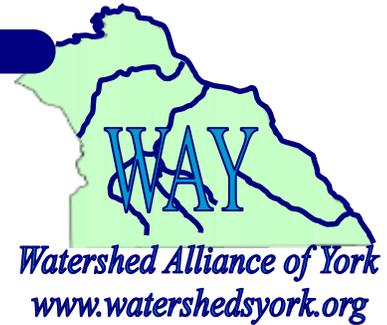


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WATERSHED CONTACTS

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

24-HR EMERGENCIES – (877) 333-1904

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

ENVIRONMENTAL – DEP-SCRO

- General Info 717-705-4700
- Director SCRO 717-705-47047
- Air Quality 717-705-4702
- Energy & Technology 717-705-4703
- Environmental Cleanup 717-705-4705
- Mining (800) 541-2050
- Radiation Protection 717-705-4704
- Waste Management 717-705-4706
- Water Supply Management 717-705-4708
- Water Management 717-705-4707
- Watershed Management 717-705-4704

FISHERIES – (800) 541-2050

- Wildlife (fish, reptiles, amphibians) nuisance problems or to report violations
- FISH KILL 1-855-347-4545

GAME & WILDLIFE – (888) 742-8001

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

ILLEGAL DUMPING

- Illegal dumping on state forest and park lands (877) 772-3673
- Illegal dumping York County 840-7687

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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[Ag Land Preservation Board of York County](http://www.york-county.org/gov/AUTH/agri.htm) – www.york-county.org/gov/AUTH/agri.htm

- For information about farmland preservation in York County contact Patty McCandless at pmccandless@york-county.org or call 717-840-7400.

[Carroll Citizens for Sensible Growth](http://carrollcitizens.com/) - <http://carrollcitizens.com/>

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

[Codorus Creek Watershed Association](http://www.codoruscreek.net) – www.codoruscreek.net

- Apr 16 – CCWA Meeting of Members and Board, 7:00 pm, at York Water Co. (Mt. Rose Ave.)
- Contact: Jim Leaman at 843-2929

[Codorus Endowment Implementation Committee](http://www.yccf.org) – www.yccf.org

- For more information, contact the York County Community Foundation at 14 West Market Street York, PA 17401-1203. Telephone: York 717.848.3733; Hanover 717.630.1843. Email: info@yccf.org

[Codorus State Park](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.gov) – www.dcnr.state.pa.gov

[Conewago Canoe Club](http://www.conewagocanoecclub.org) – www.conewagocanoecclub.org

- Mar 1 – Club Meeting – Mount Zion United Church of Christ, 7:00 pm, at Ridgewood Road in Pleasureville
- Questions or comments e-mail me oc1mike@comcast.net, but remember you catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

[Deer Creek Watershed Association](http://deercreekwatershed.com/) – <http://deercreekwatershed.com/>

- Contact Lee McDaniel at ldmcdaniel@aol.com.

[Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County](http://www.farmtrust.org) – www.farmtrust.org

- 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](http://www.friends-of-codorus.org/) – 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

[Gifford Pinchot State Park](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx) – www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx

- Event calendar <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/list.asp>
- Contact Elizabeth Kepley, Environmental Education Specialist, DCNR Bureau of State Parks/Gifford Pinchot State Park, 2200 Rosstown Road, Lewisberry, PA 17339. Phone: 717-432-5011

[Gunpowder Valley Conservancy](http://www.gunpowderfalls.org) – www.gunpowderfalls.org

- How to contact us U.S. Mail: Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, P.O. Box 9733. Towson, MD 21284. Or Assistant Project Manager Rachel Streusand rstreusand@gunpowderfalls.org.

[Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education](http://www.hornfarmcenter.org) – 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 #67](http://www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/) – www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/

- 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.

[Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper](http://www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org) – www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org

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

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

- Contact: RupertRossett, Tributary Team Coordinator, e-mail: RupertRossetti@aol.com

[Mason-Dixon Trail System, Inc.](http://www.masondixontrail.org/) - <http://www.masondixontrail.org/>

- Mar 24 - Next meeting will be in White Clay State Park, DE, details to be supplied later
- Contact: James Hooper at 717/252-3784 or j.e.hooper@ieee.org

[Mid-Atlantic Ecological Landscapes Partnership \[MAEscapes\]](http://www.maescapes.org) – www.maescapes.org

- Mar 17 – Strategic Planning Retreat
- May 19 – Native Plant Fest, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at York County ANNEX
- Apr 30 – Advisory Board meeting, 6:30 pm, York County ANNEX

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

[Peach Bottom Concerned Citizens Group Inc.](http://www.pbccg.com) - 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.

[Prettyboy Watershed Alliance](http://www.prettyboywatershed.org) - www.prettyboywatershed.org

- Contact: Nancy Shaper at nshaper@ihmi.edu

[Sierra Club – Gov. Pinchot Group of PA](http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/pinshot/) - <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/pinshot/>

- Monthly meetings will be held the last Tuesday of the each month at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Giant at 2300 Linglestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17110. All members are welcome!
- Contact GVP Sierra Club, P.O. Box 606, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0606. GVPSierraClub@email.com

[Shank's Mare Outfitters](http://www.shanksmare.com) - www.shanksmare.com

GO PLAY OUTSIDE!

