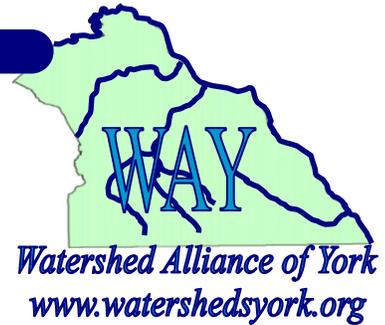


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WATERSHED CONTACTS

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

EMERGENCIES - (800) 541-4741

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

ENVIRONMENTAL - (877) 333-1904

- Air Pollution from burning materials other than household garbage
- Illegal dumping of wastes
- Encroachment on surface waters and floodways
- Groundwater contamination
- Industrial sewage problems
- Mining/quarrying operational problems (800) 541-2050
- Pollution of water supply wells
- Underground storage tank failures

FISHERIES - (800) 541-2050

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

GAME & WILDLIFE - (888) 742-8001

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

ILLEGAL DUMPING - (877) 772-3673

- Illegal dumping on state forest and park lands

MUNICIPAL (Phonebook Blue Pages)

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

NOXIOUS PLANTS - (717) 772-5209

RECYCLING - (717) 845-1066

WETLANDS - (717) 249-2522

- DRAFT TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE
- Proposals Currently Open For Comment



WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

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

- Earth Issues – Click for Earth Issues Events Schedule. Sponsored by the Environmental Studies Dept., Earth Issues is a presentation/discussion of environmental issues. Earth Issues is held on Tuesdays, from 12:00-1:00 PM in the HUB Siderooms. If you are a student, faculty member, alumnus or professional in the field of environmental studies or environmental science, and you are interested in presenting for an upcoming Earth Issues, please let us know.
- <> ALLARM at allarm@dickinson.edu or 717.245.1021. ALLARM Phone: 717.245.1135 fax: 717.245.1971

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

- Join the growing Chesapeake Watershed Network – www.chesapeake-network.org/profile.htm?mode=getagreement
- Oct 9-11 – 2009 Chesapeake Watershed Forum Friday, (NOTE...This is a change from the previous announcement). National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV. More details forthcoming on the Chesapeake Network website www.chesapeake-network.org

<> Contact: Donna Morelli, Director Pennsylvania Office, 3310 Market Street Suite A, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011. Phone: (717) 737-8622 Fax: (717) 737-8650. E-Mail: acbpa@acb-online.org

American Rivers – www.americanrivers.org

- The Daily Show's Jon Stewart Talks Water – American Rivers' science advisor Robert Glennon recently appeared on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart to discuss America's growing water crisis and his new book, Unquenchable. Did Jon Stewart manage to make the water crisis funny? Watch the video <http://www.americanrivers.org/newsroom/blog/water-crisis-daily-show0709.html>.

<> Contact: Liz Garland, Associate Director, Restoring Rivers Initiative, American Rivers, Pennsylvania Field Office, 355 N. 21st Street, Suite 309, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Phone: 717.763.0741

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

- Regional Agricultural Program Dollars Available for Livestock Operations – Availability of funding for farmers in South-central Pennsylvania to install various beneficial agricultural practices. The program, called the Regional Riparian and Ag BMP Initiative, provides cost share dollars for the installation of items such as fencing, watering systems and walkways on livestock farms. Priority will be given to those that incorporate rotational grazing systems in their operations. The project will implement rotational grazing systems, riparian buffers and other agricultural best management practices (BMP's) on eligible farms, with funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Chesapeake Bay Program. The Capital RC&D, in partnership with the DEP, the State Conservation Commission, participating conservation districts and South Central PA Project Grass, will help to improve the effectiveness of agricultural riparian buffers and support the conversion of crop land to pasture. A limited number of funds will also be used for the promotion of sound conservation planning principles and practices. The program is available within the seventeen-county Chesapeake Bay drainage area served by the DEP South-central Region (see <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us> for a county list).

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

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

- On Tuesday, July 21, law enforcement officials will gather with safety organizations, PennDOT and concerned citizens to announce a targeted enforcement effort aimed at a section of Route 15 from the Perry/Cumberland county line to the Maryland border. Under the Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project, funded by PennDOT, municipal and state police will focus their attention specifically on Route 15 for the week of July 20, as well as weeks in September and November. Aggressive driving is a major concern on this well-traveled and often highly congested route and law enforcement is committed to ticketing those motorists who chose to have such poor driving behaviors as speeding, tailgating, improper lane changes and more. In addition to the enforcement effort, local billboard companies are assisting with the campaign by providing billboard space for a series of ads encouraging motorists to "Drive Safe on Route 15 or Suffer the Consequences."

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

Chesapeake Bay Foundation – www.cbf.org

- \$14.9 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDING AWARDED FOR PA AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Grants Will Create Jobs and Improve Water Quality (HARRISBURG, PA) – The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) was awarded \$14.9 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds today, to pay local contractors to install a variety of farm conservation practices that will reduce pollution and, in some cases, use manure to create energy. The grant funding provided by PENNVEST will be used in 16 counties in Pennsylvania's portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. It is estimated that the practices funded by this grant will reduce pollution by 1.3 million pounds of nitrogen, 445,000 pounds of phosphorus, and 1,000 tons of sediment annually.

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

Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership – www.codoruscreek.com

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

Codorus Creek Watershed Association - www.codoruscreek.net

- Up the Creek Summer 2009 newsletter available on website!
 - Oct. 12 - CCWA Member and Board meeting, 7:00 pm, at York Water Company's Mt. Rose Ave. Facility
 - HELP-Buffers Program accepting applications for 2009 projects
- <> Contact: Jim Leaman at 843-2929

Condoguinet Creek Watershed Association - www.conocreek.org

- Aug 15 - Stream cleanup
 - Sep 9 - Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association Board of Directors Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the odd months at 7 pm, at the St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 30 West Carlisle Pike, New Kingstown, PA, 17072.
- <> Contact: Gilbert Freedman, 49 Sample Bridge Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. H: 717-697-2513. E-mail: gjl491@verizon.net

Conewago Canoe Club - www.conewagocanooclub.org

- Aug 8 - Advanced Course Weekend
 - Aug 16 - Gunpowder
 - Aug 23 - Susquehanna River
 - Aug 29 - Club Picnic
 - September 5-6 Advanced Course Level 2 (Phase 1)
- <> Questions or comments e-mail me oc1mike@comcast.net, but remember you catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

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

- Maryland DNR's Rural Legacy Program ag-land preservation belt expands in Deer Creek Watershed to Pennsylvania boarder.
 - City of Aberdeen is petitioning SRBC to tap Deer Creek for additional water supply.
 - Comprehensive Rezoning initiative reaches climax in Harford County.
- <> Contact Lee McDaniel at ldmcdaniel@aol.com.

Doyle Farm Nursery - www.doylefarm.com

- Sept 4 & 5 - Late Summer Sale
- <> For more information, please see doylefarm.com Open Houses/Events or contact us at ild@doylefarm.com.

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

Late August Programs:

- Nature Nights Saturday, August 15th from 6:00pm-1:00pm; ages 4 -11. Fee: \$25/member or \$30/non-member. Join us on a Saturday evening to make a craft, take a night hike along the trails in the park, and watch a movie while your parents are out and about! Bee Hive Maintenance Tuesday, August 18th at 4:30pm; all ages. No fee and no registration- meet at bee hives along paved pathway. Join our head beekeeper, Cybil Preston, as she demonstrates hive maintenance and answers questions you may have concerning honeybees, crop management, pests and disease, as well as the importance of honeybees.
 - Babes in the Woods- "Wishing it was a Winter Wonderland!" Tuesday, August 25th from 10:00am-1:00pm; ages 4-5. Fee: \$25/member OR \$28/non-member Let's take some time away from the warm summer day and explore snow and ice. We'll even make our very own ice cream treat.
 - Trail Maintenance Saturday, August 29th from 8:00am-12:00pm; all ages. Join the Eden Mill volunteers as they maintain the hiking trails and other areas around the park. Please call ahead so we know who to expect
 - SPECIAL PROGRAM - Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) Training Workshop Monday, October 5th- Thursday, October 8th from 8:00am-5:00pm; ages 16+. Please see website or inquire for fee options The National Association for Interpretation (NAI) in partnership with Eden Mill Nature Center, is offering a professional certification course for individuals who desire to improve their knowledge and skills in delivering quality interpretive programming to all audiences. The Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) program is designed for anyone who delivers interpretive programs to the public. It combines both the theoretical foundations of the profession with practical skills in delivering quality interpretive programming to visitors.
- <> Pre-registration is required for all programs by calling 410-836-3050 or emailing edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com. For more information, contact Eden Mill Nature Center, 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, MD 21132. Hours of Operation: Office Hours M-F from 9am-2pm; Nature Center and Historic Grist Mill Hours M-F from 9am-4:30pm, Sat. from 10am-3pm, and Sun from 1pm-5pm. As always, please call ahead to confirm 410-836-3050

