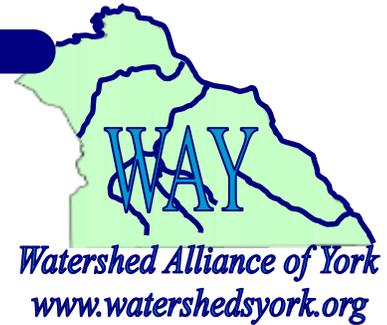


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- PA Bulletin – www.pabulletin.com
- Proposed regulations were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on 4/24/2010
- Proposals Currently Open for Comment

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 717-705-4704
- 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

GAME & WILDLIFE – (888) 742-8001

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

ILLEGAL DUMPING – (877) 772-3673

- Illegal dumping on state forest and park lands

MUNICIPAL (Phonebook Blue Pages)

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

NOXIOUS PLANTS – (717) 772-5209

RECYCLING – (717) 845-1066

WETLANDS – (717) 249-2522

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WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

Ag Land Preservation Board of York County - www.york-county.org

<> 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/>

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

Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership - www.codoruscreek.com

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

Codorus Creek Watershed Association - www.codoruscreek.net

- July 12 – CCWA Meeting of Members and Board, 7:00 pm, at York Water Co. (Mt. Rose Ave.)
 - May 17 – 13th Annual Meeting of Members and Board, 7:00 pm, at Gary Peacock's home (4 Rambo Rd., Red Lion, PA)
- <> Contact: Jim Leaman at 843-2929

Codorus State Park - www.dcnr.state.pa.gov

Conewago Canoe Club - www.conewagocanooclub.org

- May 6 – Club Meeting – Mount Zion United Church of Christ, 7:00 pm, at Ridgewood Road in Pleasureville
 - Red Lion High School Paddling Instruction Schedule online
- <> Questions or comments e-mail me oc1mike@comcast.net, but remember you catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

Deer Creek Watershed Association - <http://deercreekwatershed.com/>

- NEW! Check out our new website
- <> Contact Lee McDaniel at ldmcdaniel@aol.com.

Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County - 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 - www.friends-of-codorus.org/

- Apr 24 – Big Yard Sale – Dubs Church Rt. 216; 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
- <> 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 - 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

Greater Hanover Alliance - pwingert@legacycaps.com

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

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy - www.gunpowderfalls.org

- May 8, 9 – 1 pm – Tree Planting, Loch Raven Reservoir
 - May 15, 9 – 1 pm – Tree Planting, Bee Tree Preserve
 - May 23, 9 – 1 pm – Tree Planting, Loch Raven Reservoir
 - May 29, 9 – 2 pm – Trail Maintenance Workshop, Loch Raven Reservoir
 - June 5, 10 – 2 pm – Stream Watch Training, Christus Victor Lutheran
 - June 19, 10 – 12 noon – Rain Barrel Workshop, Graham Equestrian Center
- <> TO VOLUNTEER OR REGISTER FOR FREE or for more information contact Peggy Perry, Program Director for Gunpowder Valley Conservancy at 410-668-0118 or email little-owl@msn.com.

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

Happy Spring to all from the Horn Farm. Time to enjoy the warmth of the sun, time to plant and time to celebrate new beginnings as greenery and fresh life emerges all around us.

- The second season of our Community Gardens, bigger and better than the first, is off to a great start. Response was overwhelming as gardeners from last year hurried to sign up for plots and were joined by new gardening enthusiasts who signed up for all of the additional plots that were added this year. Those still interested in gardening at the farm this season might look into planting an Heirloom Patch, our Patch Project for 2010.
- We're also celebrating the kick off of the Incubator Farm Project which will provide the opportunity for independent farmers to create and operate small-scale sustainable farms on prime farmland acreage at the Horn Farm. Just last week, ground was broken and construction started on a new pole barn that will serve the farmers selected for the project.

- The 2010 Heirloom TomatoFest on August 7 will have activities, demonstrations, food, entertainment and fun for the whole family. The Farmstand Tour, fast becoming a tradition, will also be held with dates coming soon. We hope you'll mark your calendar and join us on the farm this season!
 - Be sure to check out our spring newsletter for more information on these and other newsworthy items happening "Around the Horn". Hope to see you there, soon!
- <> Contact: Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education, 4945 Horn Road, York, PA 17406. Phone: (717)654-0571. Email: info@hornfarmcenter.org. Web: www.hornfarmcenter.org.

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

- Calendar of events 2010 - www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/id21.html
 - Club Open Meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Clubhouse.
- <> Contact: York Chapter #67 IWLA, 7131 Ironstone Hill Road, Dallastown, PA 17313. Club Grounds Phone: 717-428-2000
*Leave a message for the Committee Contact or Club Officer you are trying to reach. Committee Contacts & Club Officers are listed on the Club Information Page. If no phone or email address is listed contact club grounds phone number.