- Visit the Susquehanna House and Lock 2 Cafe
- Outdoor activities <http://www.shanksmare.com/html/activities.html>
- Shank's Mare: Call Us: 717-252-1616. Email us: Shanksmare@comcast.net

[Spoutwood Farm Center for Sustainable Living](http://www.spoutwood.com) - www.spoutwood.com

- First Meetings of the Year Mother Earth Harvest Fair (To be held Sat, September 23, 2012) Sat, February 18, 3pm. Fairie Festival Meeting at 1pm. See You There.
- Apr 28 – Board of Directors meeting and strategic planning session, 9:00 Am to 4:00 PM, in New Park
- Contact Rob & Lucy Woods at Spoutwood Farm at 717-235-6610 or spoutwood@comcast.net.

[Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area](http://www.susquehannaheritage.org/) - <http://www.susquehannaheritage.org/>

- February 23 - Free Lecture - Connecting Preservation to the Community
- March 14 - Heritage Lecture - Sediment and the Susquehanna
- April 3 - Free Lecture - Four-Season Gardening: Helping Nature Year Round
- April 11 - Heritage Lecture/Book talk with author Jack Brubaker
- June 28 - Heritage Lecture - Gettysburg Campaign to the Susquehanna River
- September 27 - Free Lecture - Grounded Green Growing
- October 21 - Heritage Lecture - PA German Gravestones: Art & History in Stone
- 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](http://www.susquehannagreenway.org) - 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

[Trout Unlimited Codorus Chapter #558](http://www.codorustu.org) - www.codorustu.org

- Monthly Chapter Meetings 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., at Gander Mtn. (winter)
- 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/) - <http://muddycreektu.org/>

- Chapter Meeting 3rd Wednesday of month at Collinsville Fish & Game
- Contact: Ron Heuston, President MCTU, 244-1851 or Heuy1955@aol.com

[Watershed Alliance of Adams County](http://www.adamswatersheds.org/) - <http://www.adamswatersheds.org/>

- Meet the 3rd Wednesday @5pm.
- Contact: Adam McClain, Ph: 717-334-0636; E-mail: stilden@adamswatersheds.org

[Watershed Alliance of York](http://www.watershedsyork.org) - www.watershedsyork.org

- Apr 4 – Annual Meeting of WAY Board of Directors, 7:00 PM, at The York Water Company, Mt. Rose Ave., York, PA.
- GoodShop Deals for WAY - <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx>
- WAY E-News – 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 (1,850). Frequency: bi-weekly. Subscription: No charge. Editor: Gary R. Peacock.
- You can make 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](http://www.ybwa.org) - www.ybwa.org

- Board of Directors meets quarterly at Messiah College Library-Athenaeum Room 6 PM.

- Contact: Deborah Goetz, at deborah.p.goetz@gmail.com or phone 717-697-4734

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

- Mar 28 – Board meets from 9:00 to 11:00 Am, at RAYAC, York
- Contact Shanna 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/>

- Contact Tom Smith at 717-246-9767 or tjs35@psu.edu.

York County Conservation District – www.yorkccd.org

- Board meets 2nd Friday, 11:00 a.m. (December-March) and 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (Apr.-Nov.), at the York County ANNEX
- Rain Barrel Sale! Visit our website for more information and prices.
- Contact: YCCD at 717-840-7430 or yorkccd@yorkccd.org

York County Parks & Recreation – www.YorkCountyParks.org

- For more information, contact York County Department of Parks and Recreation, 400 Mundis Race Road, York PA 17406-9721. Phone: (717) 840-7440. E-mail: Parks@York-County.org. Web: www.YorkCountyParks.org. Nixon Park Nature Center, 5922 Nixon Drive • York PA 17403. Phone: (717) 428-1961. E-mail: NixonCountyPark@york-county.org.

York County Planning Commission – www.ycpc.org

- Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., except Wed. Nov. 1 at 7:30 and Tues. Dec. 1, 6:00 p.m., at 28 E. Market St., 2nd Floor.
- Contact YCPC at 717-771-9870 or planner@ycpc.org



WATERSHED EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Lee McDaniel Honored with National Association of Conservation Districts' Prestigious President's Award

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) honored leaders in conservation during a special awards banquet last night. The ceremony was part of NACD's 2012 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas and was moderated by National Association of Farm Broadcasting President Tom Steever. Lee McDaniel, NACD Executive Board Member and Deer Creek Watershed Association past president and board member from Darlington, Md., was honored with the prestigious President's Award – one of highest forms of recognition bestowed by the nation's largest private lands conservation organization. McDaniel, a beef and crop farmer, is deeply involved in conservation issues both locally and nationally. McDaniel serves on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Advisory Committee. He manages family-owned and operated Indian Spring Farms and has been recognized as the Harford Soil Conservation Farmer of the Year. He currently serves as chairman of the Harford Soil Conservation District. The National Association of Conservation Districts is the non-profit organization that represents the nation's 3,000 conservation districts, their state associations and the 17,000 men and women who serve on their governing boards. For more than 70 years, local conservation districts have worked with cooperating landowners and managers of private working lands to help them plan and apply effective conservation practices. For more information about NACD, visit: www.nacdnet.org.

Farm Bureau seeks summary judgment in Chesapeake Bay suit

The Associated Press via Philadelphia Inquirer - The American Farm Bureau Federation is asking a federal judge to toss out the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay restoration strategy before its suit challenging the effort goes to trial. The federation filed a motion in U.S. District Court in Pennsylvania seeking summary judgment in its favor, arguing the EPA has overstepped its authority by mandating the states develop and stick to tougher pollution limits.