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

- August 7 - Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County Outdoor Concert @ Brown's Farm Market & Garden Center in Emigsville
 - What is a conservation easement? And what are its benefits? A conservation easement is a deed restriction, binding on all current and future owners of the land, intended to preserve the agricultural, open space and natural resource values of the land. An easement limits certain uses on all or a portion of a property, while keeping the property in the landowner's ownership. Easements can be used to preserve the character of the property and are tailored to the property and to fit with the goals of the landowner. Easements can be used to restrict or prohibit further development, support sustainable forestry and to protect lands for agricultural, open space, historical, scenic, recreational or educational purposes. Easements also protect natural resources, which supports the health of our watersheds, woodlands and open spaces. Preservation provides us with the scenic vistas that are a large part of York County's character.
 - WISH LIST - Office Desk, Chairs, Office Supplies, and Stamps
- <> Contact: Sean Kenny at the FARM & NATURAL LANDS TRUST of York County, 156 North George Street, Suite 300, York, PA 17401. Phone - 717-843-4411 or skenny@farmtrust.org

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

- August 15 & 16 - Civil War Living History Weekend:

- Halloween in the Park: Spots/sites are going fast! Reserve a spot and decorate it for Halloween. Family or business sponsors are welcome. All sponsors are required to provide "treats" for the children that "trick or treat" through the Loop.
- <> For more information contact Becky Miller at 632-6747 or email beckymill1@juno.com or Dave Carbaugh at 637-9875 or email carbaugh3@embarqmail.com

Greater Hanover Alliance - pwingert@legacycaps.com

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

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy - www.gunpowderfalls.org

- August 5, 2009 9 - 3 pm - Tree Maintenance Day, Loch Raven Reservoir
 - August 8, 2009 10-12 noon - Rain Barrel Workshop, Cromwell Valley Park
 - August 22, 2009 7-12 noon - Trail Maintenance Day, Loch Raven Reservoir
 - September 12, 2009, 10-2 pm - Stream Watch Training, Cromwell Valley Park
 - October 10, 2009, 9-2 pm - Trail Maintenance Workshop, Loch Raven Reservoir
- <> 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

- York County Farmstand Tour will be this Saturday, August 8 from 10 am - 3 pm. Please spread the word and encourage our York County consumers to get to know their local farm market options. If they visit three (3) participating farmstands, they can receive free ice cream & peaches from 11 am-4pm at either finale location: Horn Farm Center or York County 4-H Fair.
- <> Contact: Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education, 4945 Horn Road, York, PA 17406. Phone: (717)654-0571. Email: info@hornfarmcenter.org. Web: www.hornfarmcenter.org.

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

- Calendar of events 2009 - www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/id21.html
 - Sept 25-27 - NEW IWLY Outdoor Show 2009. Silent Auction, Block Shoot, Pistol Shooting Gallery, Trap Shooting, 3D Archery Shoot, Trout Pond, Bake Sale, Games, Kid's Fishing Derby, Food, Other Kid Activities, Bob's Critters. & Much More! Admission: ONLY \$5 parking fee per vehicle per day
 - Club Open Meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Clubhouse.
 - <> Contact: York Chapter #67 IWLA, 7131 Ironstone Hill Road, Dallastown, PA 17313. Club Grounds Phone: 717-428-2000
- *Leave a message for the Committee Contact or Club Officer you are trying to reach. Committee Contacts & Club Officers are listed on the Club Information Page. If no phone or email address is listed contact club grounds phone number.

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

Late August Programs:

8/15/09 SAT	8/15/09 SAT	9:00am-2:00pm	Local Foods Symposium -
8/19/09 WED	10/28/09 WED	6:00pm-8:00pm	Wednesday Hike for the Work Weary
8/22/09 SAT	8/22/09 SAT	10:00am-2:00pm	Backpacking Basics
8/22/09 SAT	8/22/09 SAT	6:30pm-8:00pm	Snakes of Pennsylvania
8/26/09 WED	10/28/09 WED	6:00pm-8:00pm	Wednesday Hike for the Work Weary
8/29/09 SAT	8/29/09 SAT	9:00am-12:00pm	Bike the Cumberland Valley Rail-Trail

<> Sitting astride South Mountain, Kings Gap offers a panoramic view of the Cumberland Valley. Sixteen miles of hiking trails interconnect three main areas and are open year-round. Kings Gap offers environmental education programs from the pre-school environmental awareness program to environmental problem solving programs. Visit our calendar of events online at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/list.asp?ICSORG=6320>. For more information and how to register, contact Kings Gap at (717) 486-3799. E-mail kingsgapsp@state.pa.us

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

- August 7 - Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area Visions of the Susquehanna River Art Collection Open
- August 8 - York County Historical Society Museum & Library: Creating an Archival Environment for Valuable Documents & Photographs
- August 8 - Northern York County Historical & Preservation Society Big Band Concert on the Tavern Court Yard
- August 12 - Agriculture & Industrial Museum Book Blast - Members Only Day
- August 13-15 - Agriculture & Industrial Museum Book Blast
- August 15 - Susquehanna Heritage Park - Highpoint Scenic Vista & Recreation Area Insect Safari, Grassland Jungle
- August 16 - Indian Steps Museum Kinds of all Ages Day
- August 16 - Indian Steps Museum Snakes & Steps
- August 18 - October 31 - York County Historical Society Museum & Library Exhibit: Junior Curator Exhibit
- August 20 - Agriculture & Industrial Museum Marvelous Milk: From the Farm to Your Table Exhibit Opening
- August 28 - October 31 - Agriculture & Industrial Museum Exhibit: Archaeology Camp
- August 31 - September 24 - Historic York, Inc. Schultz House Archeological Dig
- <> Contact Mark Platts, Lancaster-York Heritage Region, 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Office: 717-252-0229. E-mail: info@lyhr.org.

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper - www.lowerSusquehannaRiverkeeper.org

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

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

- Please see the link for the 2 year milestones which are so important in the team's work going forward.
 - See this website for the 2 year milestones. http://archive.chesapeakebay.net/pressrelease/EC_2009_allmilestones.pdf
 - See this website on WWTP upgrade status http://www.mde.state.md.us/Water/CBWRf/pop_up/enr_status_map.asp
- <> Contact: Mike Bilek, Tributary Team Coordinator, MD DNR, Tawes Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401. Ph: 410-260-8988. E-mail: mbilek@dnr.state.md.us

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

- The next meeting and hike will be on Sept 20th in Gifford Pinchot Park. Check back here for more details later.
 - We have the new 2009 version of the trail map available
 - Trail work on Thursdays
- <> Contact: James Hooper at james.hooper@worldnet.att.net.

Messiah College – www.messiah.edu

- Yellow Breeches Stream Restoration Project – Contact Dave Foster, Biology Dept.
- <> Contact: Rebecca Owen, Local Community Service Director, Messiah College, PO Box 3027, One College Ave., Grantham, PA 17027. Ph: 717-796-1800 ext. 7255. Fax: 717-796-5221. E-mail: ServiceDay@Messiah.edu

Mid-Atlantic Ecological Landscapes Partnership [MAEscapes] – www.maescapes.org (NEW!)

- CHANGE! Sept 19 – Fall Native Plant Sale & Open House
- <> Contact: 717-840-7408 or Connie Schmotzer at cxs51@psu.edu

Pennsylvania Chapter – The American Chestnut Foundation – www.patacf.org/

- <> PATACF Penn State University, 206 Forest Resources Lab, University Park, PA 16803. Ph: 814-863-7192. E-mail: mail@patacf.org.

PPL Environmental Preserve – www.pplpreserves.com

- HIBISCUS WALK Brunner Island Environmental Preserve: Friday, August 14 at 9:00a.m. Join us for a lovely stroll led by Jim Smith, PPL Naturalist, exploring the Hibiscus Natural Area at PPL's Brunner Island. The halberd-leaved hibiscus, also called rose-mallow or Hibiscus militaris, is native to only a few areas in Pennsylvania. Please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear for hiking. The program, which is free and great for all ages, will begin at the Hibiscus Trail Head sign off Wago Road, south of the boat ramp. For directions, visit www.pplweb.com/brunner+island.
- <> Contact: Karen Ament, Naturalist, Holtwood Environmental Center, 9 New Village Road, Holtwood, PA 17532. Ph: 717-284-6272 or email pplpreserves@pplweb.com.

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

- NEW GROUNDWATER WELL RESOURCE - <http://york.extension.psu.edu/NResources/PvtWtrSplyInfo.htm> .
- <> Contact Jeff Myers, Director, 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402-9041. Phone: 717-840-7408. Office Hours: 8:00 to 4:30. County Email: YorkExt@psu.edu.

Prettyboy Watershed Alliance – www.prettyboywatershed.org

What you can do for the Prettyboy Watershed on your property!

