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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

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- General Info 717-705-4700
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- 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

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- 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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- American Planning Association Releases Report on Green Infrastructure
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- Permitting Green Infrastructure: A Guide to Improving Municipal Stormwater Permits and Protecting Water Quality
- Dam Safety and Waterway Management Fees.



## **WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS**

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

- For information contact Patty McCandless at [pmccandless@york-county.org](mailto:pmccandless@york-county.org) or call 717-840-7400.

### **Carroll Citizens for Sensible Growth** - <http://carrollcitizens.com/>

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

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

- April 15 – 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** – [www.yccf.org](http://www.yccf.org)

- For more information, contact the York County Community Foundation at 717.848.3733; Email: [info@yccf.org](mailto:info@yccf.org)

### **Codorus State Park**

- Contact Manager Warren Wernitz, Codorus state Park Ph: 717-637-2816; E-mail: [codoruspp@pa.gov](mailto:codoruspp@pa.gov)

### **Conewago Canoe Club** – [www.conewagocanooclub.org](http://www.conewagocanooclub.org)

- Club Meets bi-monthly at Mount Zion United Church of Christ, 7:00 pm, at Ridgewood Road in Pleasureville
- Questions or comments e-mail me [oc1mike@comcast.net](mailto:oc1mike@comcast.net), but remember you catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

### **Deer Creek Watershed Association** – <http://deercreekwatershed.com/>

- Contact Lee McDaniel at [ldmcdaniel@aol.com](mailto:ldmcdaniel@aol.com).

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

- Contact: Sean Kenny at Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County. Ph: (717) 843-4411 or e-mail [skenny@farmtrust.org](mailto:skenny@farmtrust.org)

### **Gifford Pinchot State Park** – [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx](http://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. Ph: 717-432-5011

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

- Contact: Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, P.O. Box 9733. Towson, MD 21284. Or Assistant Project Manager Rachel Streusand [rstreusand@gunpowderfalls.org](mailto:rstreusand@gunpowderfalls.org).

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

- Contact: Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education. Ph: (717)654-0571. Email: [info@hornfarmcenter.org](mailto:info@hornfarmcenter.org). Web: [www.hornfarmcenter.org](http://www.hornfarmcenter.org).

### **Izaak Walton League York Chapter #67** – [www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/](http://www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/)

- Club Open Meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Clubhouse.
- Contact: York Chapter #67 IWLA. Ph: 717-428-2000

### **Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper** – [www.lowerSusquehannaRiverkeeper.org](http://www.lowerSusquehannaRiverkeeper.org)

- Contact: Michael Helfrich, Lower Susquehanna RIVERKEEPER®, York, PA. Cell phone: 717-779-7915 E-mail: [lowSusriver@hotmail.com](mailto:lowSusriver@hotmail.com).

### **Maryland's Upper West Shore Trib Team** – <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/waters/tribstrat/>

- Contact: Rupert Rossetti, Tributary Team Coordinator, e-mail: [RupertRossetti@aol.com](mailto:RupertRossetti@aol.com)

### **Mason-Dixon Trail System, Inc.** - <http://www.masondixontrail.org/>

- Contact: James Hooper at 717/252-3784 or [j.e.hooper@ieeee.org](mailto:j.e.hooper@ieeee.org)

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

- April 29 – Advisory Board meets at 6:30 PM, at the York County ANNEX
- Contact: 717-840-7408 or Connie Schmotzer at [cxs51@psu.edu](mailto:cxs51@psu.edu)

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

- Contact Maria Payan by email [pbccg@hotmail.com](mailto: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** – [www.prettyboywatershed.org](http://www.prettyboywatershed.org)

- Contact: Nancy Shaper at [nshaper@jhmi.edu](mailto:nshaper@jhmi.edu)

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

- Contact GVP Sierra Club, P.O. Box 606, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0606. [GVPSierraClub@email.com](mailto:GVPSierraClub@email.com)

**Shank's Mare Outfitters GO PLAY OUTSIDE!** – [www.shanksmare.com](http://www.shanksmare.com)

- Call Us: 717-252-1616. Email us: [Shanksmare@comcast.net](mailto:Shanksmare@comcast.net)

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

- April 12 – Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 PM, at Spoutwood Farm Center.
- Contact Rob & Lucy Woods at Spoutwood Farm at 717-235-6610 or [spoutwood@comcast.net](mailto:spoutwood@comcast.net).

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

- Contact Mark Platts, Susquehanna Heritage Corporation. Ph: 717-252-0229. E-mail: [info@lyhr.org](mailto:info@lyhr.org).

**Trout Unlimited Codorus Chapter #558** – [www.codorustu.org](http://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](mailto:tom@codorustu.org)

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

- Chapter Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month at Gander Mtn. (winter)
- Contact: Ron Heuston, President MCTU, 244-1851 or [Heuy1955@aol.com](mailto:Heuy1955@aol.com)

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

- WAAC meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 8:30AM, at the Adams County Ag Center
- Contact: Adam McClain, Ph: 717-334-0636; E-mail: [stilden@adamswatersheds.org](mailto:stilden@adamswatersheds.org)

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

- April 3, 2013 – Annual Meeting of WAY Board of Directors, 7:00 PM, at The York Water Co., Mt. Rose Ave.
- 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.
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**Wecology** – [www.wecologypa.org/](http://www.wecologypa.org/)

- Contact: Wecology 130 E. Market St., York, PA 17405. Phone: 717-718-7554.