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper - www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org

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

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

- May 3 - Trib Team meeting 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Venue: Anita Leight Estuary Center. Topics: Bynum Run TMDL Informational Briefing - Tony Allred or other from MDE; Wade-In Planning; Project Updates. Note: We'll hold the TMDL Briefing first. Guests from town of Bel Air have another commitment that evening
- <> Contact: Mike Bilek, Tributary Team Coordinator, MD DNR, Tawes Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401. Ph: 410-260-8988. E-mail: mbilek@dnr.state.md.us

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

- Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run (York & Lancaster Counties): The Keystone Trails Association will host the second annual Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Join KTA for the 28.4-mile trail challenge for adventurous hikers and trail runners on the wild river hills of the lower Susquehanna Gorge. The course follows the Mason Dixon and Conestoga Trails and features spectacular river views including Urey Overlook, House Rock Vista and Pinnacle Overlook, scenic hollows like Oakland Run, Tucquan Glen and Kelly's Run, and Wind Cave, one of the largest tectonic caves in the eastern U.S. Visit www.kta-hike.org for more information or to register online.
 - Volunteers are needed for the second Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010. Many volunteer opportunities are available including registration (Friday evening and Saturday morning), parking, checkpoints, trail sweeps, and more. Approximately 100 volunteers are needed. Please contact Becky at 717.238.7017 or ktaadmin@verizon.net for more information.
- <> Contact: James Hooper at james.hooper@worldnet.att.net.

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

- May 15 - MAEscapes Native Plant Fest & Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the County Annex, 112 Pleasant Acres Rd, York, PA. NEW THIS YEAR! Shop Native Plant Vendors - Doyle Farm, Heatwood, Kollar, Natural Landscapes, and Springhaven nurseries. Meet and hear Catherine Zimmerman, author of Urban & Suburban Meadows, Bringing Meadowscaping to Big and Small Spaces. For more information, visit: <https://themedadowproject.com/>
 - Jul 10 - NATIVE PLANT EXPERIENCE 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to visit native landscapes and talk to homeowners about native landscaping.
- <> Contact: 717-840-7408 or Connie Schmotzer at cxs51@psu.edu

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

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

Prettyboy Watershed Alliance - www.prettyboywatershed.org

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

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

- New 2010 Meeting Location! 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!
 - 5/1 - GVP Fundraising Yard Sale
 - 5/2 - Hike Blue Mountain
 - 5/23 - Bike trip at Stony Creek
- <> Kim Anderson at sgfornyc@aol.com.

Spoutwood Farm CSA - www.spoutwood.com

- 19th Annual May Day Fairie Festival April 30 through May 2.
- <> Please direct inquiries, resumes and cover letters to Spoutwood Farm at 717-235-6610 or spoutwood@comcast.net.

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

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

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership – www.susquehannagreenway.org

- Jun 13-19 – West Branch Susquehanna Sojourn
- <> 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 – www.codorustu.org

- May 12 – Monthly Chapter Meetings 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., at Sawmill pavilion (summer)
 - We need your eyes! Extensive construction on the new Jefferson/Codorus sewage treatment plant and collection system is now underway in the upper watershed. Right now, there is significant potential for serious runoff and siltation problems. Each of us needs to keep an eye on this project to spot and report any and all problems! [Please click here](#) for other important information that you should know if you're concerned about the Codorus
 - Didymo! It's on our doorstep, right down in Maryland on the Gunpowder. Learn about this invasive and highly destructive algae, didymosphenia geminata (also known as 'rock snot'). Since it is spread by anglers on their wading equipment, we must all learn and follow the necessary measures.
- <> 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/>

- May 19 – Chapter Meeting at [Collinsville Fish & Game](#)
- <> Contact: Ron Heuston, President MCTU, 244-1851 or Heuy1955@aol.com

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

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

Watershed Alliance of York – www.watershedsyork.org

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

Yellow Breeches Watershed Association – www.ybwa.org

- Jun 9 – YBWA Board Meeting
 - Sep 8 – YBWA Board Meeting
 - Oct – TBA - Annual Membership Meeting
 - Dec 8 – YBWA Board Meeting
- <> Contact: John Eby, President, at john_eby@lower-allen.pa.us

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

- <> Contact Shanna M. Wiest, Government Affairs Director, REALTORS Association of York & Adams Counties, Inc. 901 Smile Way York, PA 17404. Phone: (717) 843-7891. Fax: (717) 854-0720. <http://www.rayac.com>

