduced water clarity, and other lake problems. EPA is very concerned about the adverse impacts of nutrients on aquatic life, drinking water and recreation. The agency will continue to work with states to address water quality issues through effective nutrient management. The survey included a comparison to a subset of lakes with wastewater impacts that were sampled in the 1970s. It finds that 75 percent show either improvements or no change in phosphorus levels. This suggests that the nation's investments in wastewater treatment and other pollution control activities are working despite population increases across the country. The results of this study describe the target population of the nation's lakes as a whole and are not applicable to a particular lake. Sampling for the National Rivers and Streams Assessment is underway, and results from this two-year study are expected to be available in 2011. The draft study: <http://www.epa.gov/lakessurvey>

EPA Releases Final Specification for WaterSense New Homes

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its final WaterSense single-family new homes specification today, creating the first national, voluntary, water-efficiency specification for an entire new home. EPA worked with hundreds of stakeholders over the past three years to develop this specification, which was designed to complement existing green building programs. WaterSense labeled new homes, which will be 20 percent more water-efficient than typical new homes, must be independently inspected and certified by an EPA licensed certification provider to meet the WaterSense criteria for water efficiency and performance. The new homes will feature WaterSense labeled plumbing fixtures, Energy Star qualified appliances (if installed), water-efficient landscaping, and hot water delivery systems that deliver hot water faster, so homeowners don't waste water—or energy—waiting at the tap. With this announcement, EPA is inviting home builders to join the WaterSense program and commit to building water-efficient new homes. More information on WaterSense labeled new homes:

http://www.epa.gov/watersense/spaces/new_homes.html

EPA Releases National Water Program Research Strategy to Advance and Broaden Research Partnerships

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its National Water Research Strategy to engage a broader range of researchers in meeting the challenges of protecting and improving our nation's water resources. The strategy identifies and promotes the research needs of EPA's national water program to potential partners. The strategy outlines the water program's four research priorities: healthy watersheds and coastal waters, safe drinking water, sustainable water infrastructure and water security. Each priority also focuses on five technical areas: aquatic life health effects, human health effects, method development, occurrence and exposure, and treatment technologies and effectiveness. The objective of the strategy is to diversify the science the water program uses to develop its regulatory and non-regulatory water management tools and decisions. Expanding the science base will expedite the production of the needed tools and help achieve faster and better-quantified water quality outcomes. More information: www.epa.gov/waterscience/strategy

Preliminary 2010 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan

On December 28, 2009 EPA published in the Federal Register the Agency's preliminary 2010 plan regarding developing and revising technology-based water pollution control regulations, called effluent guidelines. The preliminary plan is a requirement of the Clean Water Act, and describes the Agency's ongoing efforts to develop effluent guidelines. The preliminary plan does not contain regulatory requirements, rather it presents a process EPA is using to identify industries for further investigation and analysis. EPA will use these additional analyses to determine whether to revise or establish new effluent guidelines. In this preliminary 2010 plan, EPA states its decision to initiate an effluent guidelines rulemaking for the Steam Electric Power Generating industry due to the potential hazard to human health and the environment from the industry's pollutant discharges. The Agency is also publishing this preliminary plan to update the public and interested stakeholders on the results of detailed studies of the Coalbed Methane Extraction and Health Care Industries and a preliminary category review for the Ore Mining and Dressing (Part 440) category. EPA will accept comments on the preliminary plan for 60 days. For more information visit:

www.epa.gov/guide/304m/.

Publication on the proposed TDS standards.

You probably know folks to whom this would be of interest. The comment period has been extended through February 12, 2010. Resource:

http://nutrientwaterpolicy.aers.psu.edu/Pubs/TDS_highres_updateDec09.pdf

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DEP eNOTICE - Regulation Update

- On 12/15/2009, the [EQB](#) took the actions noted on the following proposed regulations:
 1. Administration of the Land Recycling Program – Approved
 2. Administration of the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act – ApprovedYou will be notified when the approved proposed regulations are published in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) for public comment.
- On 12/15/2009, the EQB took the noted actions on the following final regulations:
 1. Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Amendments – Approved
 2. Stream Redesignations (Blue Eye Run, et al) – ApprovedYou will be notified when the approved final regulations are submitted to the House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committees and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC).
- The following final regulations were published in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) on 12/26/2009:
 1. Safe Drinking Water Amendments.
 2. Underground Storage Tank Operators Training Requirements.Please access the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) for copies of the final regulations. The [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) is the official version of the final regulations until the regulation are codified in Title 25 of the [Pennsylvania Code](#).