**Yellow Breeches Watershed Association** – [www.ybwa.org](http://www.ybwa.org)

- Contact: Deborah Goetz, at [deborah.p.goetz@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.p.goetz@gmail.com) or phone 717-697-4734

**York-Adams Regional Smart Growth Coalition** – [www.yorkadamssmartgrowth.org](http://www.yorkadamssmartgrowth.org)

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

- Contact Tom Smith at 717-246-9767 or [tls35@psu.edu](mailto:tls35@psu.edu).

**York County Conservation District** – [www.yorkccd.org](http://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
- Contact: YCCD at 717-840-7430 or [yorkccd@yorkccd.org](mailto:yorkccd@yorkccd.org)

**York County Parks & Recreation** – [www.YorkCountyParks.org](http://www.YorkCountyParks.org)

- For more information, contact York County Department of Parks and Recreation. Ph: (717) 840-7440. E-mail: [Parks@York-County.org](mailto:Parks@York-County.org). Web: [www.YorkCountyParks.org](http://www.YorkCountyParks.org).

**York County Planning Commission** – [www.ycpc.org](http://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](mailto:planner@ycpc.org)

**York County Solid Waste Authority** – <http://www.ycswa.org/>

- Contact YCSWA at 717-845-1066 or

## **WATERSHED EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENTS NOW OFFER FREE MEDICATION TAKE-BACK BOX OPTION TO RESIDENTS FOR PROPER MEDICATION MANAGEMENT**

The York County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) has purchased secure medication take-back boxes for 10 York County Police Departments. Ten police departments now have their boxes installed and are accepting medications. The public may deposit unwanted medications anonymously in the take-back boxes during lobby hours as listed below, except on holidays.

- Carroll Township Police Department, 555 Chestnut Grove Road, Dillsburg, PA. Open Monday – Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM
- Fairview Township Police Department, 145 Limekiln Road, Suite 600, New Cumberland, PA. Open Monday – Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.
- Northern York County Regional Police Department, 1445 East Canal Road, Dover, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.
- Penn Township Police Department, 20 Wayne Avenue, Hanover, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.
- Southern Regional Police Department, 47 E. High Street, New Freedom, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM.
- Southwestern Regional Police Department, 6115 Thoman Drive, Spring Grove, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.
- Spring Garden Township Police Department, 340 Tri Hill Road in Spring Garden Township. Open Monday – Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.
- Springettsbury Township Police Department, 1501 Mount Zion Road, York, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM.
- West York Borough Police Department, 1700 West Philadelphia Street, York, PA. Open Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4:30PM
- York Area Police Department, 33 Oak Street, York, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM.

This partnership program provides a secure disposal option for unwanted medications from residential sources at no cost to the public. The secure medication take-back box, purchased from MedReturn, works like a mailbox: once medications are deposited, they cannot be retrieved and are contained in a locked compartment accessible only by law enforcement. The heavy-duty green metal box bolts to the floor and wall. Medication collected in the take-back box program will be delivered by law enforcement to the Authority's waste-to-energy facility for safe destruction. Law enforcement also maintains the box and secures medications that are received until they can be destroyed. Residents interested in dropping medication at a take-back box location should remove their personal information from containers before depositing them in boxes. ONLY RESIDENTIAL prescription or over-the-counter medications are accepted. Pharmacies, hospitals and other commercial sources of medications are not eligible to participate. Syringes and other "sharps" are not accepted in this program. For more information about the program, visit the Authority's web site at: [www.ycswa.com](http://www.ycswa.com). As the program expands to other locations, the Authority will announce them to the public. The Authority facilitates responsible solid waste management through an integrated system that emphasizes waste reduction, reuse, recycling and resource recovery. The Authority is the owner of the York County Resource Recovery Center in Manchester Township. The Resource Recovery Center manages York County's household and commercial waste, as well as some manufacturing waste

### **Our Priorities**

Pennsylvania's new Executive Director Harry Campbell updates us on the challenges facing the Susquehanna River and the state budget proposal released earlier this month. [Learn about how you can take action to protect the Susquehanna River and its smallmouth bass.](#) Plus, read other updates on our local efforts in [Virginia](#), [Maryland](#), and the [Eastern Shore](#).

### **Maryland announces 2013 is the year to 'Reclaim the Bay'**

It was 30 years ago that Maryland joined neighboring states and the federal government to sign the first Chesapeake Bay Agreement in the hopes of reversing the degradation to the nation's largest and most productive estuary. Since the sources and types of pollution have been identified, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, who were later joined by New York, Delaware and West Virginia, have been working toward reducing that pollution and reversing its effects. In an effort to renew interest in Chesapeake Bay restoration and get the general public more involved, Maryland officials and partnering nonprofits and advocacy groups gathered Thursday to kickoff the new "Reclaim the Bay" public awareness campaign. Read more... [http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/news/local/state-announces-is-the-year-to-reclaim-the-bay/article\\_8ffee0be-b906-59d1-a841-7aa41e72e3f7.html?utm\\_source=February+2013&utm\\_campaign=EyesontheBay-February2013&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/news/local/state-announces-is-the-year-to-reclaim-the-bay/article_8ffee0be-b906-59d1-a841-7aa41e72e3f7.html?utm_source=February+2013&utm_campaign=EyesontheBay-February2013&utm_medium=email)

### **Water Quality Mapping Center Website**

The Maryland Department of the Environment's online Water Quality Mapping Center provides an easy way to find water quality information for rivers and streams that flow into the Bay. Simply zoom in on the map to the location that interests you! An online video tutorial explains how to get the best use from the website. [Check it out...](#)

### **BayStat Update**

Every two years Maryland sets new milestone goals for protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland met its 2009-2011 milestones and is on target to meet 2012-2013 goals. At its January meeting, the BayStat team reviewed progress and began discussion about setting the next milestone goals for 2014-2015. More information is available [here](#). The BayStat team also discussed the Reclaim the Bay public awareness campaign and a March 4 Stormwater Symposium that will explore cost-efficient stormwater management projects with local jurisdictions.