DEP Awards 73 Grants to Protect, Improve Watersheds. But Growing Greener Is Broke

The Department of Environmental Protection announced Friday it will invest in 73 watershed protection projects intended to improve watersheds, stormwater runoff, acid mine drainage and educational programs, among other environmental efforts. This year, the [Growing Greener Program](#), which is funded by the Environmental Stewardship Fund, will award \$9.72 million for 57 projects around the state. The Growing Greener Program is now all but bankrupt and the program needs to be refunded. In this latest grant round, 130 applicants request about \$24.5 million. Applications came from counties, authorities and other municipalities; county conservation districts; councils of governments; watershed organizations that promote local watershed conservation efforts; and other authorized organizations involved in restoring and protecting the environment. A list of projects funded [is available online](#). For more information on Growing Greener or to see the complete list of grant recipients, send email to: GrowingGreener@pa.gov, call 717-705-4500 or visit DEP's [Growing Greener](#) webpage.

- YORK COUNTY - York County Community Foundation, Nixon Park Tributary, \$120,800

NFWF: Lancaster County Place To Watch On Reducing Pollution From Runoff

Over the last two years, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has [invested \\$1.1 million](#) in projects around Lancaster County that take a comprehensive approach to dealing with issues related to urban/suburban runoff. Three innovative projects in the area tackle different aspects of the stormwater runoff issue – on-the-ground infrastructure, planning and assessment and community engagement – and, when combined, represent a large-scale, holistic approach that can change the status quo on this problem. The Issue: During storm events, rain either filters into the ground or runs off. In areas of development – roads, parking lots, rooftops, etc. – rain cannot be absorbed into the ground so it flows off in sheets, picking up nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment, bacteria, metals and chemical contaminants as it goes. Velocity is also a factor since the faster runoff moves, the more damage it can cause by scraping away stream banks and filling the waterways with

sediment. In the end, the polluted stormwater flows directly into local streams or storm drains and is carried into local waters and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay. The Projects:

- Through its Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund, NFWF worked with area partners in Lancaster County to identify and provide funding for the best practices and initiatives that could improve stormwater management practices in the region. Better practices reduce the amount of polluted runoff draining off the land into the local waters.
- Projects to improve stormwater management in Lancaster County include: implementing a green infrastructure plan, retrofitting stormwater systems, and initiating community education and buy-in. Detailed information about these projects is available upon request.
- Recognizing that Lancaster County is largely comprised of agricultural lands, NFWF has also supported projects that have engaged 380 area farmers in putting "best management practices" in place on almost 40,000 acres of farmland. The collective impact of these activities is estimated to reduce annual water pollution by approximately 1.2 million pounds of nitrogen and 361,000 pounds of phosphorus.

Since 2000, the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund has provided \$68.9 million in grants for over 700 projects across the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The goal of the Fund is to accelerate local implementation of the most innovative, sustainable and cost-effective strategies for restoring and protecting water quality and vital habitats within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. To achieve this goal, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation partners with the Chesapeake Bay Program to engage in grant making, provide technical assistance to grantees, and facilitate networking and information sharing among grantees. Visit the [Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund](#) webpage for updates on grant availability and deadlines.

Smart Growth Tools too Weak, say Maryland Planners

Maryland planners consider the state's smart growth tools too weak to overcome citizen opposition and regulatory barriers, according to a new University of Maryland study based on interviews with a representative group of stakeholders. The report was commissioned by the Maryland commercial real estate industry and the Maryland State Builders Association. http://smartgrowth.umd.edu/pr_pfabarriers.html

Get Out There And Do Something!

Volunteer Maryland builds stronger, healthier communities by empowering all Marylanders to take action. Each year, we place AmeriCorps members in nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies throughout the State to serve as Volunteer Maryland Coordinators, bridging the gap between communities facing critical problems and citizens who want to volunteer to solve those problems. Since 1992, Volunteer Maryland has mobilized over 98,000 community volunteers. Volunteer Maryland is an AmeriCorps program of the Governor's Office. <http://www.volunteermaryland.org/index.html>

Game Commission Encourages Participation In Great Backyard Bird Count – Feb 17-20

The Game Commission Thursday encouraged bird and nature fans throughout the state to join tens of thousands of everyday North American bird watchers for the 2012 [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) February 17-20. A joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, this free event is an opportunity for families, students, and people of all ages to discover the wonders of nature in backyards, schoolyards, and local parks, and, at the same time, make an important contribution to conservation. Participants count birds and report [their sightings online](#). Participants are asked to count birds for at least 15 minutes on at least one day of the event and reporting their sightings. Additional online resources include tips to help identify birds, a photo gallery, and special materials for educators. Gross encouraged those submitting reports to the GBBC website to also contribute bird sightings by registering at Pennsylvania eBird website managed by the Game Commission. To submit sightings, go to the [Game Commission's](#) website. The data collected helps the Game Commission and other wildlife researchers understand the importance of particular locations to birds and bird population trends, information that is critical for effective conservation. These efforts enable everyone to see what would otherwise be impossible: a comprehensive picture of where birds are in late winter and how their numbers and distribution compare with previous years. Each year, in addition to entering their tallies, participants submit thousands of digital images for the GBBC photo contest. Many are featured in the popular online gallery. Visit the [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) website to learn more, including highlights from the 2011 GBBC.