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

- Saturday, May 1, 2010 Warbler walk at Rocky Ridge York County Park. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at first parking lot. Leader: Alice Frick. 717-843-6675.
 - Saturday, May 8, 2010 Visit Alfred Spoo's wildlife gardens and numerous ponds in Lititz. Meet at Queensgate Shopping Center at 9:30 A.M. to carpool. Leader: Tish Swam. 717-235-2578.
 - Monday, May 10, 2010 The Wonder of Nesting Birds Up Close. Lights!...Action!>>> Be part of the joy and fascination of birding up-close and personal with engaging videos and photos of birds nesting and raising their young by Andy Ohrman, former board member of Appalachian Audubon and past president of the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania. Luther Memorial Church, 7:00 P.M.
 - Saturday, June 5, 2010 YAS Annual Picnic at Codorus State Park. Bring a covered dish to share with YAS and Codorus Bird Club members. Karen Lippy will offer pontoon boat rides featuring birding and natural history of the area. Boat fee is \$15.00 per person. For reservations, call Karen Lippy at 717-637-9347. Meet at 12 noon at Marina Road off Route 216.
- <> Contact Tom Smith at 717-246-9767 or tjs35@psu.edu.

York County Conservation Alliance - www.yorkcountyconservationalliance.org

<> Contact: Jane Heller at info@yorkcountyconservationalliance.org or 717-845-3797, or mail to YCCA - 543 Dupont Ave, York, Pa. 17403

York County Conservation District - www.yorkccd.org

- Board meets 2nd Friday, 11:30 a.m. (December-March) and 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (Apr.-Nov.), at the York County ANNEX
- Rain barrels for sale! Visit our website for more information and prices.

<> Contact: YCCD at 717-840-7430 or yorkccd@yorkccd.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

EPA Orders 79 Municipalities to Improve Stormwater Management

(PHILADELPHIA) April 23, 2010 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced it has sent orders to 79 municipalities in south central Pennsylvania requiring improvements to their Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) programs, including 17 in York County. The orders require the cited municipalities to correct problems with their respective MS4 programs and come into compliance with their Clean Water Act permits. MS4s are publicly owned drainage systems, including storm drains, pipes, and ditches, designed to collect and convey stormwater runoff in urbanized areas. "These actions are critical since improperly managed stormwater can wash harmful pollutants into local streams and rivers," said Shawn M. Garvin, Regional Administrator for EPA's mid-Atlantic region. "EPA is committed to gaining compliance with these municipalities for the health of local waterways in Pennsylvania and the Chesapeake Bay." Urbanized areas contain large portions of impervious surfaces such as roads, rooftops and parking lots that channel stormwater directly into local streams, rivers, and other water bodies. Improperly managed stormwater runoff from urbanized areas can damage streams, cause significant erosion, and carry excessive nutrients, sediment, toxic metals, volatile organic compounds, and other pollutants downstream. EPA will provide compliance information to municipalities receiving these orders, and will host a one-day conference on May 5 in Harrisburg, Pa., to discuss the MS4 requirements of the Clean Water Act. See press release for list of Municipalities receiving the orders. For more information about Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) visit <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/munic.cfm>

Environmental Synopsis Features Results Of Recent Poll On Environment

The [April issue](#) of the Environmental Synopsis newsletter included the results of a Muhlenberg-Morning Call poll which found 65 percent of those responding felt the environmental quality of life was good in Pennsylvania and 11 percent said it was excellent, with 24 percent saying it wasn't so good or poor. The same survey found 56 percent were not at all concerned with or not too concerned with the safety of their drinking water. The article noted 90.1 percent of those surveyed in an earlier poll found it was very important to have clean water in rivers and streams. The Synopsis also included articles on: Energy Star appliance ratings, climate change, new California vehicle emission standards and more. The next Environmental Issues Forum sponsored by the Committee will be on May 24 and will feature a presentation by the PA Environmental Council on its [Green Business Program](#). Rep. Scott Hutchinson (R-Venango) serves as Chair of the Committee and Sen. Ray Musto (D-Luzerne) serves as vice Chair.

Local Farmers Recognized For Improving Streams Destined For The Chesapeake Bay

The [Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts](#) this week announced Travis and Christine Sherman of T-n-C Farm in Wellsville, Alvin and Michael Herman of Albavale Farm in Canton, Morrill and Melody Curtis of Port Trevorton and Jim and Carol Biddle of Mill Hill Farms in Williamsburg were named as the 2010 Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Farm Award recipients. PACD will recognize these award winning farms on July 20 in State College during the annual conservation awards program of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. To further acknowledge their accomplishments, the landowners will receive certificates and large "Clean Water Farm Award" signs to erect on their property. The Clean Water Farm Award, initiated in 1986, recognizes farmers within Pennsylvania's portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, who manage their daily farm operation while keeping a watchful eye on water quality. The farms' conservation plans address issues that help control potential pollutants such as eroded soil, pesticides, and fertilizers from entering streams or groundwater supplies. T-n-C Farm, a small, beef farm, operated by Travis and Christine Sherman, was nominated by the York County Conservation District for their labors to protect the waters of the Conewago Water Shed and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. The Shermans implement many Best Management Practices (BMPs), a combination of practices determined to be the most effective, and practical means of reducing pollution. They have addressed nutrient management, soil erosion and a riparian buffer area to insure protecting Doe Run, a stream that passes through the farm. Their long term goals include maintaining the best management practices and keeping the land a productive farm as part of the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board's Easement Program. Recipients of the annual Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Farm Award are nominated by their local county conservation districts. This annual award program is coordinated by the Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Education Office (administered by PACD, a private, nonprofit organization representing Pennsylvania's sixty-six county conservation districts). The awards are sponsored jointly by the Department of Environmental Protection's Chesapeake Bay Program and the Department of Agriculture to recognize farmers who implement Best Management Practices. The [Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Education Office](#) conducts numerous activities promoting the theme, "We All Live Downstream."