### **"Bay Barometer" Shows Signs of Resilience**

The most recent "Bay Barometer" — a science-based snapshot of watershed health — notes that the Chesapeake remains impaired, but shows encouraging signs of resilience and progress toward meeting restoration goals. The report was issued by the Chesapeake Bay Program, the regional partnership that leads Bay restoration and protection with federal, state and local agencies, academic institutions and non-profit organizations. [Get details...](#)

### **Report Calls for More Access to Waters**

The National Park Service and the six Bay states, including Maryland, have released a plan that calls for more ways to get to waters in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The plan proposes to expand the number of waterway access points by more than 20 percent by 2025. [More info...](#)

### **Free Tire Disposal Program**

The York County Solid Waste Authority is offering free tire disposal at the York County Resource Recovery Center. Pre-registration is required

and will be accepted during business hours now through April 23, 2013. The program is open to York County residents only. Businesses are not eligible to participate. Residents may call Jen Cristofolletti at 717-845-1066, from 8:00 Am to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

### **Reducing Radon in Water**

You can't see, smell or taste radon. It could, however, be a problem in your home. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Surgeon General, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. And if you smoke and your home has high radon levels your risk of lung cancer is much higher. Read more...

[http://extension.psu.edu/water/discovery-watersheds/news/2013/reducing-radon-inwater?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+agsci-water-watershedwinds+%28Penn+State+Watershed+Winds+Newsletter%29](http://extension.psu.edu/water/discovery-watersheds/news/2013/reducing-radon-inwater?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+agsci-water-watershedwinds+%28Penn+State+Watershed+Winds+Newsletter%29)

### **Save the Bay. Sign the Pledge!**

Add your name to our Save the Bay Pledge, and you'll be showing your commitment to supporting the Clean Water Blueprint for the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams. Thank you for standing by our side! <http://www.cbf.org/join-us/take-action/blueprint-pledge-n?srctid=1&erid=15484995&trid=74f7979a-84e0-418d-a696-b5b408b60252>

### **Melt Ice Safely**

The most eco-friendly way to handle ice is to spread sand, ashes or kitty litter on slippery areas, or break up the ice with a shovel. If you must use a chemical de-icer, spread only in places where people walk. Never use fertilizer to melt ice – the nitrogen and phosphorus it contains can harm your local streams and the Bay. [More info...](#)

### **NESC Has More Than 1,400 Free Products**

Online Shopping Cart Allows Easy Downloads. The National Environmental Services Center (NESC) reminds readers that we have an online shopping cart allowing our customers to download free PDFs. More than 1,300 products are currently available, including case studies, design manuals, and NESC's popular Tech Briefs. View the shopping cart by going to [www.nesc.wvu.edu/ecommerce/](http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/ecommerce/). "What's great about this cart is that, while it offers many, many free products, it is very easy to use," says Jeanne Allen, NESC's business manager. "Products come from multiple sources and are searchable in the cart by key word. Visit our website where you can shop for your water and wastewater informational needs." Among the free downloads are the Montana Water Center CDs (e.g., Operator Basics, Virtual System Explorer, Water Quality Expedition), which not only provide great training but are recognized for CEUs in various states. The National Environmental Services Center

### **Photo Essay: Poplar Island brings critical habitat**

In our second CBP photo essay, we hop up the Bay from Tangier, Va. to Poplar Island, Md. to document restoration of diminished island habitat. While balancing business and conservation is a ceaseless task, I think this is one major accomplishment we Bay-dwellers should all be proud of. [http://www.chesapeakebay.net/blog/post/photo\\_essay\\_poplar\\_island\\_restoration\\_brings\\_critical\\_habitat\\_back\\_to\\_bay](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/blog/post/photo_essay_poplar_island_restoration_brings_critical_habitat_back_to_bay)



## **WATERSHED FACILITATION ASSISTANCE**

### **SAVE THE DATE: PENNSYLVANIA PHASE II COMMUNITY FORUMS – Mar 14 & 21**

The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) invites you to join us for the Pennsylvania Phase II Community Forums. This two-part event hosted by the Lancaster County Conservation District will be offered on March 14th and March 21st at the Lancaster Farm & Home Center from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. The event on March 14th will focus on addressing minimum control measures 1, 2, and 3. The event on March 21st will focus on addressing minimum control measures 4, 5, and 6. Both events will provide municipalities the opportunity to learn innovative and creative ways to address each minimum control measure, strategies to finance MS4 permit activities, and the opportunity to ask questions of experts working on stormwater issues in south central PA communities. An agenda and registration details will be distributed soon. For more information, please contact Jennifer Cotting at [jcotting@umd.edu](mailto:jcotting@umd.edu).

### **Attend Smart Growth Event on Chesapeake Bay Watershed Updates – Mar 21**

Please join us for an informative session on: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan TMDL – The Impact on York & Adams Counties Monday, March 11th at 9:00 AM AT THE REALTORS Association of York & Adams Counties, 901 Smile Way York, PA. Pennsylvania reportedly contributes 106.4 million pounds of nitrogen and 3.96 million pounds of phosphorus to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed each year, along with another 1.28 million tons of sediment. The nitrogen and phosphorus affect the aquaculture of the bay, making it harder for crabs and clams to survive. The EPA is expected to institute a total maximum daily load or TMDL on how much nutrient and sediment pollution each state is allowed to contribute to the bay watershed by 2025. The TMDL will have an impact on our municipal authorities, agriculture and future construction in York & Adams Counties. Lindsay Gerner and John Seitz with the York County Planning Commission will present an update on the Implementation Plan and what the impact will be on York & Adams Counties. There is no fee to attend the event but registration is required. Please click on the link below to register. Get more information

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=fb5akjcab&oeidk=a07e73cvmzb846793ec&oseq=a00afcnk99uz>

Register Now!