- Research whether your property can qualify for land preservation.
 - Plant trees.
 - Protect your streams from erosion.
 - Reduce pesticides and herbicides in your landscape.
 - Plant native plants and use other [bay-friendly landscaping approaches](#).
 - Use chemical fertilizers sparingly.
 - Use or dispose of grass clippings.
 - Plant instead of pave.
 - Redirect runoff from roofs, patios and driveways.
 - Leave the storm drains for the storm.
 - Use Agricultural Best Management Practices.
 - Install rain barrels
- <> Contact: Nancy Shaper at nshaper@jhmi.edu

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

- Red Lion Area Senior High School's Project N.A.T.U.R.E. was designed as a way to facilitate student learning through authentic, outdoor, hands on style learning activities. Although a trail existed through the wooded area behind the high school, a formal nature trail was not started until 1989 as an extension of the Envirothon club facilitated by Science Teacher and Envirothon Coach, Sandy Cooley with help from student volunteers and the community support from members of the Izaak Walton League.
- <> Project Coordinator: Sarah Warner, Global Biology and Science Technology Teacher, Red Lion. E-mail: warnerse@rlasd.k12.pa.us

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

- August 7 – Dog Days of Summer Paddle Evening Rendezvous
- August 8 – Combo Touring Kayak Class
- August 10-14 – Outdoor Adventure Week - Boys & Girls Ages 13-15 Years
- August 13 – Meet the Artists
- August 15 – Combo Touring Kayak Class
- August 16 – Sunday Brunch Paddle Rendezvous

- August 18 – Level 1 Kayak Class
 - August 20 – Level 2 Kayak Class
 - August 21 – Friday Nights Unwind at the River
 - August 22 – Native American Rock Art Kayak Tour with Paul Nevin
 - August 25 – Family Fun Paddle Tour
 - August 27 – Active Agile Recreational Paddlers (AARP) Tour
 - August 29 – Combo Touring Kayak Class
 - August 30 – Sunday Brunch Paddle Rendezvous
- <> Contact: Liz Winand at 2092 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Call: 717-252-1616. Fax: 717-252-0403. Email: shanksmare@comcast.net

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

- Thursday, Aug 20, 2009 - 5-7 pm - Happy Hour at Dockside Willie's in Lemoyne. Join us on the deck for an informal gathering.
 - Tuesday, Aug 25, 2009 - 6:30 pm - GVP Excom Meeting, East Shore Area Library - All members welcome!
- <> Kim Anderson at sgfornyc@aol.com.

Spoutwood Farm CSA – www.spoutwood.com

- Spoutwood Farm CSA finds that it could use a fourth apprentice. Low Pay, Hard Work, Enchanting Garden and People. Now until Nov 1. If interested, reply by email or 717-235-6610
 - Oct. 4 – Mother Earth Harvest Fair & Sustainability Celebration
- <> Contact: Rob Wood, 717-235-6610, Spoutwood@supernet.com

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

- Dusk Discovery Walk 2 August 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Insects are the stars of this walk. Mating activity is at its height, and we'll be entertained by some talented invertebrate musicians. Register by August 12. Members, \$5; member families of five or more, \$25; non-members, \$8; non-member families of five or more, \$40; children under age 3, free.
 - Adult Naturalists 4: Pond and Stream Life August 26, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Last in a series of adult classes on nature-related topics. Register by August 25. Members, \$5; non-members, \$8.
 - SAVE THE DATE! Annual Members Meeting September 12
 - SAVE THE DATE! Auction Dinner at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel November 6
- <> If you have questions, we hope you'll email us info@strawberryhill.org or give us a call at (717) 642-5840. You can also fax us at (717) 642-5803.

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership – www.susquehannagreenway.org

- Sep 25 – Susquehanna River Symposium – The third-annual Susquehanna River Symposium at Bucknell University, "Cultures at the Confluence: Native Americans and the Susquehanna Valley," will be held Sept. 25-26. It will feature Native American writer and environmental activist Linda Hogan, as well as panels on topics including online mapping of Susquehanna Valley history and community topography, Native American history, and early cultures today and the environmental future of the Susquehanna region. In addition, there will be live exhibitions and activities, a showing of a new WVIA-TV documentary on agriculture in the valley, and a poster session of watershed-related research from the past year. Further details will be available in the near future on the Bucknell Environmental Center website. To get on an email list for more detailed information on events and meal registration, please email ppollini@bucknell.edu or call 570-577-1490.
 - Sep 27 – 5th Annual PA Greenways & Trails Summit "Connecting Communities Through Recreation and Heritage". Tours and Mobile Workshops. Tracks: Community & Economic Development, Health, Wellness & Active Living, Technology, Maintenance & Management, Main Line Canal Greenway Workshop. Cost is \$99 for Full Summit. Registration guide will be available by June 1, 2009. Location: Blair County Convention Center. This event is 80 miles from you (17837). 8 AM - 5 PM. FYI www.prps.org
- <> For more information about the Susquehanna Greenway, please contact: The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, 201 Furnace Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Phone: 570-522-7211. Email: greenway@susquehannagreenway.org

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

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

Susquehanna River Basin Commission – www.srbc.net

- Special Notice of Drafting Error in Proposed Rulemaking – Please see the attached link regarding SRBC'S proposed changes affecting natural gas drillers and energy projects. [Read More](#)
 - SRBC'S Proposed Changes Affecting Natural Gas Drillers and Energy Projects Open for Public Comments – SRBC is taking public comments until August 15 on proposed regulatory revisions [[click for regulations](#)] to streamline the use of SRBC-approved water for natural gas drilling in the Marcellus and other shale formations. The proposed revisions also clarify that large energy projects requiring federal licensing must obtain SRBC approval. [Read More](#)
 - Projects Approved at June 18 SRBC Meeting – At the June 18 Business meeting in Binghamton, New York, SRBC approved 27 applications for water withdrawals and/or consumptive water uses, tabled seven projects, approved two diversions and rescinded one project. [Read More.](#)
- <> Contact Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102. Phone: (717) 238-0423. Fax: (717) 238-2436. Email: srbc@srbc.net

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

- Aug 12 – Monthly Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m., Laughman's Sawmill pavilion

- <> 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/>

- Aug 19 – General Meeting 7:00pm at Co-op Nursery
- Rivers Conservation Plan – Muddy Creek TU has contracted with local firm Buchar-Horn, Inc. to help prepare the plan. The firm's project manager, Jayson Romig, will attend the public meetings and answer any questions you may have about the project. If you have any questions regarding the meetings, please contact: Mr. Maurice Chioda, Muddy Creek TU, at muddycreekt@comcast.net
- <> Contact: Ron Heuston, President MCTU, 244-1851 or Heuy1955@aol.com

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

- Sep 11 – United Way of York County's Day of Action! Contact The Volunteer Center at 717-846-4477). Project ideas: Office cleaning, painting, camp maintenance, landscaping, building shelves, providing a client picnic or party, cleaning carpets, delivering supplies, painting playground equipment, washing windows, stream cleanup, etc. It can be inside or outside, large or small. Register: register your project online at Volunteer Solutions. If you do not have this ability, contact The Volunteer Center 717-846-4477.
- <> Contact: Kim Goff goffk@unitedway-york.org

U.S. Geologic Survey – Pennsylvania - <http://pa.water.usgs.gov/>

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

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: mkkirk@adamswatersheds.org

Watershed Alliance of York - www.watershedsyork.org

- Sept 26 & 27, 7th Annual Watershed Weekend 2009 – Seeking forprofit, nonprofit, government agencies, watershed organizations, and other stakeholder groups interested in sponsoring conservation, education, or other hands-on activity that will encourage the public to get involved and learn about your watersheds. No fee. WAY provides advertizing and promotion and distributes WSWE tour guides to the public. For more information contact Gary Peacock at 717-840-7687 or e-mail gpeacock@yorkccd.org. Registration deadline July 31. We hope you join us in September!
- Oct. 7 – Meeting of WAY Board of Directors, 7:00 PM, at 324 W. Market St., York, PA.
- 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

- Strategic Planning Initiative Announcement – YBWA has initiated a strategic planning process. YBWA is being assisted in this effort by the Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds and the Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring at Dickinson College. The goal is to have a draft strategic plan to present at the annual membership meeting to be scheduled in October 2009 with an initial draft to be reviewed at the YBWA board of directors meeting on September 9, 2009.
- September 9, 2009 – YBWA Board Meeting
- October 2009 – TBA - Annual Membership Meeting
- December 9, 2009 – YBWA Board Meeting
- <> Contact: John Eby, President, at john_eby@lower-allen.pa.us

York-Adams Regional Smart Growth Coalition – NEW!

- 20 Aug. – YARSGC Public Forum “What is Smart Growth? 8:30 am at RAYAC Offices, W. Manchester
- <> 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 & Sunday, August 29-30 – Come and visit the York Audubon Society educational display at the 59th Annual Shrewsbury Flower Show. Shrewsbury Fire Hall, 21 West Forrest Ave., Shrewsbury, PA.
- <> Contact Tom Smith at 717-246-9767 or tls35@psu.edu.