COMMONWEALTH COURT CLARIFIES CLEAN AND GREEN ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Commonwealth Court has clarified several enrollment conditions for the Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, 72 PA. STAT. ANN. §§ 5490.1-5490.13, also known as Clean and Green (CG). *Way v. Berks County Bd. of Assessment Appeals*, 2010 WL 744234 (Pa. Commw. Ct. Mar. 5, 2010). Land enrolled in CG is preferentially assessed, lowering the property taxes. Landowners may enroll if they own eligible lands of at least ten acres, or have at least \$2000 anticipated annual gross income from agricultural production of the land. In *Way*,

the court held that land contained within a public road is ineligible for the purpose of meeting the ten-acre minimum threshold. The court also ruled that only products actually sold may be considered as annual income, so hay grown and used by the farmer could not be counted towards the \$2000 annual income minimum. Additionally, the court held that the annual gross income from production of the land must be computed based upon current market conditions, and not upon possible future market increases. For more on CG, visit the Agricultural Law Center's Clean and Green Resource Area at http://law.psu.edu/academics/research_centers/agricultural_law_center/resource_areas/clean_and_green

American Rivers Launches National River Cleanup 2010

Washington, DC — American Rivers, the nation’s leading river conservation organization, today announced the kickoff of its 2010 National River Cleanup season and the strengthening of the program through the hiring of a full-time National River Cleanup Campaign Manager. Last year, American Rivers sponsored the most successful National River Cleanup yet with hundreds of thousands of volunteers removing tons of trash on rivers across the country. This year, through an online marketing campaign, new sponsorships, and increased local outreach, American Rivers plans to make the 2010 National River Cleanups the most successful to date. American Rivers has also simplified the registration process. Volunteers can find their closest river cleanup, information on how to organize a new river cleanup, and frequently asked questions and answers at www.AmericanRivers.org/Cleanup. In addition, cleanup organizers will receive a kit with free trash bags, T-shirts, and day-of supplies. New staff and partners expand this popular program. Contacts: Amy Kober (503) 827-8648 and Jennifer Levine (202) 347-7550

Holtwood Preserve Spring 2010 Environmental Programs

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION*	TIME
Thur., May 6	WILD About Shad, Teacher Workshop	HEC	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sat., May 9	Eagle Walk & Talk of Area Birds	L-12	10 a.m.- noon
Sat., June 19	Bluebird Trail Monitoring	HEC	9 - 10:30 a.m.

* Location Code: SF – Shenk’s Ferry Wildflower Preserve; Q – Quarryville Library; L-12 – Lock 12; HEC – Holtwood Environmental Center; MU – Millersville University, Roddy Hall

Brunner Island Preserve Spring 2010 Environmental Programs

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION*	TIME
Thurs., May 13	Susquehanna Aquacultures Fish Farm Tour	BIFA	10 a.m.- noon
Sat., June 12	Getting Started with Geocaching	BIW	9 - 11 a.m.

*Location Code: BIW – Brunner Island Wetlands BIFA – Brunner Island Fishing Area
 For more information, please visit our Web site at www.pplpreserves.com or call 1-800-354-8383 or e-mail pplpreserves@pplweb.com. For information on the current river conditions, call the Lower Susquehanna Hot Line at 1-800-692-6328.

PROP Recycling Festival Best Video Competition

The Pennsylvania’s State Recycling Association is hosting this event. Use your talents and creativity to create a video about recycling and/or about your local recycling program. A cash prize is provided for the “Best Video” and your video could be posted on the Internet. Submissions are due by July 9, 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.proprecycles.org/Conference/2010/2010%20Conference.html> and click on “3rd Annual Recycling Film Festival” at the bottom of the page.