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=fb5akjcab&oeidk=a07e73cvmzb846793ec&oseq=a00afcnk99uz>

### **Free Student/Teacher Online Environmental Forum – Mar 11–Apr 19**

We invite you to sign up for the 8th Annual Stream Cleaner Environmental Forum, March 11th to April 19th, 2013. Teachers, sign up your class! Leaders, engage a high school class in your local watershed efforts. Stream Cleaner Environmental Forum is a free, online, curriculum-friendly activity for high school classes. To date, across the Bay watershed, more than 2,000 students have participated. Read Why You Should Participate. Through an extended collaborative process students investigate the problems facing the Chesapeake Bay, a regional issue relevant to their lives. They engage their peers across the internet and role play as stakeholders, problem solvers, and consensus builders while strengthening their critical thinking and decision making skills. 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, and the lessons are available online now 24/7. The dialogue requires three 45 minute class periods. The peer-to-peer dialogue brings school work into "real life" for participating students. This is a chance to engage youth as future leaders in watershed stewardship. When coupled with a hands-on activity, the SCE Forum is a complete Meaningful Watershed Education Experience, a requirement for D.C., MD, PA & VA schools. As an extended computer based learning activity it meets many school systems' 21st Century Learning guidelines. Cacapon Institute has technical and material resources available and encourages classes to complete Hands-on Projects Schools don't need to be near a stream - terrestrial projects like controlling rooftop and parking lot runoff are important BMPs. Education and community outreach is important too so, if a class produces posters, flyers, or PSAs we can help with the costs for distribution. For more information, including a lesson plan, please visit our Teachers ' Lounge or email me (below). To see the lessons and format click on the "eForum Phone" at: [www.cacaponinstitute.org/high.htm](http://www.cacaponinstitute.org/high.htm)

#### **York College Environmental Society Film Screenings - Mar 18 & Apr 15**

I wanted to let you know that the York Environmental Society will be hosting 2 film screenings this semester on campus. We invite you to Attend.

- Cape Spin," tells the surreal, fascinating, tragicomic story of the battle over what would be America's largest clean energy project" and will be shown Monday, March 18th at 7pm in Humanities 218 (York College campus)
- The Big Fix examines the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and the environmental repercussions. This film will be shown Monday, April 15th at 7pm in Humanities 218.

#### **United Way of York County's 12th annual Day of Action - Apr 1**

United Way of York County's 12th annual Day of Action will be Friday, June 21st, 2013. This year's theme is Be Someone's Superhero. Projects may be submitted using the attached registration form. Complete one registration form per project. Agencies are more than welcome to submit multiple projects. Registration forms are due by 5:00pm on Monday, April 1st. During the week of April 1st projects will be entered into Volunteer Solutions and agencies will be given access to their project(s). Projects signups will open to the public the following week. Day of Action Project Guidelines: Projects should require a minimum of 2 volunteers; Projects should take 3-4 hours to complete; Each project must be submitted using a registration form; Adequately describe your project; Include any dress restrictions (e.g. closed toe shoes). Non-qualifying projects include telemarketing, surveys, religious or political activities and skilled activities without skilled supervision (e.g. roofing) Projects should be well organized, safe and fun! If you have never participated in Day of Action and would like more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elyshia Menkin, SecureCorps Director, United Way of York County, 800 East King Street, York, PA. Direct: 717-771-3812. [www.unitedway-york.org](http://www.unitedway-york.org) [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)

#### **Extension Water Team Offers Learn at Home Pond Education Opportunities - Apr 4**

The Penn State Extension Water Resources Team is offering two pond education opportunities where participants learn from home. An Online Pond Home Study Course, and an Aquatic Pesticide Recertification Correspondence Course, allows Pennsylvania Pond Owners to participate, without ever leaving their home. Beginning on April 4, 2013, a twelve week Penn State Extension Online Pond Management Home Study Course will restart. The course has been completed by over 100 pond owners so far and was redesigned last year for re-release this spring. The new course will feature PowerPoint's with narration, covering the various topics. The cost of the course is \$35.00 and covers six lessons delivered by email over a 12 week period. The six lessons cover pond assessment, pond maintenance, aquatic plants and algae, fisheries management, attracting and managing wildlife, and pond case studies. In the case studies lesson, the participants are given real life PA pond cases to manage. A series of six worksheets allow the participants to communicate with Penn State Pond Experts and ask individual questions about their own pond resource. You can find more information and register for the course at <http://agsci.psu.edu/pond-course>.

#### **Save The Date: PA Watersheds Conference - Apr 5 & 6**

The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds Monday announced the PA Watersheds Conference will be held April 5-6 at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College. Is your group struggling to keep its volunteers invigorated and engaged? Do you find it hard to get your message across to the community and your local legislators? Do you want to be active within your community, but don't know how to ACT-- Advocate, Communicate, Transform? The PA Watersheds Conference is the place to be! <http://www.pennsylvaniawatersheds.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/PA-Watersheds-ACT2013.pdf>

#### **TAKE BACK YOUR MEDS! Apr 27**

Saturday April 27, 2013 from 10am to 2pm at Giant Pharmacies in Hanover: 801 Baltimore Street and 455 Eisenhower Drive. One person dies every 19 minutes from a drug overdose in the United States due to abuse of prescription (Rx) painkillers. Visit: [www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org). But we have the power to stop the epidemic by becoming responsible and dispose all your unwanted medications at this event! There are now 10 police departments accepting medications all year around. Visit: [www.ycswa.com](http://www.ycswa.com) for a list of sites. Know the dangers of improper medication management

- Track the amounts of medications you keep in your home
- Educate your family about medication misuse
- Secure all medications
- Dispose of properly
- Protect your drinking water -DO NOT FLUSH!