YorkCounts - yorkcounts.org

YorkCounts' 2009 Indicators Report:

- Farmland preservation – Number of acres of farmland preserved (by the end of the calendar year) per 1000 people, York County. This Indicator counts because... York Countians value open space as a matter of principle and honor farmland in concert with our heritage. Preserving farmland means protecting not only the agricultural sector of the economy, which is still vibrant in York County, but also the very look and feel of the place where we live. The land that surrounds our commercial centers – York and Hanover – is part and parcel of the quality of life in York County. Since there is no universally accepted standard for exactly how or how much open space should be preserved, there is no perfect way to assess this measurement. For now, it can be noted that farmland is being protected even more quickly than the population is growing.
- <> Contact James DeBord, Director YorkCounts, 105 Leader Heights Road, Suite #2, York, PA 17403. P: 717/650-1500. C: 717/475-6785. Web : www.yorkcounts.org

York County - www.york-county.org

- Request for Proposals - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy Services for Specified York County Facilities
 - Request for Proposals - Architectural Services Access Improvements York County Government Center
 - Discount Prescription Card
 - PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE - York County Consolidated Plan
 - Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Substantial Amendment
 - Proposed Revisions to Local Civil Court Rules
 - York County's Gypsy Moth Suppression Program
- <> Contact the Board of Commissioners, Administrative Center, 28 East Market St. York, PA 17401-1588. Phone: 717-771-9964.

York County Agriculture Business Council

Please mark the following dates on your calendar.

- Wednesday, September 16, 8am at Pleasant Acres Room 4
- Wednesday, November 4, 8am at Pleasant Acres Room 4

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility. Hope you will be able to adjust your schedule to attend. Also, reminders about upcoming Council sponsored events.

- York County Farmstand Tour - Saturday, August 8, 10am-3pm (Need some volunteers!!)
 - Traditional York County Farm Tour – Sunday, October 18, 11am-5pm in Airville
 - 24th Annual Agricultural Recognition Banquet - Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 5:45pm, York Expo Center Old Main Hall
- <> Contact Michelle Grove, 1500 Felton Rd., Felton, PA 17322. Ph: (717) 246-3578. Em: ycabc@comcast.net

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

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

York County Community Foundation – www.yccf.org

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

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

- 13 Aug – District Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 PM, at ANNEX
 - CONSERVE RAINWATER FOR HEALTHY PLANTS! Affordable, high quality, pest safe Rain Barrels for sale—60 Gallon \$125 or 80 Gallon \$145. Sales tax included in price. All profits dedicated to funding the HELP-Streams Program of York County.
- <> Contact Mark Kimmel, District Manager, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402. Phone: 717-840-7430. E-mail Yorkccd@yorkccd.org. Office hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM weekdays.

York County Planning Commission – www.ycpc.org

- August 12 - York County Commissioner's Meeting
 - August 19 - York County Commissioner's Meeting
 - August 26 - York County Commissioner's Meeting
 - August 26 - Local Government Advisory Committee Meeting (LGAC) Executive Committee Meeting
- <> Contact: 717-771-9870 or e-mail planner@ycpc.org

York County Parks & Recreation – www.yorkcountyparks.org

- August 12 – Richard M. Nixon County Park Small Wonders Series
- August 12 – Rocky Ridge County Park Family Rambles
- August 13 – P. Joseph Raab County Park Archaeology Walk
- August 13 – Richard M. Nixon County Park Evening Nature Camp
- August 13 – Richard M. Nixon County Park Grandparents-Grandchild Camp
- August 15 – John Rudy County Park Public Star Watch
- August 16 – Richard M. Nixon County Park Flintknapping
- August 16 – William H. Kain County Park Lake Redman Concert Series - The Brodbecks Band
- August 19 – Richard M. Nixon County Park Small Wonders Series

- August 19 – Spring Valley County Park Senior Excursion
- August 22 – William H. Kain County Park Island Fest
- August 23 – Richard M. Nixon County Park Moss and Ferns
- August 26 – Richard M. Nixon County Park Small Wonders Series
- August 30 – Richard M. Nixon County Park Compass and Map Skills
- August 30 – William H. Kain County Park Lake Redman Concert Series - Cashers Flat

<> Contact ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS (Located adjacent John Rudy County Park) 400 MUNDIS RACE ROAD. YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17406-9721. TELEPHONE: 717-840-7440. FAX: 717-840-7403. Email: Parks@york-county.org



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Sued by the forest: Should nature be able to take you to court?

(Boston Globe July 19, 2009) Last February, the town of Shapleigh, Maine, population 2,326, passed an unusual ordinance. Like nearby towns, Shapleigh sought to protect its aquifers from the Nestle Corporation, which draws heavily on the region for its Poland Spring bottled water. Some Maine towns had acquiesced, others had protested, and one was locked in a protracted legal battle. Shapleigh tried something new - a move at once humble in its method and audacious in its ambition. At a town meeting, residents voted, 114-66, to endow all of the town's natural assets with legal rights: "Natural communities and ecosystems possess inalienable and fundamental rights to exist, flourish and naturally evolve within the Town of Shapleigh." It further decreed that any town resident had "standing" to seek relief for damages caused to nature - permitting, for example, a lawsuit on behalf of a stream. Shapleigh is one of about a dozen US municipalities to have passed measures declaring that nature itself has rights under the law. And in 2008, when Ecuador adopted a new constitution, it recognized nature's "right to exist, persist, maintain itself and regenerate its own vital cycles, structure, functions and its evolutionary processes." A campaign is also underway in Europe for a UN Universal Declaration of Planetary Rights, which would attempt to enshrine such principles in international law, following the model of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These developments are part of a small but growing movement that aims to reorient the relationship between the earth and the law. Advocates argue that natural objects should not be treated as mere property, vulnerable to exploitation or destruction as owners see fit, but as rights-bearing entities with intrinsic value. The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit, works with communities such as Shapleigh to protect local ecosystems, and more towns are considering ordinances in the same vein. The Center for Earth Jurisprudence, established in 2006, works with two Florida law schools, developing a legal philosophy based on respect for the planet, and seeking avenues in current law to advance that goal.

Read more... http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2009/07/19/should_nature_be_able_to_take_you_to_court/. Author Rebecca Tuhus-Dubrow is a contributing writer for Ideas. She can be reached at rebecca.tuhusdubrow@gmail.com.

Officials fear costs of runoff

(By: GARY WECKSELBLATT, The Intelligencer, June 15, 2009) – Concerned with new regulations that could force them to clean up streams inundated with storm runoff, local governments have banded together and hired attorneys to deal with the state Department of Environmental Protection. The regulations require municipalities in areas like Southeastern Pennsylvania that have municipal storm sewer systems to enforce storm water management plans that require a state permit. Municipalities were required to develop the plans several years ago. So far, compliance with the EPA's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System regulations has been relatively painless. Towns have been required to perform the relatively inexpensive work of educating their employees and residents about keeping pollutants washed away by precipitation from contaminating waterways and looking for illegal discharges of pollutants from construction sites and other sources. But when local governments apply to renew their five-year operating permits from the state during the next year or two, some might be facing a more difficult burden. The management plan, according to the DEP, is designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from storm water systems to protect water quality and comply with the federal Clean Water Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law. Municipalities, for example, would be responsible for ensuring that runoff doesn't erode creek beds or cause creeks to be clogged with mud and silt, and that dirt and debris from construction sites stays out of nearby creeks. The municipalities are also supposed to educate residents about harmful effects to water quality caused by such things as lawn fertilizers, grass clippings, pet droppings and some phosphate-laden detergents. Municipalities that operate sewage treatment plants would be forced to build costly upgrades to improve the quality of water they discharge into creeks, costs that would have to be passed on to their customers. Telford Manager estimates a cost of close to \$7,000 per household for borough residents if he'll have to spend \$13 million to \$15 million for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. The Pennsylvania Periphyton Coalition, a group of 12 municipalities has been in court for about a year with the DEP and EPA. Bucks County has decided to use its consortium of about 45 municipalities to challenge the new regulations, said Bob Pellegrino, manager of Northampton. The DEP has extended its public comment period for the proposed revisions to July 6. In addition three public meetings will be held on the issue, including Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. at its Southeast Regional Office, 2 East Main St., in Norristown. After the meeting a public hearing will be held, where comments will be placed on the record. An environmental attorney hired by Montgomery Township, said he'll try to get across to the DEP that there should be flexibility for municipalities, rather than a "one size fits all approach. Gary Weckselblatt can be reached at 215-345-3169 or gweckselblatt@phillyBurbs.com.

PennVEST OKs Interesting Green Infrastructure Projects Funded By Stimulus Monies

The [PA Infrastructure Investment Authority](#) this week approved the investment of \$355 million in 111 green infrastructure, drinking water and wastewater projects in 47 counties. Most of the funding, \$248 million is for low-interest loans; \$107 million in grants represents PENNVEST's second allocation from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The awards range from a \$5,945 grant to reduce storm water runoff in a Susquehanna County community by planting 20 trees along two streets in the downtown area, to a \$30.7 million loan to expand the capacity of an existing wastewater treatment plant in Lackawanna County to eliminate or reduce nitrogen and phosphorous discharges into nearby streams, in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay agreement. The Green Infrastructure projects funded with federal stimulus funds included:

- Adams County – Gettysburg Municipal Authority received a \$20,000 grant to install 100 rain barrels at homes whose downspouts are connected to the sanitary sewer system, which gets overloaded during wet weather.

- York County:
 - North Hopewell Township received a \$749,976 grant to reduce sediment contamination of local streams by refurbishing dirt and gravel roads in various sections of the township.
 - York Township received a \$460,673 grant to use innovative methods in the design and construction of Stump Park that will minimize storm water runoff by constructing two pervious parking lots, several bioretention rain gardens and site-wide tree planting.