4th Annual Rachel Carson “Sense of Wonder” Contest

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting this creativity contest. Categories include poetry, photography, essays and dance. Entries should focus on instilling a sense of wonder for the environment for all generations and to inspire environmental stewardship. Form a team of two or more people from younger and older generations and submit team entries by June 16, 2010. The public will have the opportunity to vote. Winners will be announced in October 2010. <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>



WATERSHED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Funding Stormwater Projects: How federal Stimulus Act Money is Being Used Across the Country

The Stimulus Act (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) has provided funds to improve infrastructure, which includes stormwater management projects. Twenty percent of the state revolving funds must be used for “environmentally innovative” projects, which can be used for low-impact development strategies for managing stormwater runoff. This article details projects in New York, Washington, North Carolina, and the Midwest. By Margaret Buranen, Stormwater Journal, March-April 2010. <http://www.stormh2o.com/march-april-2010/funding-stormwater-projects.aspx>

EPA's Center for Environmental Finance Releases Environmental Financing Newsletter

The Center for Environmental Finance (CEF) was created to help federal, state, and local agencies, along with the private sector and others in the regulated community, learn how to pay for environmental facilities and services and acquire the tools and resources they need to meet environmental mandates. Through its programs and activities, the CEF provides technical assistance, education, and outreach to the regulated community to help in the search for creative approaches to funding environmental projects. This first newsletter issue introduces CEF's programs and features an article about an innovative concept that produces long-term, low-cost incentives for installing improvements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and reduce non-point source water pollution. The newsletter is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/efinpage/publications/CEFnewsletterMarch2010.pdf>. For additional information about the CEF, visit: www.epa.gov/efinpage

Growing Greener is nearly out of money

Very few Growing Greener grants will be awarded in the coming years unless the state invests new money in the program. That is unlikely to happen unless the new governor is seriously committed to renewing Growing Greener. Now is the time to secure that commitment. Please take every opportunity available to tell the gubernatorial candidates and their staff about (1) your local successes enabled by Growing Greener and (2) your unmet needs and projects that depend on the renewal of Growing Greener. Ask the candidates what their plans are for renewing Growing Greener. You can do this whether they are at a nearby campaign stop or on a call-in radio program. It is unimportant and perhaps counter-productive for you to talk the details of Growing Greener (how it is funded, history, etc.). What is important for them to understand is that you have local needs and that renewing Growing Greener can help meet those needs. Another action you can take now is to sign your organization on to the Renew Growing Greener Statement of Support that you will find below. Please sign on by emailing Andrew Heath at ah Heath@renewgrowinggreener.org Please include with your email the number of members and/or contributors your organization has.

TogetherGreen Fellowships – May 7

The National Audubon Society is accepting applications for the TogetherGreen Conservation Fellowships. Forty people will be chosen for their leadership potential, skills and commitment to engaging people in conservation. Those chosen will receive a \$10,000 grant, assistance with launching a conservation action project, and training. Applications are due May 7, 2010. <http://www.togethergreen.org/People/Fellows.aspx>

TogetherGreen Innovation Grants – May 7

The National Audubon Society is accepting applications for the TogetherGreen Innovation Grants. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$80,000 will be provided to Audubon and their partners to support activities that assist in conservation and creating healthier communities. Applications are due May 7, 2010. <http://www.togethergreen.org/Projects/Grants.aspx>

EPA Now Accepting Small Business Innovation Research Proposals – May 11

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is now accepting proposals for its Small Business Innovation Research Program grants. The deadline for proposals is May 11. The grants are designed to help small businesses develop innovative, sustainable technologies that protect human health, improve air quality, help decrease climate change, protect water, and support green jobs. To apply, visit the SBIRP Program webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/ncer/sbir/>.

HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program – May 14

2010 Opportunity to Register and Other Important Information for Electronic Application Submission for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. This provides information on application for funding under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. The program will support cooperative regional planning efforts that integrate housing, transportation, environmental and economic development considerations <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/sustaincomm.cfm>
Open Date: April 8, 2010. Close Date: May 14, 2010. Contact Person: If your organization is interested in applying for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program, please call the HUD NOFA Information Center as soon as possible. The NOFA Information Center will ask for your organization name and address, contact name, email, and telephone number, including area code. HUD's NOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access the NOFA Information via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. This is a toll-free number. Apply - Notify HUD of intent to submit application at NOFA Information Center.

FishAmerica Foundation - Marine and Anadromous Community-Based Fish Habitat Restoration – May 17

The American Sportfishing Association's FishAmerica Foundation invites proposals for citizen-driven habitat restoration projects under its partnership with the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program. The partnership requests proposals for local efforts to accomplish meaningful on-the-ground restoration of marine, estuarine, and riparian habitats, including salt marshes, seagrass beds, mangrove forests, and freshwater habitats important to anadromous fish species (fish like salmon and striped bass that migrate to and from the sea). Emphasis is on using a hands-on, grassroots approach to restore fisheries habitat across coastal America, the Great Lakes region, and U.S. Territories of the Caribbean. Closes May 17, 2010. Apply <https://researchfunding.duke.edu/detail.asp?OppID=8190>