Septic System Failures

Owning your own home is challenging enough, what do you do when it comes with its own sewage treatment plant? This article provides some clues for owners of septic systems who want to make them last a very long time. http://extension.psu.edu/water/discovery-watersheds/newsletter/news/2012/septic-system-failures?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+agsci-water-watershedwinds+%28Penn+State+Watershed+Winds+Newsletter%29

PA American Water Opens Protect Our Watersheds Student Art Contest

[PA American Water](#) Monday announced entries are now being accepted for its 10th Annual "[Protect Our Watersheds](#)" Student Art Contest. The deadline for submissions is March 30. All fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students in schools served by PA American Water are eligible, as well as individual students who live in the company's service area. The contest encourages students to draw on their artistic talents to convey the importance of protecting Pennsylvania's watersheds and water resources. This month, PA American Water is mailing contest applications to teachers in nearly 500 schools in its service territory. Winners will be selected based on creative vision, artistic talent, understanding of watershed protection and the ability to communicate that understanding. As part of their entry, students must write a brief narrative on the personal impact of watershed protection. First-place winners will be rewarded with a \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble. Two second- and third-place winners will be awarded a \$50 and \$25 gift card, respectively. In addition, the overall grand prize winner will have her/his artwork featured on "Bloomer" cards distributed by PA American Water. Bloomer cards are seed-filled packets that, when planted and tended, produce a variety of wildflowers. All entrants will receive a Watershed Champion certificate. Awards will be presented in May as part of National Drinking Water Week activities. Contest guidelines and entry forms [are available online](#).

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Summer Education Programs For Students, Teachers

Register now for summer education programs sponsored by the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#) for [students](#) and [teachers](#).

Connecting Faith Communities with Local Watershed Groups

When organizations are interested in making positive environmental changes, the Alliance is ready to help support their intentions. In this case the Alliance was represented at the Interfaith Leadership Forum, which discussed potential initiatives related to the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed, such as increasing awareness in faith congregations and moving them toward action. This is in line with our emerging partnership with the Chesapeake Covenant Community and other groups to explore how to connect these communities with local watershed groups. More about our new interfaith partnerships at www.allianceforthebay.org.



WATERSHED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Fourth Round of TIGER Grants Announced – Feb 20

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has announced the availability of funding for transportation projects under a fourth round of the popular TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grant program. TIGER 2012 will make \$500 million available for surface transportation projects having a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or region. High-speed rail and intercity passenger rail projects remain eligible for funding. TIGER 2012 will also provide \$120 million for rural transportation projects. Pre-application deadline: February 20, 2012; Full application deadline: March 19, 2012

Now accepting applications for 2012 Sojourn Grants – Mar 2

Is your group planning a River Sojourn for 2012? We are now accepting applications for grants to partly fund river sojourns during the 2012 paddling season. The grant application will close on March 2, 2012. Grants are made based on available funding for up to \$900 per water day. [Learn how to apply](#).

Coca-Cola, Keep America Beautiful Accepting Recycling Bin Grant Applications – Mar 2

The Coca-Cola Company and Keep America Beautiful, Inc. Monday announced a call for entries for the newly expanded 2012 [Coca-Cola Recycling Bin Grant Program](#), a program designed to expand and support recycling in communities across America. Applications are due March 2. The Coca-Cola Recycling Bin Grant Program is funded through grants from The Coca-Cola Foundation. For 2012, Coca-Cola has significantly expanded its investment in the Bin Grant Program to include both a specific college and university focused grant and the traditional public space recycling bin grant. Eligible grant recipients for the public space grant include government agencies, civic organizations, schools and nonprofit groups. Colleges and universities will complete a different application for the newly established grant dedicated to them. Successful applicants will be notified by Keep America Beautiful on or before April 22 to offer guidance, confirm their needs and solidify bin selection. Suppliers will deliver bins directly to the recipients throughout the summer. For more information visit the [Coca-Cola Recycling Bin Grant Program](#) website.

Audubon/Toyota TogetherGreen Accepting Applications For Fellowship, Innovation Grants – Mar 5

[TogetherGreen](#), a conservation alliance between the National Audubon Society and Toyota, is now accepting applications for its 2012 class of Fellows and Innovation Grantees. Applications are due March 5. The goals of the initiative are to foster conservation leadership, achieve conservation results, forge partnerships in communities, and engage millions of Americans in conservation action.

- Do you have a conservation idea that uses innovative approaches and technologies?
- Have you conceived of a unique way to conserve or restore habitat and protect species? Improve water quality or quantity? Reduce the threat of global warming?
- Are you interested in engaging a new and diverse audience in conservation action.

If so, consider applying to these two programs to support your people-powered conservation solutions:

- [TogetherGreen Conservation Fellowships](#) invest in individuals who are committed to empowering others and to creating positive environmental change in their communities and organizations. Fellows receive a \$10,000 grant to conduct a 12-month conservation action project in their community, as well as specialized training and support to help shape and implement their projects. They also become part of a dynamic alumni network of conservation professionals from across the country.
- [TogetherGreen Innovation Grants](#) annually provide essential funding that enables Audubon groups and others to inspire, equip, and support activities that engage new and diverse audiences in conservation action and create healthier communities. A minimum of 40 projects will receive funding, totaling more than \$1 million dollars of support—with grants ranging from \$5,000-\$80,000. Grants will be reviewed by an expert advisory panel, and the average grant awarded will be around \$25,000.