World's Waters Choking from Meat Consumption and Other Human Activities

Greater meat consumption and demand for fossil fuels worldwide are expected to cause increasingly more harmful algal blooms and dead zones in coastal and freshwater areas. "Nutrient pollution in aquatic ecosystems, or eutrophication, is a rapidly growing environmental crisis," said Mindy Selman, the lead author of a [new report](#) released today by the [World Resources Institute](#) (WRI). "Nearly 500 coastal areas already suffer from hypoxia. Our research indicates that number is expected to rise in the foreseeable future." [Eutrophication: Sources and Drivers of Nutrient Pollution](#), the second report of a three-part series, finds that developing countries will see more nitrogen and phosphorus pollution in coastal and freshwater areas in the coming decades as a result of population and economic growth. Read more...

<http://www.stormh2o.com/the-latest/algae-blooms-eutrophication.aspx>

For the Greener Good: Public Lecture Series

For the Greener Good is a public series that affirms the National Building Museum's commitment to environmental sustainability. It calls on experts from diverse backgrounds to investigate links between environmental sustainability and design, public health, energy policy, bioscience, infrastructure, education, and even popular culture. The series features topics ranging from nuclear power to consumerism and urban slums to carbon storage. Participants will discuss ideas, experiences, and potential solutions in a public exchange at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC. Archived events may be viewed online in streaming video at the National Building Museum website.

Read more at the resource link below. Resource: <http://www.nbm.org/programs-lectures/series/for-the-greener-good-1.html>

Land Conservation: On Common Ground Winter 2009

Protecting the undeveloped countryside is still an important part of the smart growth equation. In the Winter 2009 issue of On Common Ground, the National Association of Realtors® focuses on land conservation. At all scales – from establishing city parks to preserving farmland, from addressing sprawl in rural communities to protecting wilderness areas on public lands – providing and preserving open lands are vital to the health of communities and the environment. Topics included in this edition include: The Smart Growth of Rural Towns; Voters Say Yes to Conservation; State Government Takes a Lead in Open Space Preservation; Everybody Loves a Park; Land Trusts Preserving; Our Natural Lands; Protecting Our Nation's Wildlands; The Conservation Boom; and REALTORS® Take Action. On Common Ground is published twice each year by the Government Affairs department of the National Association of Realtors®. The magazine, which is distributed free of charge, presents a wide range of views on smart growth issues, with the goal of encouraging a dialogue among Realtors®, elected officials, and other interested citizens. Read more at the resource link below. Resource:

http://www.realtor.org/smart_growth.nsf/pages/ocg_winter2009?opendocument

EPA Toolkit Promotes Environmental Education

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has partnered with six other federal agencies to encourage middle school-aged students to become stewards of wildlife and ecosystems. The Climate Change, Wildlife, and Wildlands Toolkit was developed in collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The kit includes case studies and activities based on climate science, environmental education and stewardship information. Toolkit materials and an overview video are available at

<http://www.globalchange.gov/resources/educators/toolkit>.

CAMPING GOES 'GREEN' AT STATE PARKS

HARRISBURG (July 8, 2009) — The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has developed guidelines and a demonstration campsite that can help campers reduce their impact on the environment, Bureau of State Parks Director John Norbeck said today. The demonstration "green" campsite is being set up at state parks across the state this summer as a weekend program for visitors. It features a tent and sleeping bag made from recycled materials; fuel efficient cooking stove; an LED flashlight; solar charger and reusable batteries; re-usable cook set; solar camp shower; non-toxic bug repellent; bear-proof food container; a clothes line; and reusable marshmallow sticks. Park staff will also provide outdoor recreational, amphitheater, and family and children's programs that tie in with the "green" theme.

Some tips for green camping include:

- Look for a campsite that is already established, more than 200 feet from a water source, and stay off plants as much as possible.
- Use re-usable plates instead of paper. Store them with your camp gear so you always remember them.
- Take along re-usable water bottles. If you use commercial bottled water, make sure to recycle the bottles.
- Use biodegradable camp suds for dishes and your body.
- Avoid dumping soapy water on plants because the soap could kill them.
- Recycle aluminum cans because burning them in a campfire will release chemicals that pollute the air.
- Leave in place any plants, fossils, flowers or other things that you find.
- Keep campfires in rings or use a cook stove instead.
- Use local firewood instead of carrying it with you as some unwanted invasive pests might hitch a ride.
- Tie a clothes line from tree to tree; bring along hot dog sticks instead of breaking off tree branches; set your lantern on the table instead of putting a nail in a tree to hang it.
- Do not feed wildlife.
- Dispose of trash properly or take it with you when you leave and recycle it when you get home.
- Be considerate of other campers with music, cell phones and other noise.

The demonstration locations for the rest of the summer are:

- July 17-20: Cowans Gap State Park, Fulton County
- July 24-27: Ohiopyle State Park, Fayette County

- July 30 – Aug. 3: Laurel Hill State Park, Somerset County
- Aug. 7- 10: Parker Dam State Park, Clearfield County
- Aug. 14- 17: Worlds End State Park, Sullivan County
- Aug. 21-24: Hickory Run State Park, Carbon County

For more information about Pennsylvania's 117 state parks, visit the DCNR Web site at www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

EPA Invites Public to Vote in the Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest – Oct 1

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites the public to vote for their favorite submissions in the third annual [Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder](#) Intergenerational Poetry, Essay, Dance and Photography Contest. A panel of judges has selected the finalists in five categories: photography, essay, poetry, dance and mixed media (photography and a poem or essay). Pennsylvania-native Rachel Carson is considered to be the founder of the contemporary environmental movement through her book, "Silent Spring." Using the title of another of Carson's books, "The Sense of Wonder," the contest sought submissions "that best express the 'Sense of Wonder' that you feel when observing the sea, the night sky, forests, birds, wildlife, and all that is beautiful to your eyes." Finalists were selected based on originality, creativity, use of an intergenerational team, and ability to capture a sense of wonder. The deadline to vote is October 1. Winners will be announced later that month. The contest is sponsored by the U.S. EPA Aging Initiative, in partnership with Generations United and the Rachel Carson Council Inc., and the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange. To vote, visit the Sense of Wonder Contest webpage: <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>



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REAP Farm Conservation Tax Credit Applications Accepted Starting August 3

The State Conservation Commission will begin accepting applications for the next round of [Resource Enhancement and Protection \(REAP\)](#) farm conservation tax credits beginning August 3. Last year, the Commission received enough applications to use up the entire \$10 million appropriation in the first few hours of the first day applications were accepted. ([Pa Environment Digest 8/11/08](#)). The guidelines and application forms are posted on the [REAP webpage](#). Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Any applications with a postmark prior to July 30 will be returned. All applicants who applied in the previous fiscal year funding round, but were not approved because the REAP credits were exhausted, were mailed a short "Addendum Application." These applicants will not be given any priority in the first-come, first-served process, however, and must submit this application along with the other new applicants. Will There Be Funding? At this point in the budget process, it is not yet certain whether the REAP Tax Credit Program will be kept at the existing \$10 million level or changed. Gov. Rendell's proposed budget included \$10 million for REAP. The [proposed Senate Republican budget](#) did not specifically eliminate the REAP tax credit; however, their budget would eliminate \$250 million of the \$324 million allocated for all tax credits. For more information, visit the [REAP Program webpage](#) or contact Mary Bender at 717-787-8821 or by sending email to: mabender@state.pa.us.

DEP Now Accepting Applications for PA Energy Conservation Works Grants – Aug 14

The Department of Environmental Protection is now accepting applications for \$22.2 million in grants under its PA Conservation Works Program to fund energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy projects by local governments and nonprofit organizations. Applications will be accepted from June 29 to August 14. ([formal notice](#)). At least 60 percent of the funding is reserved for local governments that are not eligible for direct formula grants under the federal stimulus energy programs. This includes boroughs, townships and cities with fewer than 35,000 residents and counties with fewer than 200,000 residents. Eligible projects may include energy efficient lighting, including streetlight or outdoor lighting; energy efficiency retrofits of existing buildings, including high efficiency furnaces, boilers and air conditioners, combined heat and power, energy efficient ventilation systems, windows, sealing and insulation, and automated control systems; energy efficiency upgrades at wastewater treatment plants; installation of geothermal heat pump systems; premium efficiency motors and variable speed drives; and deployment of renewable energy technologies including solar energy, wind energy, fuel cells, biomass, biogas and low-impact hydro. All projects must save or conserve a minimum of 25 percent of all energy used. Renewable energy projects will be eligible if the project replaces at least 25 percent of the building or entity's energy use. DEP may award financial assistance in the form of grants of up to \$250,000. Multi-municipal projects (two or more units of local government sharing services and working together in the deployment of a project) may request up to \$500,000. All projects must create jobs, be able to start work within 6 months, and be completed within 18 months and prior to September 30, 2011. Guidelines and other information will be posted on the [www.Recovery.Pa.gov website](http://www.Recovery.Pa.gov). Applications must be submitted by means of the [Environmental eGrants system](#).

Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds Grants – Aug 21

The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds is now accepting applications for grants to protect healthy, natural streams, clean up pollution, and restore degraded wildlife habitat. The next round of applications is due August 21, 2009. The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds awards grants to 501(c) 3 nonprofit citizen groups. The primary service area is from the Ohio boarder to the main stem of the Susquehanna River. http://www.pennsylvaniawatersheds.org/?page_id=20

DEP Offers Nitrogen Tire Inflation System Grants – Aug 28

The Department of Environmental Protection is now accepting applications for Nitrogen Tire Inflation System Grants under the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program. Applications are due August 28. The primary goals of this direct reimbursement Grant Program are to help improve vehicle fuel economy while reducing the consumption of imported oil, and to potentially extend vehicle tire wear over time. Funds awarded under the Grants Program can be used to reimburse a portion of the cost to purchase systems that deliver at least 95 percent nitrogen purity according to manufacturer specifications. Eligible applicants include automotive service providers who sell tires in the Commonwealth. Eligible applicants with 50 percent match of the total system cost may request up to \$5,000 reimbursement for systems purchased and installed after July 1, 2008. DEP said applications and guidelines will be posted on their website. The application package including guidance, instructions and application forms are also available by contacting the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of

Energy and Technology Deployment, 15th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P. O. Box 8772, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8772, 717-783-8411.

Water Resources Education Network Grant Applications Due – Sep 1

WREN has Opportunity Grants available, small grants to community groups to carry out local watershed education projects. Projects must be completed by September 30. Maximum funding per project is \$300. Learn more at wren.palwv.org/grants

DEP Accepting Applications for Alternative Energy Production Tax Credit – Sep 15

The Department of Environmental Protection announced this week it is accepting applications for the Alternative Energy Production Tax Credit which provides a credit of 15 percent of the net cost of alternative energy production projects located in Pennsylvania. Applications are due September 15. Eligible projects could include projects which: produce or distribute alternative energy, manufacture or produce products which provide alternative energy or alternative fuels, improve energy efficiency or conserve energy, research and develop technology to provide alternative energy sources or alternative fuels, develop or enhance the transportation of alternative fuels by means as rail, developing new more efficient locomotives or enhancing the efficiency of existing locomotives. DEP said the application package including guidance, instructions and application forms would be posted on its [website under keyword](#) "Alternative Energy Tax Credit." The application package is also available by contacting the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Energy and Technology Deployment, 15th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P. O. Box 8772, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8772, 717-783-8411.

Sign Up Announced for Conservation Stewardship Program – Sep 30

The Conservation Stewardship Program, recently released by NRCS, encourages farmers and private forest landowners to improve their conservation activities by providing them with financial and technical assistance. Payments may be used to compensate producers for installing, improving and maintaining conservation activities, as well as participating in proven conservation methods like crop rotations and on-farm conservation research. Participation in the program is voluntary and eligible to all tribal lands, private agriculture and non-industrial private forestland throughout the country. Producers must meet the stewardship threshold for at least one resource concern, while addressing at least one additional priority resource concern by the end of the 5-year conservation stewardship contract. The program's assets will be focused on natural resources that are of specific concern for each individual state or geographic region; applications will be ranked according to resource challenge and evaluated relative to other applications addressing similar priority resource concerns. More information on this program is available at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html. The program runs from August 10 to September 30, 2009.

Recycling Performance Grant Applications Due To DEP – Sep 30

September 30 is the deadline for submitting recycling performance grant applications to the Department of Environmental Protection for calendar year 2008. ([formal notice](#)) For more information, visit DEP's [Recycling Grants webpage](#) or contact Mark Vottero, Bureau of Waste Management, Department of Environmental Protection, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 8472, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8472 or send email to: mvottero@state.pa.us.

2010 St. Andrews Prize for the Environment - Closes October 31, 2009 – Oct 31

Applications are invited from individuals, multi-disciplinary teams or community groups for the 2010 annual prize, consisting of an award of \$75,000 USD for the winner and \$25,000 USD for each of the two runners-up. Aimed at helping ordinary people find solutions to environmental problems, the Prize was launched 11 years ago and is recognized as a prestigious international initiative by the University of St Andrews, Scotland and ConocoPhillips, one of the world's leading energy companies, attracting entries from around the world. The focus is on environmental initiatives, but of course the most innovative and important usually come with gains to people in their locality. FYI <http://www.thestandrewsprize.com/>.

Fund for Wild Nature – Nov 1

The fund for Wild Nature provides funding for campaigns focused on saving and restoring native plant species and ecosystems. The deadline is November 1, 2009.

<http://www.fundwildnature.org/proposal.html>

USDA to Pay Farmers for Raw Materials

In Move to Promote Renewable Energy The U.S. Department of Agriculture said July 29 that biomass conversion facilities can begin signing up at their local Farm Service Agency office for a program that pays farmers to provide them with their raw material. The Biomass Crop Assistance Program, designed to promote renewable energy, authorizes the department to pay farmers who deliver eligible material to biomass conversion facilities that use the material for producing heat, biofuels, or bio-based products. The payments cover collecting, harvesting, storing, and transporting eligible materials, the USDA said. The payments are also in addition to what a farmer receives from the facility for the material, the department said. For example, if a qualified biomass conversion facility pays a producer \$30 per dry ton for biomass, the material owner or producer would be eligible for a matching payment of \$30 per dry ton from the Farm Service Agency. Biomass is defined as organic material available on a recurring basis including agricultural commodities, plants and trees, algae, and waste material from crops, animals, and food. For more info, contact Kelly Jean Heffner, Director, Policy Office, Department of Environmental Protection, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street | Harrisburg, PA 17101. Phone: 717.772.3612.

Conservation Easement Assistance Program

Provided by the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association, this program assists with transaction costs for conservation easements, for a total of \$5,000 per easement transaction. The program assists with completing conservation and trail easements, amending and restating older easements, establishing or updating baseline documentation and installing signs on eased properties.

www.conserveland.org/ceap

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative

Under the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative (CBWI), eligible landowners can use available technical and financial assistance to address soil erosion, sedimentation, and excess nutrients in streams and waterways, as well as other related natural resource concerns such as air quality, wetlands, wildlife habitat, and forestry. Applications for CBWI will be accepted continuously and evaluated on a monthly basis. To apply, farmers must fill out an application form and contact their local NRCS office. Pennsylvania agricultural producers located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed may be eligible to apply. <http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cbwi/index.html>



WATERSHED FACILITATION ASSISTANCE

FARMSTAND TOUR SITES ANNOUNCED – Aug 8

The York County Agriculture Business Council and the Horn Farm Center for Agriculture Education are partnering to organize a 2009 York County Farm stand Tour. The Farm stand Tour will be held on Saturday, August 8 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Guests who visit three (3) of the participating Farm stands will receive free peaches & ice cream at either of the finale locations: the Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education or the York County 4-H Fair. The goal of the tour is to encourage York County consumers to find and get to know their local market options. Buying local York County produced food guarantees freshness & quality, keeps money planted in our local economy and reduces the environmental footprint. Visitors may start their tour at any of the Participating Farm stands. At the first visit, they obtain a Farm stand Passport and then have it stamped at each Farm stand they visit. After successfully visiting three (3) farm stands, visitors may trade their passport for free ice cream and peaches from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at either the: Horn Farm Center, 4945 Horn Rd, York-just north of the Hellam exit of Rt 30; or the York County 4-H Fair, 771 Stoverstown Rd, York, just off Rt 116 west of York. These finale locations will offer a variety of attractions. The Horn Farm Center will provide tours to introduce the farm and its plans for the future, community gardens & pizza patch projects. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy musical entertainment as you eat your Jim Mack's Ice Cream and Flinchbaugh's Orchard peaches. The York County 4-H Fair will have Chicken BBQ dinners available for purchase at 11:00 a.m. until sold out. Perrydell Farm's Ice Cream and Brown's Orchards' peaches will be served to Farm stand Tour participants. A variety of 4-H project exhibits will be on display. Animal shows, composting workshop, demonstrations, games and activities are scheduled throughout the day. Demonstrations include: Weaving, Chainsaw Carving, Blacksmithing, Seeing Eye Puppies and Dog Agility. The Weather Simulator, Smokehouse and Fire Engine will be open in the early evening. There are fifteen Farmstands, from Dillsburg to Delta, participating in the tour. Participating Farm stands are: Paulus Orchards in Dillsburg, Central Market House in downtown York, Brown's Orchards & Farm Market in Loganville, Brown's Farm Market & Garden Center in Emigsville, Dietz Produce in York (Hellam area), Flinchbaugh's Orchard & Farm Market in Hellam, Stone River Farm in Long Level, Kenmar Farms in York (Leader Heights area), Twin Pine Farm Country Store in York (York New Salem area), The Markets at Shrewsbury in Glen Rock, Spoutwood Farm CSA in Glen Rock, Swamp Fox Farms in Glen Rock, Shaw Orchards in Stewartstown, Creek Hill Dairy and Produce in Delta, and Delta-Peach Bottom Farmers Market in Delta. For more information, contact Michele Grove at 717-246-3578 or ycabc@comcast.net or visit www.hornfarmcenter.org.