Practice Safe Disposal to Reduce Accidental Poisonings! You can make a difference in our communities by safely disposing of unused or expired medications (loose pills, creams, liquids and pill packs). Prescription, over-the-counter and veterinary medications will be accepted. Any questions contact Martha King at 717-968-3083. Guiding Hearts with Hope, P.O. Box 485, Hanover, Pa. 17331

#### **Keystone Wells and Water Testing Seminar - May 6**

COURSE TITLE: Keystone Wells and Water Testing Seminar (Assessing Private Water Wells, Springs and Cisterns). Join us for the Keystone Wells and Water Testing Seminar. The seminar is designed to give attendees a broad overview of water wells, water quality, water testing, interpreting test results and determining water quality solutions for private water systems in Pennsylvania. The seminar is geared for inspectors, realtors, mortgage underwriters, bank officials, and private well owners. Information provided will give you a new and wide

understanding when dealing with wells and water quality issues. EVENT WEBSITE: <http://tinyurl.com/KeystoneWellsandWater>. Location: Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, 777 Hollywood Blvd., Grantville, PA 17028. Ph: 717-469-2211. Date and time: Monday, May 6th, 2013 beginning at 5 PM. Schedule: 5-6 PM Registration and Hollywood Casino Epic Buffet; 6-9 PM Presentation. Approved for 3 CEU's for the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) and the National Association of Home Inspectors (NAHI). Contact Person: David Glick, 717-926-1206, [dave@thehomeinspectorinc.com](mailto:dave@thehomeinspectorinc.com). Sponsored by: Keystone ASHI (A chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors)

#### **GI 101: Strategic Conservation Planning Using a Green Infrastructure Approach – May 20-24**

National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV. Registration Deadline: April 26<sup>th</sup>. This 4.5 day introductory course provides participants with a strategic approach to prioritizing conservation opportunities and a planning framework for conservation and development - integrating the green and the gray. Through hands-on class projects, lectures, and numerous case studies, 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. Course Tuition: \$850. Limited Scholarship Assistance Available!. [Learn More and Apply](#)

#### **GI 201: Implementing Green Infrastructure at Multiple Scales – Sep 9-12**

National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV. Application Deadline: August 9<sup>th</sup>. This course provides participants with applications and techniques for the implementation of green infrastructure at multiple scales. Building off GI 101: Strategic Conservation Planning Using a Green Infrastructure Approach course, this course will examine the next steps for on-the-ground implementation of green infrastructure focusing on how to obtain a maximum return-on-investment so that projects are streamlined and delivered at least cost, while retaining the viability of the network. The four-day course highlights leadership and stakeholder engagement, financing and network management, legal and regulatory issues, and support tools for the optimization of the decision-making process. Hear from expert green infrastructure practitioners as they discuss lessons learned on creating success and overcoming challenges, explore trends in implementation from urban to regional scales, and learn about the latest applications of green infrastructure as related to climate change, water transportation, and ecosystem services. Course Tuition: \$500. [Learn More and Apply](#)



## **WATERSHED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants – Mar 12**

The goal of NOAA's Environmental Literacy Grants Federal Funding Opportunity is to build the capacity of informal educators (including interpreters and docents) and/or formal educators (pre- or in-service) to use NOAA data and data access tools to help K-12 students and/or the public understand and respond to global change. Successful projects will enhance educators' ability to use the wealth of scientific data, data visualizations, data access technologies, information products, and other assets available through NOAA (plus additional sources, if desired) to engage K-12 students and/or other members of the public in a minimum of two U.S. states or territories. Partnerships with NOAA entities and/or involvement of NOAA scientists to facilitate the use of such assets by educators are strongly encouraged. Project topics must relate to NOAA's mission in the areas of ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, weather, and climate sciences and stewardship and should focus on one or more of the goals of NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan (<http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/goals/>) healthy oceans; weather-ready nation; climate adaptation and mitigation; and resilient coastal communities and economies. Projects must specifically emphasize the theme of global environmental change, including (but not limited to) such topics as drought, severe weather, ocean acidification, sea level rise, and climate change. The deadline for applications to this funding opportunity is 11:59:59 pm EST on March 12, 2013. For more information, click on the Funding tab. The application package for NOAA-SEC-OED-2013-2003614 is now available in Grants.gov. <http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/grants/elg.html>

#### **EPA's Pollution Prevention Grant Program – Mar 14**

The Pollution Prevention Grant Program supports State and Tribal technical assistance programs which help businesses identify better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source. EPA anticipates it will award approximately \$4.1 million in total program funding during Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. Grants will be awarded and managed by each of EPA's ten Regional Pollution Prevention Program Offices. Grant awards are dependent on Congressional appropriation and the quality of proposals received. <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/index.htm#p2grant>. Proposals are due by March 14, 2013.