EPA Requests Proposals for Urban Watershed Capacity Building Grant – May 19

Through the Targeted Watershed Grants Program, EPA plans to award up to \$600,000 to an eligible entity to manage an Urban Watershed Capability Building Grant. A key component of the Urban Watershed Capacity Building Grant is to engage communities in capacity building activities to foster an increased connection, understanding, and ownership of their waters. EPA is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants that address the following two project components: (1) establish and manage a competitive urban watershed subaward program; and (2) provide urban watershed technical services to subawardees. This Request for Proposals (RFP) is based on the growing need for local watershed protection efforts in urban areas. EPA is encouraging local watershed organizations and local communities to envision the role their watershed should have in their long range community development plans and aiding communities to formulate a means to achieve this. Proposals must be received by EPA by May 19, 2010. A national panel will evaluate and rank proposals based on the evaluation criteria stated in the RFP. Selection of the successful applicant will be announced this summer. For more information, visit the Targeted Watersheds Grants program Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/twg>.

Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program Funds Available – May 24

Recently the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced the availability of \$25 million in financial assistance funding through the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP). NRCS is seeking proposals from partners to improve wetlands conservation. WREP is a component of the Wetlands Reserve Program and provides assistance to landowners to protect, restore and enhance high priority wetlands and improve wildlife habitat. Only state and local governments, Indian tribes and nongovernmental organizations are eligible to submit proposals and enter into agreements with NRCS. Landowners may apply for WREP through their local NRCS offices once a WREP

project has been approved. Proposals must be submitted by May 24, 2010. Additional information is available at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-8143.htm>.

USDA Announces \$25 Million for CIG Projects – Jun 4

Last week USDA announced the availability of \$25 million toward Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) for fiscal year 2010. USDA will use these competitive grants to seek creative solutions to assist producers with emerging and traditional agricultural and natural resource issues. In addition to market-based approaches to conservation, emerging issues include energy conservation, specialty crops and new methods of tackling climate change. The grants also will fund solutions to improve water, soil and air quality, improve nutrient management, and enhance wildlife habitat and pollinator populations. The funding will be allocated to three areas: \$15 million to national conservation projects that address the issues listed above, roughly \$5 million to projects that address the Mississippi River Basin, and roughly \$5 million to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed cleanup efforts. Grants will fund one to three year projects at a maximum contribution of \$1 million. USDA will use a two-phased approach to award CIGs this fiscal year. Applicants must submit pre-proposals to NRCS by Monday, April 26, 2010. Full applications for selected pre-proposals must be submitted by June 4, 2010. All CIG projects must include agricultural producers who meet EQIP eligibility requirements. To apply for the CIG program, please visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/cig/index.html>.

Funding Available for Chesapeake Bay Conservation Efforts – May 24

Last week NRCS announced the availability of technical and financial assistance funding for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Up to \$5 million of Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program funding will be provided through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI). NRCS is seeking proposals from potential partners to enter into partnership agreements. The funding will allow agricultural producers to implement conservation practices that help achieve Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiatives goals. Applications must be in approved CCPI project areas. Priority consideration will be given to projects in the watersheds of the Susquehanna, Shenandoah, Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. Proposals must be submitted by May 24, 2010. Additional information is available at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-7808.htm>.

EPA Accepting Applications for National Environmental Education Training Program – Jul 26

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting grant applications to help manage the National Environmental Education Training Program over the next five years. EPA will award one cooperative agreement, worth approximately \$10 million over five years that will provide teachers and other education professionals with resources and support to enable them to teach about environmental issues more effectively. EPA will accept applications until July 26, 2010. The purpose of the national training program is to provide environmental education training and long-term support to teachers and other education professionals across the United States. Institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations in the United States are eligible to apply. EPA encourages these institutions to form broad-based partnerships when applying for this program that includes partners, such as Minority Academic Institutions, that represent the demographic diversity of the United States. EPA believes that a broad-based consortium that builds on existing national environmental education resources and programs is the best way to successfully deliver quality training and support to K-12 teachers, faculty at colleges and universities and non-formal educators across the United States. More information about the application process for the National Environmental Education Training Program: <http://www.epa.gov/education/educate/solicitation.html>



WATERSHED FACILITATION ASSISTANCE

Watershed Capacity Building Symposium – May 1

The agenda and registration information on [The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds' Capacity Building Symposium](#) on May 1 in State College has just been released. Citizens from all walks of Pennsylvania's watershed community will have the opportunity to share their expertise and wisdom, as well as learn from peers. Participants will include community watershed organizations, Trout Unlimited chapters, and sportsmen's groups, along with environmental professionals from conservation districts, government agencies, academia, and consulting firms. The Symposium will begin at 8:20 a.m., with one of our keynote speakers. There will be eight breakout sessions, each of which will be offered twice during the morning and will focus on the areas of organizational development and technical assistance. The Organizational Track will cover topics relating to board development, community engagement, and financial opportunities and diversity. The Technical Track will offer information on Dashed, volunteer monitoring, available resources for community watershed organizations, and the current issues surrounding Marcellus Shale gas well drilling. Our second keynote speaker will present after lunch. Attendees will then work together to prioritize their expectations for the incoming Governor of Pennsylvania and meet the newest allies in the efforts to renew Growing Greener. Please come early to enjoy our Friday evening reception featuring appetizers, a cash bar, and opportunities to network with colleagues and other professionals in the display area. The Symposium is sponsored by the Foundation, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University. [Download the Symposium brochure.](#)