If you or someone you know has a creative environmental project and would like to apply, visit the [TogetherGreen Fellowship](#) or [Innovation Grant](#) webpages. The webpages feature application guidelines, selection criteria, eligibility, benefits, and online applications for both programs.

Green Streets-Green Jobs-Green Towns Grants Available to Improve Chesapeake Bay Water Quality – Mar 9

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – February 8, 2012) Today the Chesapeake Bay Trust, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the state of Maryland unveiled an expanded Green Streets-Green Jobs-Green Towns grant initiative to help cities and towns in the Chesapeake Bay watershed accelerate greening efforts that improve watershed protection, community livability, and economic vitality. Building on the success of the initial round of grants, this public-private partnership will award more than \$400,000 in 2012, double the funding from 2011. The grant program is open to local governments and non-profit organizations in urban and suburban watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay region of Maryland, D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia who are interested in pursuing green streets, green infrastructure, and green jobs as part of their community or watershed planning. Grant assistance up to \$35,000 is available for infrastructure project planning and design, and up to \$100,000 for implementation and construction. The strongest proposals will incorporate innovative green infrastructure and best

management practices that maximize cost-effectiveness. Projects selected will enhance sustainable watershed protection and green infrastructure stormwater management through low impact development practices, renewable energy use, local livability and green job creation. The request for proposals is available at www.cbtrust.org with a deadline of March 9, 2012 for all applications.

Environmental Grant Program – Mar 24

Pennsylvania American Water's Environmental Grant Program awards grants of up to \$10,000 to support diverse types of environmental sustainability activities such as watershed cleanups, reforestation efforts, biodiversity projects, streamside buffer restoration projects and hazardous waste collection efforts. At Pennsylvania American Water, we are committed to protecting the environment in the communities we serve and are proud to support the efforts of local organizations that share our vision. Established in 2005, our Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies in our local communities. We are pleased to offer this assistance to our community partners, while leveraging local resources and capabilities to make a positive impact on the environment. To qualify for Environmental Grant funding, a proposed project must:

- Improve, protect or restore the watershed or source water
- Be located within the Pennsylvania American Water service area
- Be a new or innovative community initiative, or serve as significant expansion to an existing program.

Deadline to enter EXTENDED: Entries will be accepted through March 24. For More information contact Terry Maenza at 610-670-7789, ext. 1009 or terry.maenza@amwater.com.

DCNR Invites Students To Apply For Summer Environmental Careers Camp – Apr 1

Young Pennsylvanians interested in pursuing environmental careers are invited to apply by April 1 for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' summer residential camp, DCNR Secretary Richard Allan said Tuesday. The six-day camp will begin Sunday, July 8, at Kirby Episcopal House and Chapel, Glen Summit, Luzerne County. The camp is near Nescopeck State Park and about 10 miles south of Wilkes-Barre. The camp will introduce 20 to 25 students in grades 10-12 to conservation and environmental careers, and encourage their pursuit. From wildlife conservation projects and stream sampling of aquatic life, to forestry skills, daily activities will offer students a hands-on, team-building learning experience in an outdoor setting. Participants are exposed to a wide range of career experiences, including water quality assessments, geology field studies, and overnight camping experiences. They will also meet conservation professionals to learn about career opportunities. Offered free of charge, the instruction and daily activities will be overseen by specialists and officials of DCNR's bureaus of State Parks, Forestry, and Topographic and Geologic Survey. After the camp, attendees will have a chance to seek internships, mentoring and job-shadowing positions, and can potentially return as future camp leaders. For more details and applications, visit the [DCNR Eco Camp](#) webpage or send email to: ECO_Camp@pa.gov; write to ECO Camp Coordinator, Bureau of State Parks, Outdoor Programming Services Division, P.O. Box 8551, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8551; or call 724-865-7857.

Water is Focus of Rachel Carson Intergenerational Contest – Jun 1

EPA invites the public to submit creative projects to the 6th annual Rachel Carson intergenerational "Sense of Wonder" contest. There are four categories: photography, essay, poetry and dance. This year, in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, the contest will focus on a "Sense of Water." Contest submissions are encouraged to focus on the various properties of water – how it sounds, feels, tastes and looks – and what water means to the entrants. The deadline for entries is June 1, 2012, and winners will be announced in September 2012. A panel of judges will select finalists in each category, and the winners will be determined by a public online vote that will begin in August 2012. For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>.



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WERF Stormwater BMP Performance Web Seminar – Feb 15

Refining Expectations for Urban Stormwater BMP Performance in the Chesapeake Bay: Results of New Targeted Analyses of the International Stormwater BMP Database, Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 2:00-3:00 pm ET

Register Now! There is no charge for this event.

- How can the International Stormwater BMP Database be used to support watershed implementation plans in the Chesapeake Bay?
- How much Chesapeake Bay area BMP information is available in the BMP Database?
- How robust is the BMP Database nutrient data set?

Based on a targeted data collection effort over the past two years, the BMP Database now includes more green infrastructure results and Chesapeake Bay area data, building on over 15 years of ongoing work to advance the science behind urban stormwater BMPs. As of 2012, the BMP Database contains over 500 BMP studies, with a substantial nutrient data set. This web seminar will provide a summary of new urban stormwater BMP performance analyses in the Chesapeake Bay area for nutrients, solids, and volume reduction. These new findings will be compared to the national-scale BMP Database analyses and other Bay-area stormwater summaries. Additionally, the discussion will highlight technical resources available on a new dedicated webpage (<http://www.bmpdatabase.org/cbay.htm>), which serves as a "research portal" focused on urban stormwater BMP performance in relation to Chesapeake Bay. This event is sponsored by the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) with support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). For more information, please contact Jeff Moeller at jmoeller@werf.org or (571) 384-2104.