#### **Now accepting applications for 2013 PA River Sojourn Grants – Mar 27**

POWR, is pleased to announce that our successful river sojourn project will return in 2013. Through this project, POWR provides technical assistance and mini-grant funding to local organizations to host educational paddling events on Pennsylvania's rivers. Applications are due March 27, 2013. New for 2013, the grant application, administration, and report will all be conducted online. So, let's get started! [Read the Sojourn Organizers guide](#), [consider our program's general requirements](#), and [fill out an online application](#)! Here at POWR, we are ready and available to answer any questions and provide any support that we can to help you complete your application. Please contact Josh Karns at 717-230-8044 x305 or at [jkarns@pawatersheds.org](mailto:jkarns@pawatersheds.org) with any questions, or just to let us know that you are working on an application. Also, as soon as your sojourn dates are set and the event is a "go," please let us know. We want to do everything we can to promote your event, and many sojourns will be announced prior to the final grant decisions. This project is financed in part by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, [Keystone Recreation Park and Conservation Fund](#), under the administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, [Bureau of Recreation and Conservation](#). Visit our [grants page](#) for more information.

#### **Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants – Mar 31**

The Maryland Environmental Trust is currently accepting applications for its Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants. The Margaret Rosch Jones Award, of up to \$2,000, is awarded to nonprofit groups for an ongoing project or activity that has demonstrated success in solving an environmental issue or problem. The Bill James Environmental Grant, of up to \$1,000, is awarded to school groups or other non-profit youth groups for proposed environmental education. Applications are due by March 31. Questions may be directed to [kmb@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:kmb@dnr.state.md.us) or Cathy Ford at 410-514-7907.

### **USFS Accepting 2013 Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Grants – Apr 8**

The U.S. Forest Service announced it is accepting grant applications for the 2012 Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant Program. These projects will use woody biomass, such as material removed from forest restoration activities, wildfire hazardous fuel treatments, insect and disease mitigation, forest management due to catastrophic weather events, and/or thinning overstocked stands. The woody biomass shall be used in a bioenergy facility that uses commercially proven technologies to produce thermal, electrical or liquid/gaseous bioenergy. To join in support of the public interest and general welfare, the applicants applying to this program seek assistance to complete the necessary engineering design work required to secure public and/or private funding for construction for developing local enterprises to better utilize woody biomass. The application deadline is April 8, 2013. For more information, visit: [www.fpl.fs.fed.us/tmu](http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/tmu) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

### **USDA Announces Sign-Up for CRP – May 20–Jun 14**

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack recently announced that USDA will conduct a general sign-up for the 45th Annual Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) from May 20-June 14. Currently, 27 million acres are a part of CRP, a voluntary program designed to alleviate agricultural producers' risk and to promote conservation efforts. The program has a 27-year history of soil and wildlife protection and water quality improvement. In a statement, Vilsack noted the importance of the program in light of the recent drought: "Last year, during one of the worst droughts in generations, the CRP proved vital in protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion." Sign-ups for other CRP programs, including Highly Erodible Land Initiative and Initiative to Restore Grasslands, Wetlands, and Wildlife, will be announced in spring 2013. For more information on CRP, visit your local FSA service center or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

### **Maryland Announces Stream Restoration Challenge "Our Bay, Our Forested Streams, Our Children's Future" – May 30**

Maryland's Stream Restoration Challenge is a competitive grant program open to local governments and non-government organizations to establish 1,000 acres of stream-side forests by 2015. For the challenge, the State and its partners made \$6 million available to plant forested stream buffers with the goals of improving Bay water quality and creating opportunities for middle and high school students to engage in service-learning and environmental literacy activities. \$2 million dollars was awarded through the first round of funding. The remaining \$4 million will be awarded to projects that begin after September 2, 2013 and will plant in fall 2013, spring 2014, and/or fall 2014. All proposals are due by Thursday May 30, 2013 at 5pm. <http://dnr.maryland.gov/trustfund/streamchallenge/>

## **WATERSHED JOBS**

### **PA Watershed Restoration Manager – Mar 24**

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation seeks a PA Restoration Manager to be based at their PA State Office located in Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania Watershed Restoration Program Manager manages CBF's Pennsylvania restoration program for the benefit of local streams and rivers as well as the Chesapeake Bay. The Manager provides strategic vision and direction of the restoration program, manages Pennsylvania restoration field staff, seeks and manages public and private grants with the assistance of CBF financial, grant management, and development staff, maintains exemplary understanding of state-of-the-art in agricultural and urban stormwater best management practices and in-stream and riparian zone restoration science, practice, and policy. Restoration of riparian buffers (herbaceous and forested) and associated wetlands are a key focus but the Manager will support opportunities for other restoration efforts. The Manager develops and maintains close collaborative partnerships with county, state, and federal agencies, academics and other non-profit organizations, local communities, individual landowners, and businesses to implement and incentivize restoration practices. The Manager is an advocate for strong, scientifically-defensible restoration design standards, maintenance practices, state and federal policies, and robust state and federal funding and technical resources. Minimum of a BS degree (graduate degree preferred but not a prerequisite) in an appropriately related field and a minimum of five years experience in watershed and stream restoration practices and project management. Candidates must have a strong background and understanding in agricultural and urban restoration practices. The ideal candidate will have experience in working with a broad array of landowners, especially agricultural community and their partners, and local governments and their consultants. Demonstrated experience establishing and maintaining excellent working relationships is required. Candidates must have experience designing and implementing complex and diverse projects, coordinating and managing staff, working with contractors, and achieving quality deliverables within budget and within deadlines. Proven interpersonal, communication, and negotiation skills are necessary. Experience and comfort in speaking privately and publicly in front of varied audiences desired. Excellent written communication skills on technical and non-technical issues and audiences necessary. Preferred experience working with FSA and NRCS at the state or local level. Preferred knowledge of NRCS and FSA practices and procedures as well as practice specifications relating to riparian restoration and common conservation practices. Working knowledge of USDA conservation programs (CREP, EQIP, etc.). <http://www.cbf.org/about-cbf/jobs-internships/jobs/pennsylvania-jobs>. To apply, please send cover letter, resume, and salary history and requirements no later than March 24, 2013. Human Resources/FY13-24-PAWRM, Chesapeake Bay Foundation. [Cbf\\_employment@cbf.org](mailto:Cbf_employment@cbf.org)