PA Water Symposium in State College – May 5-6

In celebration of National Drinking Water Week, the Pennsylvania Water Symposium will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College, PA. The event includes a reception during the evening of May 5, followed by a full-day of posters and oral presentations on May 6. This event will showcase water resources issues, research and outreach – being conducted by faculty, students, stakeholders, and professionals throughout Pennsylvania. Conference information including registration, agenda, and accommodations can be found on the conference web site at: <http://agsci.psu.edu/pa-water-symposium>

Join us for the MAEscapes Native Plant Fest & Sale – May 15

Join us for the MAEscapes Native Plant Fest & Sale, May 15, 9am -2pm. This year's sale features five plant vendors, four different seminars, educational displays, and a talk and book signing by Catherine Zimmerman, author of Urban and Suburban Meadows. Tour the MAEscapes gardens and talk with Native Plant Experts to get ideas for your gardens. See you there! For more info about MAEscapes, contact Connie

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Community Tree Management Institute offered by Penn State – May 20-21

May 10 (registration). Held May 20-21 at the Penn State New Kensington Campus, the seminar will provide the training required to be an effective tree commission member. Penn State Cooperative Extension, along with cooperating organizations, will be offering topics that include enacting a municipal tree ordinance, contracting tree work, working with the media, and planning for trees. The registration fee is \$85 which includes lunch, breaks and materials (including Landscape Tree Factsheets, a \$30 value). For more information or to register contact [Mark Remcheck](#) at Penn State Cooperative Extension, (412) 473-2540.

Reading the Farm - A Workshop for Ag Educators – Aug 9-10

Reading the Farm is an on-farm training workshop in sustainable food production that will be held in Pennsylvania this summer. The workshop will utilize two dairy farms in Franklin County as model systems to discover how interactions between different components of the farming system affect farm sustainability. A team of Extension Specialists from Penn State will facilitate a multi-disciplinary analysis of the model farming systems via on-farm experiences and group thinking activities. Agricultural, environmental, economic, and social aspects of the farming system will be considered. The Reading the Farm workshop sessions will tentatively run from 11am-8pm on Monday, August 9, 8am-6pm on Tuesday, August 10, and 8am-4pm on Wednesday, August 11. Farm tours and discussion sessions will occur on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday the group will develop educational tools that can be used for future programming and create a report to be given to each of the farms. Workshop participants will be asked to pay a \$50 registration fee that is non-refundable within 45 days of the workshop. A professional development grant from Northeast SARE will cover the remaining \$1,000 per person cost of the workshop. All lodging, meals, and travel costs for attendees will be provided for or reimbursed. Prospective participants must fill out an application form and return it by May 15 to Charlie White at cmw29@psu.edu. ARPAS and Nutrient Management CEU credits are being requested. Link: [Reading the Farm Information and Application Form](#). Contact: [Charlie White](#) - 814-863-9922



WATERSHED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A Multitalented Plant

An article in the May 2010 issue of Stormwater magazine discusses the issue of antibiotics and various other medications as well as personal care products—fragrances, sunscreens, cleaning products, and the like—ending up in surface waters and, potentially, in drinking water supplies. Removing these substances once they're in the water is tricky, as several people interviewed in the article point out. Researchers at Michigan Technological University, however, working with phytoremediation, claim that a plant commonly used for erosion control is effective at removing antibiotics from the water supply. Vetiver grass (<http://www.vetiver.org/>) has a deep and complex system with high tensile strength, leading to its use as a means of erosion control on steep slopes and streambanks. Growing vetiver under controlled conditions in water containing two antibiotics, tetracycline and monensin, that are commonly given to cattle, researchers found that the plant removed more than 95% of the monensin and virtually all the tetracycline. The vetiver with the antibiotic-laden water supply also grew faster than that grown in uncontaminated water. Previous research has also shown vetiver to be effective at removing nitrogen, phosphorus, heavy metals, and some herbicides and pesticides from water. Another common use for vetiver, ironically, is as an ingredient in perfume—one of the products of concern making their way into the water supply. Perhaps the plant has a chance to redeem itself. A next step in the research, though, is to study what happens to the antibiotics once they've been taken up by the vetiver and to examine ways of ultimately disposing of them.