SRBC Modifies Public Participation Process, To Reconsider December Actions, To Hold Feb. Hearing – Feb 16

The [Susquehanna River Basin Commission](#) (SRBC) [has announced](#) changes to its public participation process. It will now conduct a public hearing on project applications one month before the Commission acts on the projects. In accordance with these changes, the SRBC will conduct a public hearing on February 16 to accept public comments on water withdrawal and consumptive use project applications scheduled for action by SRBC at its next business meeting in mid-March. The SRBC will accept written comments on the project applications until

February 27. The project applications scheduled for the February 16 hearing include those that were approved at SRBC's December 15, 2011 hearing in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The change is one of a several procedural changes recently adopted by the SRBC to its public participation process. The hearing on the project applications to be considered at the SRBC's mid-March meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2012, Pennsylvania State Capitol, East Wing, Room 8E-B, Harrisburg, Pa., 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The list of project applications scheduled for comment and information on those applications [is available](#) on SRBC's web site. Persons planning to present oral testimony at the public hearing are asked to notify SRBC prior to the hearing of their intent to testify and to indicate the project application(s) they plan to comment on. The notices are to be directed to Richard Cairo, General Counsel, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA, 17102, Phone: (717) 238-0423, ext 306, Fax: (717) 238-2436, E-Mail: rcairo@srbc.net. Written comments may be submitted [via the internet](#) or mailed or faxed to Mr. Cairo.

Listening Session to Focus on Consumer Confidence Report Rule – Feb 23

EPA will be holding a public meeting via the Internet on February 23, 2012, to obtain stakeholder input on the consumer confidence report rule as part of the Agency's retrospective review of existing regulations. EPA plans to discuss electronic delivery of the reports, resource implications for implementing report delivery certification, use of reports to meet public notification requirements, and how contaminant levels are reported in the consumer confidence reports. EPA invites the public to participate in this information exchange on the consumer confidence report rule. Registration information is found below. The consumer confidence report is an annual water quality report that a community water system is required to provide to its customers each year. The report lists the regulated contaminants found in the drinking water, as well as health effects information related to violations of the drinking water standards. More information on these reports can be accessed on EPA's website at: <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/ccr/index.cfm>. Individuals planning on participating in the listening session must register for the meeting at <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/396514342>. Individuals planning on participating in the web dialogue discussions must join the community at <http://CCRRetrospectiveReview.ideascale.com>. The web dialogue will be available from February 23, 2012, to March 9, 2012, for the public to share and post comments on the dialogue. For more information please email CCRRetrospectiveReview@epa.gov.

"Retrofit This - A Guide to Retrofitting the World?" Informative Webcast – Feb 29

Buchart Horn will be hosting this webinar February 29th, from 12:00-2:00 PM, at our brand new Training Center at our main office. If you would be interested in coming to learn more about this upcoming topic, as it relates to stormwater management, please let me know. Retrofitting is the process where existing stormwater facilities are improved to either correct existing issues or to perhaps function better (adding a water quality component). As municipalities and government agencies look to obtain credits for their stormwater programs and/or permits, this is one method that can be done on a small scale but have immediate results. In fact, cities like Philadelphia have recognized the importance of this type of project and actually provide grant funding for property owners to offset construction costs, while providing them deductions on their assessed stormwater fees. Come hear what it is all about and network with other professionals. We will provide lunch. To register, contact P. Eric Mains, emains@bh-ba.com

United Way of York County's 11th Annual Day of Action Training – Feb 29

We invite you to join the Volunteer Center Staff on Wednesday, February 29, 2-4pm, at United Way for a Best Practices training and discussion in preparation for the 2012 Day of Action! Participants will discuss what makes for an exciting, fulfilling, and valuable Day of Action experience for volunteers AND organization staff. Volunteer Center Staff will also review the ins-and-outs of the Volunteer Solutions database with regards to submitting Day of Action projects. The Day of Action "event" on Volunteer Solutions will be open on that day for any Volunteer Center Member to submit their project(s). To sign-up, head over to www.unitedway-york.org, click on VOLUNTEER NOW, log-in at the Agency Logon, and find the "2012 Day of Action - Agency Best Practices Training" under the Events tab.

<https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/uwoyc/volunteer/home/>

Engineering Green Conference – Mar 6

March 6, 2012 @ Engineering Society of Baltimore. Keynote address from Mark Maloney, Dir. of Public Works, City of Shoreview, MN "Pervious Concrete as Public Infrastructure". Vendor Tables * Breakfast and Lunch Included * PDH's available. [Read the List of Presenters/Presentations Here.](#)

Engineering Green 2012 is an event for civil engineers, landscape architects, property owners, developers, and others interested in the engineering design of a sustainable site. This one day conference will showcase projects in the commercial and government sectors in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The day will include four sessions (with 2 or 3 presentations to choose from in each) in which presenters will give an in-depth look at project design, implementation, and lessons learned. The event will also include a keynote address from a leader in the field of site sustainability, breakfast and lunch, and a chance to put your mind together with other professionals working in similar areas and dealing with similar issues to come up with practical solutions. [Early Registration Ends Feb. 28th.](#)