NOTICES – DEP Board and Committee Meeting Schedules for 2010 [39 Pa.B. 7249] [Saturday, December 26, 2009]

The following is a list of 2010 meetings of advisory and other boards and committees associated with the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). These schedules and an agenda for each meeting, including meeting materials, will be available through the Public Participation Center on the Department's web site at <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us> (DEP Keywords: Public Participation, Participate). Prior to each meeting, the Department encourages individuals to visit their web site to confirm meeting date, time and location. Persons in need of accommodations as provided for in the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact the individual listed for each board or committee, or through the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 (TDD) to discuss how the Department may accommodate their needs.

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- Chesapeake Bay Advisory Committee – The Chesapeake Bay Advisory Committee will hold quarterly meetings on the dates as follows. Meetings will be held starting at 10 a.m. in the Susquehanna Room, South Central Regional Office, 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA, unless otherwise noted.
 - March 4, 2010—Room 105 Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA
 - May 3, 2010
 - July 7, 2010
 - October 4, 2010
 Contact: Bureau of Watershed Management, P. O. Box 8465, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8465, (717) 772-5649, davreed@state.pa.us.
- Citizens Advisory Council – Meetings of the Citizens Advisory Council meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA, except where noted. The meetings typically begin at 11 a.m. Prior to the meeting, it is recommended individuals check the meeting information on the CAC's web site at <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/cac/> under "Meeting Information" to confirm meeting date, time and location.
 - January 19, 2010
 - February 16, 2010
 - March 16, 2010
 - April 20, 2010
 - May 19, 2010
 - June 15, 2010
 - July 20, 2010
 - September 21, 2010
 - October 19, 2010
 - November 16, 2010
 Contact: Patricia Davenport, Citizens Advisory Council, P. O. Box 8459, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8459, (717) 787-4527, padavenport@state.pa.us.
- Environmental Quality Board – Meetings of the Environmental Quality Board will be held in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA, and will begin at 9 a.m. Meetings will only be held when there are a sufficient number of agenda items for consideration. The meeting dates are as follows:
 - January 19, 2010
 - February 16, 2010
 - March 16, 2010
 - April 20, 2010
 - May 19, 2010
 - June 15, 2010
 - July 20, 2010
 - August 17, 2010
 - September 21, 2010
 - October 19, 2010
 - November 16, 2010
 - December 21, 2010
 Contact: Michele Tate, Environmental Quality Board, P. O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477, (717) 783-8727, mtate@state.pa.us.
- Regional Water Resources Committees (for the State Water Plan) – Details concerning the 2010 meetings of the six Water Resources Regional Committees, created under 27 Pa.C.S. Chapter 31 (relating to water resources planning) to help guide the development of a new State Water Plan, are as follows:
 - Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee February 8, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Department Southcentral Regional Office, 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110
 Contact: Lori Mohr, Water Planning Office, P. O. Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063, (717) 787-4628, laumohr@state.pa.us.
- Statewide Water Resources Committee – Meetings of the Statewide Water Resources Committee will be held in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA, unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates are as follows:
 - April 28, 2010—Fish and Boat Commission Headquarters 1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110
 - September 29, 2010
 Contact: Lori Mohr, Water Planning Office, P. O. Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063, (717) 787-4628, laumohr@state.pa.us.
- Water Resources Advisory Committee – The Water Resources Advisory Committee meetings for 2008 will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. The meeting dates are as follows:
 - February 10, 2010
 - April 14, 2010
 - July 14, 2010
 - October 13, 2010
 Contact: Phil Consonery, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, P. O. Box 8466, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8466, (717) 772-2184, pconsonery@state.pa.us.

Environmental Bills Await Action In Senate, House In 2010

Dozens of Senate and House bills and other issues remain in Committee or on the Calendars for action covering topics as varied as recycling fees, water infrastructure, green buildings, biofuels, alternative energy and the box turtle. Here is a sampling of the pending bills and issues--

- Reports
 - Growing Greener Program: The House adopted [House Resolution 17](#) (Harper-R-Montgomery) directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review the Growing Greener Program and the Community Conservation Partnerships Program. The Committee's report is due no later than June.