### **Academic Technican Position at Dickinson College**

The Academic Technician for Environmental Studies provides academic and technical support for coursework, laboratories and research; communicates with perspective students, student majors, and alumni; and coordinates department activities. The position involves coordination with co-curricular programs such as the Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring, the Dickinson College Farm, the Center for Sustainability Education, and student environmental groups. The position requires familiarity with environmental studies curriculum and pedagogies, and experience using laboratory procedures and field equipment for environmental monitoring; strong written and oral communication skills; and the ability to take initiative, troubleshoot, and solve problems with minimal supervision. A bachelors degree (B.A. or B.S) in Environmental Studies, Environmental Science or a related field is required. Dickinson is committed to diversity, and we encourage candidates who will contribute to meeting that goal to apply. Applications and nominations of women and minorities are strongly encouraged. Complete position announcement and application procedures are available online through Dickinson College Human Resource Services: <https://jobs.dickinson.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameSet/FrameSet.jsp?time=1361463948875>  
<http://www.dickinson.edu/about/offices/human-resource-services/>

### **Potomac Conservancy Clean Water Organizer**

Potomac Conservancy seeks an organizer to build a base of at least 5,000 advocates in targeted localities to speak up for clean water. The initial focus will be in Northern Virginia. The ideal candidate will be able to integrate in-person organizing with online engagement strategies to enact policies to reduce polluted runoff and to secure additional funding for clean water initiatives. This is a part of Potomac Conservancy's ongoing efforts to advocate for river-friendly land use policies and decisions at the local level. For more information, visit <http://www.potomac.org/site/professional-opportunities/>

### **GIS Summer Program for Students or Teachers**

Go Global GIS is pleased to announce this year's GIS Summer Program. It is currently structured to include environmental study in the field (hands on training, water sampling & data collection), training in GIS and GPS, and college counseling. This year we are excited to be incorporating programs from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as well. Information is attached. We also offer a 20 hour course strictly in GIS that might be more suitable for teachers. Please see [www.goglobalgis.com](http://www.goglobalgis.com) for more information or contact Maggie Cawley at [maggie@goglobalgis.com](mailto:maggie@goglobalgis.com).

### **Internship at Calvert County Nature Parks**

There is a college level internship open in Calvert County. Number of positions: 1-2. Hours: As needed: 10-30, average 24 hr/week. Occasional weekends. Start date: mid-March 2013 Finish Date: early June 2013. Small stipend available. Calvert County Natural Resources Division manages and operates nature parks for the purposes of recreation and education opportunities. The Division staff conducts educational programs for school children and interpretive programs for the public. Duties: Assist county park naturalists to develop and implement environmental education programs Assist naturalist staff teaching environmental education programs Greeting and working with the public Provide trail and interpretive information to visiting public. Qualifications: College age (undergrad), has own transportation, strong leadership and communications skills, enjoys working with children, independent work habits, works outdoors in summer weather conditions, history of volunteer or work experience at parks or similar organizations, or coursework in biology, environmental science or education Please send a resume and a letter of interest to Andy Brown, Senior Naturalist at [brownaj@co.cal.md.us](mailto:brownaj@co.cal.md.us)

### **College Internship Opportunity**

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has an excellent internship opportunity available for an undergraduate or graduate student. A job description is attached to this message and can also be viewed online here: [http://www.mwccog.org/resources/opportunities/detail.asp?JOB\\_ID=335](http://www.mwccog.org/resources/opportunities/detail.asp?JOB_ID=335). This position will provide an intern with an opportunity to work directly with water and wastewater utility staff from around the Metropolitan Washington region; local government and utility officials working on stormwater management, watershed management, water supply and drought, sustainability issues, etc.; a variety of federal, state, local, and private sector organizations working on critical infrastructure protection issues (e.g., cyber security, backup power, supply chain resiliency, etc.). As noted in the job announcement, the selected intern will be working across a number of program areas, including ongoing projects related to Chesapeake Bay Program initiatives, wastewater and drinking water quality management, the security of our region's drinking water and wastewater infrastructures, public outreach, drought planning and response, and other water resources projects. We offer extremely flexible working arrangements, including the option of teleworking. This is a really good opportunity for a student who is independent and self-motivated, but also enjoys working in a team atmosphere. If you have any questions about the position, please don't hesitate to email or call Steve Bieber, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002-4239. Direct: (202) 962-3219. Main: (202) 962-3200. Email: [sbieber@mwccog.org](mailto:sbieber@mwccog.org). <http://www.mwccog.org>

### **Director, Longwood University's Hull Springs field station**

Longwood University (Farmville, Virginia) is looking for a new Director for its Hull Springs field station and education center. The position has been posted for almost two weeks, so I would encourage interested parties to act quickly. The new Director will be working from the Longwood University campus in Farmville, at least at first. The 662 acre waterfront property is an incredibly diverse and beautiful resource and is presently underused as field station and education center. Longwood University is in the process of elevating its focus on the environmental sciences and environmental education and Hull Springs will become a vital part of that effort. This is a great opportunity for someone to build a program and a resource into something that can make a true impact, especially in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Here is the Hull Springs web site: <http://www.longwood.edu/hullspringsfarm/>. The job description can be downloaded here: <http://www.longwood.edu/hr/24817.htm>. Official communications should be directed as described in the position announcement.