Tree Inventory Training – Aug 26 & 27

- Wednesday, August 26, 2009 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Cost \$60. This workshop covers the basics of Why Conduct a Tree Inventory? Inventory Systems & Options, Data Collection: Location, Tree Identification, Diameter, Condition, Maintenance, Site Conditions, and Inventory Analysis. It will include Hands-on Outdoor Practice (Rain or Shine). Instructors include Julianne Schieffer, Brian Wolyniak, and Vinnie Cotrone. And
- i-Tree Streets Training Thursday, August 27, 2009 from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Cost \$220. i-Tree Streets is the new state of the art, GIS based tree inventory software that has emerged from the combination of STRATUM and MCTI plus an added new pest detection module. This Freeware from the USDA Forest Service provides community dollar benefits, allowing for best stewardship of tree resources. See www.itreetools.org for more information. This training introduces the software as well as allows hands on practice with computers and data collection in the outdoors. Davey Tree Resources will provide the instructors. Location of both trainings: Penn State Great Valley, 30 East Swedesford, Road, Malvern, PA 19355. Who should attend: Communities of all sizes, forestry agencies, municipal foresters, non-profit tree advocates, commercial arborists, environmental consultants, planners, and others interested in trees and the environmental benefits they produce.

Sponsors include the USDA Forest Service, Penn State School of Forest Resources, Pennsylvania Community Forests, and TreeVitalize Municipalities. \$10 discount for attending both trainings. Please register by August 19, 2009. Limited space available. For more information and the registration brochure, please contact Julianne Schieffer, Extension Urban Forester at jxs51@psu.edu or 610-489-4315.

Game Commission Posts Draft Strategic Plan for Public Comment – Aug 30

Game Commission Executive Director Carl G. Roe this week announced the agency has posted its [Draft Strategic Plan for 2009-2014](#) on the Commission website for a 30-day public comment period. This draft strategic plan will replace the one developed to cover 2003-2008. The draft strategic plan is divided into seven goals, which are then expanded on through strategic and operational objectives and a set of strategic outcome and output measurements. The seven goals are:

- Goal 1: Conserve, protect and restore wildlife populations for their many public values;
- Goal 2: Improve the public's appreciation of wildlife, and their awareness and understanding of wildlife resource management;
- Goal 3: Promote and perpetuate our hunting and trapping heritage;
- Goal 4: Manage and protect a network of public and private lands and waters to provide habitat for wildlife;
- Goal 5: Enhance the public's understanding of the Game Commission's mission and its responsibilities;
- Goal 6: Develop sustainable funding sources that support the agency's mission and identity; and
- Goal 7: Promote a diverse, professional and efficient organization.

After the agency gathers and reviews public comments received on the draft plan, a final version will be posted on the [agency's website](#).

Watershed Assistance Collaborative: Grant Funding & Resource Opportunities for Water Quality Projects in Maryland – Sep 2

Please join us for a workshop to learn more about the Watershed Assistance Collaborative, a partnership between MD DNR, Chesapeake Bay Trust, UMD SeaGrant Extension, Environmental Finance Center, and others that provide funding and technical assistance for watershed restoration planning and design. This is an exciting opportunity to talk directly with Funders, project leaders, technical service providers and state agency representatives about potential watershed restoration projects in your region. September 2, 2009. Patuxent Wildlife Refuge 9:30AM to 2:30PM. PLEASE REGISTER ON LINE WITH CBT!! <http://cbtrust.kintera.org/WatershedAsstCollaborative>.

Strategic Conservation Using a Green Infrastructure Approach – Sep 14-18

September 14-18, 2009 in Shepherdstown, WV. This introductory course provides participants with a strategic approach for prioritizing conservation opportunities and a planning framework for conservation and development - integrating the green and the grey. Participants will experience firsthand how the green infrastructure approach can be used to connect environmental, social, and economic health across urban, suburban, and rural settings. Participants will also learn how green infrastructure planning can serve as a tool to inform land use decisions and build consensus among diverse interests. Registration Deadline: August 21, 2009. Register: <http://www.conservationfund.org/node/239>

New LTAP training course has been scheduled within York County – Sep 24

If interested, please visit the LTAP website and register for this class. If you have any questions, please contact your LTAP Administrator via the LTAP website and your question will be answered as quickly as possible. Have a great day! WINTER MAINTENANCE (RS-M06) 9/24/2009, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, PENN TOWNSHIP (YORK COUNTY), 20 WAYNE AVENUE, HANOVER, PA 17331

ESSENTIALS OF SUPERVISION WORKSHOPS – Sep 17 – Oct 8

This series has been designed for those individuals who are new to supervision or have been in supervision for some time but without any formal supervisory training. This is a four-part series held Thursday mornings from September 17 - October 8, 2009. Individuals can take one class or the entire series. The four-part series will be facilitated by Judy Swierzewski, President of SWYER Associates, Inc., a performance consulting firm located in York. Judy has been providing excellent professional workshops through The Volunteer Center for numerous years. Participants learn many skills and always enjoy meeting their peers and networking. Register now! Space is limited! REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 4, 2009. V. C. Members: \$30/Session or \$100/Series. Non-Members: \$35/Session or \$120/Series. Please make checks payable to: SWYER Associates, Inc. 140 Roosevelt Avenue, York, PA 17401. Questions? Call 757-6478.

Financing Renewable Energy in the Mid-Atlantic – Sep 22

Current federal mandates and a desire to reduce our dependency on foreign oil have all levels of government looking for ways to incorporate energy conservation and alternative energy into community priorities. Determining how to pay for these efforts is a critical step to helping communities address their energy needs in a sustainable way. Recognizing the very real connection between the development of energy sources that create less pollution and improvements to water and air quality in the Chesapeake Bay region, the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland is pleased to offer a full-day event focused on the financing needs and opportunities tied to alternative energy and energy conservation. At the Financing Renewable Energy symposium, experts from across the country will highlight the resources available for creating sustainable financing for renewable energy projects, as well as present success stories featuring agriculture waste to energy, solar, wind, and energy conservation projects. WHEN: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. WHERE: University of Maryland, Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom, College Park, MD 20742. FEE: Registration Fee \$60.00. Registration is now open! To register, click on one of the links below:

- Summary <<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=d00ab5b9-09af-4687-b243-1e57bc91ccab>>
- Agenda <<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Agenda.aspx?e=d00ab5b9-09af-4687-b243-1e57bc91ccab>>

RSVP by Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

7th WATERSHED WEEKEND – Sep 26 & 27

The Watershed Alliance of York (WAY) is excited to announce the 7th Annual Watershed Weekend, on September 26 and 27, 2009, in York County and beyond. The purpose of the Watershed Weekend is to increase public awareness about the importance of their watersheds to the local community, economy, and public health. The idea is to encourage as many conservation, environmental and watershed groups, local authorities and governing agencies, for-profits and non-profits, schools, and other stakeholder groups to plan and sponsor one activity locally that will draw people to your watershed and allow them to participate in some manner while learning more about your organization and watershed. Venue sponsors will be responsible for planning, staffing and facilitating one activity on the dates, times and location(s) of their choosing. Already have an activity planned between September 19 and October 4? Appropriate activities are eligible for inclusion in Watershed Weekend. WAY will serve a central coordinating role handling advertising and promotion and provide technical assistance for the venue, and our responsibility will be to get as many organizations and people involved in Watershed Weekend as possible. Financial assistance is available to sponsors of watershed cleanup activities to help defray the cost associated with waste disposal, handling, and transport. What type of venue should you sponsor? Experience shows us that people want to learn and engage in most hands on activities where they can see some results. Some examples for you to consider are educational workshops, litter cleanups, tree plantings, and outdoors recreational activities. Be creative and use your imagination! We recommend that you keep it simple, fun and safe. If you or your organization would like to sponsor a venue in your watershed, complete the 7th Annual Watershed Weekend Venue Registration and return it to us by July 31, 2009, either by mail, e-mail or fax. For more information about how to get involved in Watershed Weekend 2009, contact Gary R. Peacock of WAY by calling 717-840-7430 or e-mailing gpeacock@yorkccd.org. Learn more about WAY online at www.watershedsyork.org.

Water Availability, Variability & Sustainability (WAVS) Workshop Planned – Sep 29-Oct 1

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) will host a work shop in Denver, Colorado from September 29 - October 1, 2009 to set the stage for water resource scale coordination of adaptation to climate change impacts. The principal audiences are state and utility drinking water staff and state and local water resource planners and managers. All interested federal, state and local partner organizations are invited to attend but space is limited; please click on "conferences" at <http://www.asdwa.org/> for detailed meeting and logistical information.