- REAP Farm Conservation Tax Credit: The House adopted [House Resolution 127](#) (Levdansky-D-Allegheny) directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to determine the impact of tax credit programs on the Commonwealth's economy, job market and state and local tax revenues, including the Resource Enhancement and Protection Farm Conservation Tax Credit. The reports are due no later than March.
- Senate
 - Nominations: The Senate has 25 legislative days to consider the nomination of John Quigley to be Secretary for Conservation and Natural Resources.
 - Recycling Fee/Tire Piles: [House Bill 1768](#) (Wansacz-D-Lackawanna) further defining host municipality for landfill programs was amended to extend the \$2/ton Recycling Fee to 2020 and create a new Used Tire Pile Remediation Account to fund waste tire pile cleanups and reported from the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. The bill was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. [House Bill 961](#) (Buxton-D-Dauphin) extending the sunset date on the \$2/ton Recycling Fee to 2015 was reported from the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. [Senate Bill 886](#) (Musto-D-Luzerne) extending the \$2/ton Recycling Fee through 2020 and authorizing \$1.25 million from the Recycling Fund to cleanup waste tire piles was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
 - Flood Control: [Senate Bill 235](#) (Wozniak-D-Cambria) authorizing the use of non-structural flood control alternatives was reported from the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration.
 - Green Buildings: [House Bill 444](#) (M.Smith-D-Allegheny) requiring buildings built and funded by the Commonwealth to meet green building standards was passed by the House and is now in the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee for action.
 - Nutrient Credit Trading: [Senate Bill 767](#) (Vance-R-Cumberland) establishing the Nutrient Credit Trading Program in law and creating a Nutrient Credit Trading Bank is in the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.
 - Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Cost: [Senate Resolution 215](#) (Brubaker-R-Lancaster) directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the costs to achieve the Chesapeake Bay Program nutrient load reductions required by agricultural sources and to evaluate funding strategies is in the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.
 - Permit Extensions: [House Bill 1056](#) (M.O'Brien-D-Philadelphia) provides for a one year extension of any permit or approval issued by or for a municipality under the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, Clean Streams Law, Sewage Facilities Act, Stormwater Management Act or any ordinance of a municipality which expires after December 31, 2008 and before January 1, 2011 shall be extended for one full calendar year passed by the House and is now in the Senate Local Government Committee for consideration.
 - Open Space: [House Bill 951](#) (Dally-R-Northampton) providing additional tools to acquire and hold open space was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee and [Senate Bill 172](#) (Brubaker-R-Lancaster) further authorizing local governments to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space purposes was also referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
 - Traditional Neighborhood: [House Bill 1609](#) (Freedom-D-Lehigh) further providing for the definition of traditional neighborhood within the Municipalities Planning Code was reported from the Senate Local Government Committee and is now on the Senate Calendar for action.
 - Main Street Program: [House Bill 102](#) (Freeman-D-Lehigh) extending the duration of Main Street Program Grants was passed by the House and is now in the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee for action.
 - Historic Preservation: [House Bill 42](#) (Freeman-D-Lehigh) providing for Historic Preservation Grants was passed by the House and is now in the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee for consideration.
 - Box Turtle: [House Bill 621](#) (Curry-D-Montgomery) naming the Eastern Box Turtle as the official reptile of the Commonwealth was passed by the House and is now in the Senate State Government Committee for action.
- House
 - Green Schools: [House Bill 689](#) (Drucker-D-Chester) providing for reimbursements for schools which meet LEED green building standards was amended and reported from the House Education Committee and was referred to House Appropriations Committee.
 - Green Building Credit: [House Bill 43](#) (Harper-R-Montgomery) establishing a high-performance, green building construction tax credit was amended and reported out by the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and then referred to House Appropriations Committee.
 - Stormwater Planning: [House Bill 1390](#) (Freeman-D-Lehigh) authorizing local integrated water resources plans was amended to allow local governments to avoid the mandate for stormwater planning if the state does not provide its share of funding and reported from the House Local Government Committee and was referred to the House Appropriations Committee.
 - Open Space: [House Bill 1772](#) (Matzie-D-Allegheny) further authorizing local governments to hold open space for preservation was amended and reported from the House Local Government Committee and was referred to the House Appropriations Committee.
 - Nutrient Trading: [House Bill 1381](#) (DePasquale-D-York) establish the Nutrient Credit Trading Program in law is now in the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee for action.
 - DEP Special Funds: [Senate Bill 116](#) (MJ White) requiring additional reporting for DEP special funds was passed by the Senate and is now in the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee for action.
 - Keystone Fund: [Senate Bill 117](#) (MJ White) requiring additional reporting for expenditures from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund was passed by the Senate and is now in the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee for action.