## ***WATERSHED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE***

### **Hate Litter? Here's How to Make it Disappear**

To help our community celebrate Earth Day every day of the year, York County residents, organizations, civic groups, schools, and neighborhoods that want to clean up litter or eliminate illegal dumpsites, can dispose of waste from a clean-up effort free of charge at the York County Resource Recovery Center. The Authority is working with Keep York County Beautiful to stop illegal dumping in our community and clean up existing dumpsites. If you would like to help clean up a site, contact Tom Smith at Keep York County Beautiful at 717-840-2375, or [tls35@psu.edu](mailto:tls35@psu.edu). Keep York County Beautiful will assist with providing free gloves, bags and safety vests. To register for the Authority's free litter disposal program, call Jen Cristofolletti at the Solid Waste Authority at 717-845-1066. Participants will be asked to provide information regarding the type of organization, contact person, phone, address, and location of area to be cleaned. Once registered, groups will receive guidelines for participation and a vehicle dashboard placard that will enable them to enter the Resource Recovery Center to deliver litter. The litter disposal program is a great way for the community and civic groups to participate in a year-long event that honors our planet and cleans up our community. Recyclable materials MUST be separated from the litter and recycled. Participants can take recyclable materials to any recycle drop-off center of their choice. A recycle drop-off center is located across from the Resource Recovery Center and can accommodate the following items: plastic (#'s 1-7); steel, bi-metal and aluminum cans; newsprint; dry cardboard and paperboard; and unbroken clear and colored glass. The Authority facilitates responsible solid waste management through an integrated strategy that emphasizes waste reduction, education, recycling and resource recovery. Call YORK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY at 717.845.1066 to register. For more information visit us at: [www.ycswa.com](http://www.ycswa.com).

### **Report reveals success of conservation compliance in protecting soils and wetlands**

Oklahoma Farm Report – Over the last 25 years, one of the least-publicized farmland conservation efforts has actually been one of the most effective, says a new report by former USDA Deputy Secretary and Co-Chair of AGree Jim Moseley. The report, "Conservation Compliance: A 25-Year Legacy of Stewardship," explains how conservation compliance helped save millions of wetland acres while keeping billions of tons of soil on farms. As a result, millions of marginal, erosion-prone lands have remained healthy and productive. Read more...

[http://oklahomafarmreport.com/wire/news/2013/02/05530\\_ConservationCroplns02262013c\\_122759.php](http://oklahomafarmreport.com/wire/news/2013/02/05530_ConservationCroplns02262013c_122759.php)

### **American Planning Association Releases Report on Green Infrastructure**

A recent report from the American Planning Association demonstrates how green infrastructure cleans the air and water, replenishes aquifers, reduces flooding, and moderates climate. Green infrastructure approaches also help promote healthy exercise and access to more grown food. The report also notes that green infrastructure can make communities safer and even helps reduce crime, while boosting the economy as it attracts business, raises property values, and lowers energy and healthcare costs. The report authors, both practicing professionals in planning and design, present six principles for successful green infrastructure projects. Detailed case studies describe these principles at work from north Texas to southeastern Philadelphia to suburban Kansas. In this report, planners, urban designers, and landscape architects can find proven ideas for making their regions, cities, and neighborhoods more resilient and sustainable. To access this report, visit:

<http://www.planning.org/apastore/Search/Default.aspx?p=4203>.

### **Report Released: "Water Resources Utility of the Future: A Blueprint for Action"**

The clean water paradigm in the United States is changing. The Water Resources Utility of the Future will transform the way traditional wastewater utilities view themselves and manage their operations. They also will transform their relationships with their communities and their contributions to local economies. This report presents the clean water industry's vision for the future as well as a series of actions that will help deliver our vision. It is jointly released by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF). The audience for this report includes federal policy-makers, local utility managers, private sector interests, and state and local governments. To access the report, visit:

<http://www.wef.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=12884902711&libID=12884902699>

### **Coming Soon! FEMA is launching a new way to view your community's preliminary flood hazard data**

Nation-wide preliminary flood hazard data (preliminary data) issued after April 1, 2013 will be available in one centralized web address, along with effective data. Preliminary data provide an early look at your home or community's risk to flood hazards. There are many benefits to viewing these data, for more information, visit <http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>.

### **National Conversation on the Future of our Communities—Compendium**

The Smart Growth Network issued a call for papers in 2012 to start a national conversation on what we want our communities to look like in 25 years, and what development issues will be faced. The Network received 95 papers in response. Twenty of the papers were selected for publication in this compendium, which was released at the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Read all...

<http://www.smartgrowth.org/nationalconversation/papers/>

### **Permitting Green Infrastructure: A Guide to Improving Municipal Stormwater Permits and Protecting Water Quality**

American Rivers has released this new guide to permitting approaches that encourage or require low impact development or green infrastructure. The guide combines model permit language with excerpts from comment letters that have helped to drive permit evolution. It is intended to be a resource for community and watershed advocates. Read more...

<http://www.americanrivers.org/newsroom/resources/permitting-green-infrastructure.html>

### **Dam Safety and Waterway Management Fees**

The final regulation above was published in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) on 2/16/2013. Please access the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) for copies of the final regulation. The [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) is the official version of the final regulation until the regulation is codified in Title 25 of the [Pennsylvania Code](#).