<http://usgbcmd.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1208593>

Strategic Conservation Planning Using a Green Infrastructure – Mar 5-9

March 5-9, 2012 in Shepherdstown, WV. This highly-acclaimed course, entering its 12th successful year, provides participants with a strategic approach for prioritizing conservation opportunities and a planning framework for conservation and development - integrating the green and the grey. Participants will experience firsthand how the green infrastructure approach can be used to connect environmental, social, and economic health across urban, suburban, and rural settings. Participants will also learn how green infrastructure planning can serve as a tool to inform land use decisions and build consensus among diverse interests. JUST ANNOUNCED! *Additional scholarship funding has been secured and a new session on Climate Change has been added to the agenda! For more information on scholarships, please email khoellen@conservationfund.org.* Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 [LEARN MORE AND REGISTER NOW!](#)

York County MS4 Municipal Stormwater Management Workshop – Mar 9

The York County Planning Commission will give a brief presentation about DEP's new MS4 PAG-13 Permit requirements and answer your questions. Location: York County EMA Center, Davies Rd., York. Contact Lindsey Gerner, YCPC, at 717-771-9870.

GardenWise - Mar 10

Only a few days left for early bird registration! Don't miss out on the early bird registration for GardenWise, Penn State York County Master Gardeners' one day garden school. The day starts off with tips from Susan Reed, author of the award winning *Energy-Wise Landscape Design*, and continues with your choice of classes on sustainable vegetable gardening, cover crops, native plant design, biorational pesticides, and heirloom vegetables. Dr. Michael Raupp finishes the day with an exciting look at the relationships between insects and plants over time. In between there are lots of educational displays to visit and vendors to shop. Register to reserve your spot and save. Contact Connie Schmotzer, Extension Educator, Consumer Horticulture, Penn State Cooperative Extension, 112 Pleasant Acres Rd, York, PA. 17402. Phone: 717-840-7408. E-mail: cxs51@psu.edu

Sign Up for the 7th Annual Stream Cleaner Environmental Forum - Mar 12

Lessons are available and on-line now. The dialogue will run from March 12 - April 20, 2012. Cacapon Institute invites you to join the 7th Annual Stream Cleaner Environmental Forum. The SCE Forum is an opportunity for professionals and watershed leaders to engage high school students in local water quality issues in the context of a regional dialogue. It is an off-the-shelf, moderated, academic exercise for high school classes that teaches lessons on non-point source pollution and the social, economic and cultural challenges of saving the Bay. The SCE Forum is open to 9th-12th grade classes - urban, suburban, or rural- anywhere in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The background reading takes 2-3 hours (in class or as homework). The dialogue is a minimum of three class periods. The final classroom consensus requires an additional class period at the end of the 5 weeks. The SCE Forum is a Project Based Learning exercise in which students seek solutions to the complex problems of non-point source water pollution. When coupled with a hands-on activity, the SCE Forum is a complete MWEE (Meaningful Watershed Educational Activity), a requirement for schools in D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The SCE Forum can also help meet schools' requirements for 21st Century computer use. For more click on "Make It A MWEE!" at www.cacaponinstitute.org. Cacapon Institute offers technical and material resources to help participating schools build on the SCE Forum lessons by implementing their own watershed stewardship projects. Classes might plant a riparian buffer, establish a watershed friendly schoolyard management plan, control erosion, or do any number of best management practices (BMP). Schools don't need to be near a stream - terrestrial projects like controlling rooftop and parking lot runoff are important watershed BMPs. Education and community outreach is an imperative too, so, if a class designs bumper stickers, posters or flyers we can help with publishing. To see examples of school projects click on the "Projects Blueprint" at www.cacaponinstitute.org/high.htm. Click on the "eForum Phone" to see the lessons. Click on the "eForum Information & Sign up" to learn more about the eForum and how schools and watershed groups can benefit.

Ready Set Grow! in Cumberland County - Mar 24

Are you ready to get outside and start digging in the garden? Then don't miss this informative workshop offered by the Penn State Master Gardeners in Cumberland County on Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Cumberland County Extension office, 310 Allen Road, Carlisle. Ready, Set, Grow covers vegetable gardening tips and organic gardening techniques to help you have a healthy and productive vegetable garden this year. Topics range from the basics of garden preparation to techniques for vertical gardening, intensive gardening, and harvesting herbs. Registration fee is only \$5.00 and includes handouts and light morning refreshments. For more information or to register, call 717-240-6500, visit our website at <http://extension.psu.edu/cumberland>, or download a flyer with more details at <http://extension.psu.edu/cumberland/events/files/2012-ready-set-grow-brochure>

Wetland Construction Workshop - March 28 & 29

The Center for Wetlands and Stream Restoration would like to announce the availability of hands-on wetland restoration workshops planned for 2012. The practical training is intended to involve you in the design and construction of wetlands that can benefit specific amphibian, bat, bird, mammal, and reptile species. Participants will discover how to use highly successful and inexpensive techniques for restoring wetlands in fields, forests, and urban areas: [Click here for agenda and registration.](#)

Green Infrastructure Peer Exchange Program - An Opportunity to Learn from your Peers! - Mar 31

The Conservation Fund, with support from the US Forest Service, is offering a Green Infrastructure Exchange Program where entities seeking assistance can either visit or invite others with the requested expertise to visit them for free! We recognize that many questions can only be answered by peers - those who have successfully implemented a program or specific element, and have the lessons learned to share. Simply complete the application, identify a peer with the requisite expertise, develop a focused agenda for the exchange, and submit the application for approval! This program will cover all direct expenses associated with approved exchanges. Apply by March 31, 2012 to have your application considered for a 2012 exchange - applications accepted on a rolling basis until program funds expended.