UO Study Shows Upswing. Value in Forest and Watershed Restoration

Three related working papers released today by the University of Oregon's Ecosystem Workforce Program paint a picture of economic growth and optimism in the rapidly emerging field of forest and watershed restoration. Read...

<http://www.articleant.com/p/re/72679-uo-study-shows-upswing-value-in-forest-and-watershed-restoratio.html>

Interim Version of NC/NE Regional Supplement to '87 ACOE Wetland Delineation Manual

The Philadelphia District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has published the Northcentral and Northeast Interim Regional Supplement (supplement) to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (1987 Manual). This interim document will be tested for one year before being finalized. The supplement data forms and indicators must be used for any future wetland delineations. Field data collected prior to the ACOE notice on February 1, 2010 will be grandfathered. For more information, visit http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/reg_supp.aspx <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/cenap-op/regulatory/spn/spn10-01.pdf>

Pennsylvania Vernal Pools

Vernal or Seasonal Pools are unique wetlands that occur in depressions filled with rainwater, snowmelt, and/or groundwater. They occur in spring, and typically dry out during the summer months. They provide valuable habitat for a variety of creatures such as frogs and salamanders. The Vernal Pool Project of the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) provides free advice to landowners in Pennsylvania who have vernal pools on their properties. Enrollment is open through May 15, 2010. For more information, contact Betsy Leppo at the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program, bleppo@paconserve.org. For a field guide to vernal pools, visit

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/pennsylvania/files/vernalpoolbook.pdf>

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/pennsylvania/howwework/art30915.html>

Farming on the Edge – American Farmland Trust

The American Farmland Trust conducted this national study showing the relationship between high-quality farmland and land development in America. It details the importance of high-quality farmland and how its being lost to development. It shows sprawling development and the threat to farmland state by state. To view the study, visit <http://www.farmland.org/resources/fote/default.asp>

Smart, Green & Growing Planning Guide - Maryland Department of Planning

This guide provides the history and an introduction to land use planning in Maryland, which includes protecting the state’s valuable resources and implementing smart, sustainable growth. It gives an overview on the State’s legislation and laws governing planning. To view the guide, visit http://www.mdp.state.md.us/PDF/OurProducts/Publications/otherPublications/SGG_Guide_09_Web.pdf

Landowner Guide to Buffer Success

This guide provides necessary information for any landowner to restore a forested buffer, which has multiple benefits and is important for a healthy ecosystem and stream. It gives insights from conservation professions with real-world experience. The guide is written especially for those participating in the USDA’s Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), but can be used by anyone wishing to improve their property. <http://www.creppa.org/pdf/landowner%20guide%20revised%2030oct07.pdf>

Pennsylvania Fresh Water

The Nature Conservancy has provided a map of priority rivers, streams and watersheds in Pennsylvania. They represent great examples of freshwater habitats that are critical to the state and were selected through regional freshwater assessments. To view the map and learn more about these rivers, visit <http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/pennsylvania/howweework/art24468.html>

Chesapeake Stormwater Network (CSN) Workshop Materials

The CSN held a workshop in March entitled “Rooftop to the Bay.” The materials from this workshop address current technologies relating to stormwater management in the Chesapeake Bay region. You can access these materials by visiting http://www.cwp.org/cbstp/cbstpresources_rtb.html

New Website www.awsps.org

The Center for Watershed Protection is proud to announce the launch of the Association of Watershed and Stormwater Professionals website. Current features of the site include information on membership along with links to member benefits. Future features of the site will include a login feature for members and information about future issues of the Watershed Science Bulletin and results of the Photolog Contest. For more information, connect directly to the site at www.awsps.org or contact us at membership@awsps.org.

ALL SRBC APPROVED PROJECTS AND PENDING APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) today announced that all SRBC-approved projects and pending water withdrawal and consumptive use applications are now available on the commission’s web site at www.srbc.net/wrp/Default.aspx. The user-friendly web site allows viewers to locate information using an interactive map or through other search functions, including typing in the names of project sponsors. Viewers also can sign up to receive electronic project updates through RSS Feed. The Harrisburg-based SRBC (www.srbc.net) was established under an interstate compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to manage the water resources of the 27,510-square-mile Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.

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Proposed regulations were published in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) on 4/24/2010

- Dam Safety and Waterway Management - This proposed regulation is accessible at <http://www.pabulletin.com>. The public comment period closes on 5/24/2010. Comments may be submitted to the Environmental Quality Board at any one of the following addresses: U.S. Mail: EQB, P.O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477; Electronically: RegComments@state.pa.us; Street Address: 16th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301.

Proposals Currently Open for Comment

Date Published In PA Bulletin	Proposal	Comment Deadline
5/3/2010	2010 Draft Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report; Notice of Availability for Public Comment Published PA Bulletin Notice Correction Notice (Publication scheduled for April 17th)	5/17/2010