2009 CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED FORUM – Oct 9-11

The Chesapeake Watershed Forum is an annual conference for watershed organizations and local government officials from around the multi-state Chesapeake Bay region. It is an opportunity to learn the latest scientific techniques in Bay restoration and protection, address specific organizational capacity building needs, focus on regional and watershed-wide needs, network with other watershed organizations, and enjoy the beauty of the watershed. The Forum will be held Friday, October 9 - Sunday October 11, 2009 at the National Conservation Training Center. Registration fee is \$175.00 (prior to September 8, 2009) which includes meals, lodging and workshop sessions. Any additional costs will be noted on the registration form. Two Pre-Forum workshops will be offered this year. Workshop 1: Climate Change and Workshop 2: Biological Monitoring. Registration fee is \$85.00 for each. See 'Events' publication below for additional information on these two workshops. Registration is now open. Please look over the forum agenda and read the privacy policy posted on this website before registering. Forum registration link...[Chesapeake Watershed Forum 2009](#). For more information contact: [Lou Etgen](#) (410) 377-6270

GIS Tools for Strategic Conservation Planning – Oct 27-30

October 27-30, 2009 in Shepherdstown, WV. This course provides participants with the opportunity to apply Green Infrastructure concepts and principles using GIS! Offered in partnership with NOAA Coastal Services Center, this course is designed for advanced GIS practitioners. Registration Deadline: October 1, 2009. Register: <http://www.conservationfund.org/node/670>.

MWMC 15th ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Dec 3

Announcement and First Call for Contributed Papers/Posters, Conference Date, Location and Theme. The Maryland Water Monitoring Council will hold its 15th Annual Conference at the Maritime Institute, North Linthicum, on Thursday, December 3, 2009. The one day conference, Water Quality Success Stories: it Ain't all Doom and Gloom, will focus on the successes in water quality and aquatic habitat improvement programs throughout the State. A morning plenary session will include a keynote address by environmentalist, noted author, and former Baltimore Sun journalist Tom Horton (invited), a plenary address by David Carroll, Director of the Baltimore County Office of Sustainability and former Director of the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management, and three concurrent technical sessions with up to three talks each. A buffet luncheon and a poster session with up to 25 posters will occur at noon. Posters will be on display throughout the day. The afternoon will consist of six concurrent technical sessions with up to three talks each. Session topics currently include Water Quality Stressors, Groundwater, Success Stories, Outreach and Education, Forests and Water Quality, Citizen Involvement, and Information Management. Additional session topics will be finalized following review of submitted abstracts. The registration fee, which includes a booklet of abstracts and lunch, is \$65. To save money, the early-bird registration (postmarked before November 15) is \$50. The early registration fee for presenters is \$45. Discounts for full-time students and non-profit organizations are also available. Registration details can be found at [2009 Registration Form](#)

Balancing Nature and Commerce in Communities that Neighbor Public Lands – Jan 25-28

January 25-28, 2010 in Shepherdstown, WV. Begin forming a team to attend this national course offering January 25-28, 2010 at the National Conservation Training Center! During this four day course, teams comprised of 4 - 7 representatives consisting of public land managers and community members focus on the economics, natural resources and community character of their areas and learn valuable partnership-building skills. At the end of the four days, teams leave with specific action plans for implementation when they return home. This course is offered in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service / NCTC and the NPS / Conservation Study Institute. Team Application Deadline: December 11, 2009. Learn more... <http://www.conservationfund.org/node/458>.



WATERSHED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

America's first Bandalong Litter Trap installed

Washington, D.C. – Washington D.C. took another step in its commitment to a swimmable and fishable Anacostia River with the installation of the Bandalong Litter Trap™ which was unveiled Tuesday by District of Columbia Mayor Adrian M. Fenty. The D.C. installation marks the first in North America for the Bandalong Litter Trap which has been widely utilized around the world to collect trash floating in waterways for more than 10 years. Storm Water Systems, North America's exclusive licensee of the Bandalong Litter Trap, installed the floating litter collecting device in the Watts Branch tributary into the Anacostia River, well-known for its critical levels of pollution and litter. The Bandalong Litter Trap in Washington D.C. is funded by a grant obtained through the collaboration of the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), the Earth Conservation Corps (ECC), and the Anacostia Riverkeeper. During the Mayor's visit to the site ECC members removed the trash comprised of plastic bottles, bags, cups, balls, shoes and more which had filled the Bandalong in less than one week. As an educational and training project, ECC Members will continue to work with the DDOE to maintain and empty the Bandalong. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments estimates that more than 20,000 tons of trash enters the Anacostia River every year. Constructed of inert, corrosion-free high density polyethylene (HDPE) and aluminum, the Bandalong Litter Trap floats in waterways and utilizes the water's current to guide and capture litter before it flows downstream. Storm Water Systems worked with the DDOE to customize the trap to span the entire creek at this litter-strewn area and to allow for high flow rates during rain events. The Bandalong will also serve as an educational tool carrying a sign with an anti-litter message from the participating community organizations. By continuously operating 365 days a year without any mechanical assistance, the Bandalong has been a proven cost-effective solution to a growing litter problem in waterways throughout Australia and Asia. The Bandalong Litter Trap is manufactured and distributed in North America exclusively by Storm Water Systems. Source: <http://www.stormwatersystems.com/>

Maryland Farmland Conservation: Supporting Sustainable Use of Land through Tax Policy

Maryland's population is increasing rapidly while the state continues to lose its agricultural lands. Maryland Farmland Conservation: Supporting Sustainable Use of Land through Tax Policy is a study from Environmental Law Institute (ELI) that explores Maryland's primary tax measures affecting agriculture, the agricultural use assessment (AUA) and the agricultural land transfer tax (ATT), in order to determine whether these related tax programs could be improved in ways that would encourage farmland protection while continuing to benefit farmers' bottom lines. ELI found that an effective policy response would be to

- Increase the agricultural land transfer tax rate by an additional 0.5–2 percentage points and distribute the revenue from the increase to counties; or authorize those Maryland counties experiencing farmland loss to levy a county agricultural land transfer tax in that amount. Because farmland conversions are occurring at the fastest rate at the urban fringe, where farmland market values are generally high, the increased tax (whether state or county) will have the greatest effect on those counties whose landowners gained the most benefit from the AUA.
- Close the loophole in the agricultural land transfer tax allowing limited liability corporations to avoid payment of the tax.
- Maintain the agricultural use valuation only for farms that have complied with Maryland nutrient management and other requirements in order to reinforce the public benefit side of the program, and meet the water quality objectives of the Maryland's Agricultural Stewardship Act.

Read more or download a copy of this report as a PDF document at the resource link below. Resource:

http://www.elistore.org/reports_detail.asp?ID=11348&topic=Conservation

Sustainable Water Systems: Step One - Redefining the Nation's Infrastructure Challenge

A SET OF 20 ELEMENTS has been developed that will support a financially and environmentally Sustainable Path to achieve a sustainable 21st century water infrastructure. The Sustainable Path elements include key concepts for good governance, watershed optimization, public outreach, water conservation and energy management, and utility pricing. An appendix to our report lays out the anticipated roadblocks to each of the twenty elements of a Sustainable Path for water infrastructure and offers policy strategies for clearing the way forward. Read more... <http://wren.palwv.org/wren/library/documents/WaterInfrastructureFINAL.pdf>

EPA Releases Two Literature Review Documents Related to Recreational Water Quality Risks

EPA conducted two literature reviews to help inform development of new or revised recreational water quality criteria by 2012. The first document, Review of Published Studies to Characterize Relative Risks from Different Sources of Fecal Contamination in Recreational Waters, describes the existing information available to characterize the relative risks of human illness from various sources of fecal contamination in recreational waters. The second document, Review of Zoonotic Pathogens in Ambient Water, provides a summary of information on waterborne zoonotic pathogens that come primarily from warm-blooded animals. Both documents are available on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/criteria/recreation/>.

First Round of Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR2) Program Are In

The results from the first 15 months of the second Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR2) program are now available on EPA's Web site. EPA intends to update results at least semiannually until the end of reporting under the program in 2011. UCMR2 is a tool used by EPA to help determine whether to set new drinking water standards for individual contaminants that are not currently regulated. In this program, EPA works with public water systems to periodically test treated drinking water to see if and how often some contaminants may occur. To date, monitoring has been conducted at over 2000 public water supply systems. To access UCMR2 results and learn more about the program go to: www.epa.gov/safewater/ucmr/data.html and www.epa.gov/safewater/databases/ncod/index.html

Chesapeake Friendly Horse Farm is the way to go

Earth-friendly horse farm, Bristow (Va.) News and Messenger. Read more...

http://www.insidenova.com/isn/news/local/nokesville/article/earth-friendly_horse_farm/39625/

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DRAFT TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

As of Tuesday, August 04, 2009. To access the document, click on the ID number. Note: The draft date will show the most recent draft available. The comment period may have passed but the draft will remain available at this site until the document is finalized.

ID NUMBER	DOCUMENT TITLE	DRAFT DATE	COMMENT BY	CONTACT	PHONE
275-2101-009 PDF File	Waste Derived Liquid Fuels	7/18/2009	9/1/2009	Joseph White	(717) 787-2856

Proposals Currently Open For Comment

Date Published In PA Bulletin	Proposal	Comment Deadline
7/11/2009	Administration of the Water and Wastewater Systems Operators' Certification Program (25 Pa Code, Chapters 301, 302, 303 and 305) Published PA Bulletin Notice	8/10/2009
7/04/2009	Measures Under Consideration by the Ozone Transport Commission; Public Meetings and Comment Period Published PA Bulletin Notice	8/14/2009