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY!](#)

Lead a Stream Cleanup in 2012 - Apr 14

Project Clean Stream will be returning again for its ninth annual cleanup event on April 14th, 2012. The Alliance will be coordinating with dozens of nonprofits to coordinate over 200 cleanup sites throughout the Chesapeake Bay area. Starting a cleanup site in your area is a great way to build community or provide a volunteer opportunity for your workplace. Sponsoring opportunities are also available and send a powerful environmental message to thousands of people in the region about your business. Learn more about PCS2012 at <https://allianceforthebay.org/initiatives/engaging-local-communities/project-clean-stream-2/>

Drug Take Back Event Set - Apr 28

Get your community signed up to participate in a drug take-back program. Dropping off unwanted medications. Mark your calendars. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" for Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Law Enforcement must be involved in this activity and only Law Enforcement Officials can register a collection site. The site registration form must be submitted by March 31st. You can contact your local law enforcement agency to ask about having a drug take back site in your community for the April 28, event. Check this website in March to find the site closest to you:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

SGHA annual fundraiser, River Experience, will be held – Jun 1

Friday, June 1, 5:30-8:30pm. This year's event will be held at Moon Dancer Vineyards & Winery. The evening will feature food and beverage tastings from local vendors, silent auction, & live music. [Tickets are on Sale Now!](#) SGHA has a full calendar of events and lectures for 2012. Visit our [events page](#) for event descriptions, registration, or to view other local events. You can also register by phone - 717-252-0229 ext. 4 .

APWA Sustainability in Public Works Conference – Jun 25-27

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – The Fourth Annual Sustainability in Public Works Conference is designed to explore the latest and most innovative tools, practices, and case studies in public works. The demands for economic, social, and environmental responsibility are increasing daily. This conference provides access to the latest resources and experts in sustainability applications in the public works arena. <http://www.apwa.net/sustainability>.



WATERSHED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT MARYLAND PHASE II WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The public comment period will be open through Friday, March 9, 2012. Comments should be sent by email to wipcoordinator@mde.state.md.us . Additional information on the public comment process is provided on the draft Phase II WIP documents web page. Draft documentation of Maryland's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL will be available for public review and comment on the MDE web site at:

http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/Pages/DRAFT_PhaseII_WIPDocument_Main.aspx

Technical Assistance It's Just a Phone Call Away (and it's free)

Operating a water or wastewater utility has never been easy. And with new technologies and increasing regulations, the job just keeps getting more difficult. If you have questions about a particular technology or about other aspects of running your system, the National Environmental Services Center's (NESC) technical staff may have the answers you need. Our engineers, certified operators, and support staff have decades of experience working with small drinking water and wastewater systems. Call us at (800) 624-8301 and select option 3 to speak with one of NESC's technical assistance specialists. Even though many of our customers find our experience and information invaluable, we don't charge for the call or the advice. It's free! **The National Environmental Services Center, Assistance. Solutions. Knowledge.** Contact Mark Kemp, Communications Manager, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 6064, Morgantown WV 26506-6064. Phone: (800) 624-8301. Direct line: (304) 293-6895. Web: www.nesc.wvu.edu.

The National Brownfields Coalition is now an official coalition of Smart Growth America

Smart Growth America is proud to announce a new partnership with our longstanding brownfield redevelopment advocacy partner the National Brownfields Coalition. [Read more about the partnership on Smart Growth America's blog](#). Smart Growth America's National Brownfields Coalition is a group of national, state and local organizations that support policies to redevelop contaminated and abandoned land. Focusing on federal policies that promote brownfields redevelopment, the Coalition represents diverse economic, community and development interests. Smart Growth America's federal advocacy experience will help bring brownfields issues to the forefront of policy debates. Likewise, the National Brownfields Coalition's expertise and sound understanding of brownfields revitalization will help both organizations become better advocates on these important issues. Current Smart Growth America supporters now can learn even more about federal policy and brownfields redevelopment. [Click here to add your name to Smart Growth America's new National Brownfields Coalition listserve](#). Smart Growth America and the National Brownfields Coalition are both committed to brownfield redevelopment as a critical part of responsible planning, community reinvestment and sustainable growth, and the two organizations will contribute to one another's work. http://action.smartgrowthamerica.org/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup_page_KEY=6575

PADEP Proposals Currently Open for Comment

Date Published In PA Bulletin	Proposal	Comment Deadline
1/21/2012	Nutrient Credit Trading Program, Notice of Certification Requests PA Bulletin Notice	2/20/2012
1/21/2012	Draft Technical Guidance: Policy for Erosion and Sediment Control (DEP ID: 550-2100-008) PA Bulletin Notice Draft Technical Guidance	3/20/2012
1/21/2012	Draft Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) PA Bulletin Notice Draft ESCGP-2 materials	3/20/2012
1/28/2012	Dam Safety and Waterway Management Fees (25 PA Code Chapter 105) PA Bulletin Notice	2/27/2012
02/11/2012	Qualifying, Processing, and Tracking Financial Guarantees and Bond Credits (DEP ID:563-2504-501) PA Bulletin Notice	3/12/2012
1/21/2012	Nutrient Credit Trading Program, Notice of Certification Requests PA Bulletin Notice	3/12/2012

