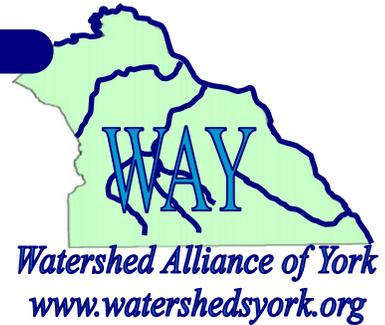


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WATERSHED CONTACTS

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

- Susquehanna River Symposium – Sep 25
- 7th WATERSHED WEEKEND – Sep 26 & 27
- 5th Annual PA Greenways & Trails Summit "Connecting Communities Through Recreation and Heritage" – Sep 27-29
- 2009 CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED FORUM – Oct 9-11
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WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

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- 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.chesapeakekenetwork.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.chesapeakekenetwork.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: dmorelli@acb-online.org.

American Rivers – www.americanrivers.org

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

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

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

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

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

Chesapeake Bay Foundation – www.cbf.org

<> 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

Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association – www.conocreek.org

- Sept 9 Board meeting – 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.
 - Sept 19 Stream Clean-up
 - Oct 3 (Silver Spring Twp) Fall Festival at Willow Mill Park
 - Nov 10 Annual Members Meeting, Board elections
 - Dec 7 Winter Watershed Mtg. Watershed boards guests of Cumber., Franklin Conservation Districts
- <> Contact: Gilbert Freedman, 49 Sample Bridge Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. H: 717-697-2513. E-mail: gil491@verizon.net

Conewago Canoe Club – www.conewagocanooclub.org

- Sept 20 – Codorus Slalom
 - Oct 3 – Advanced Course Level 2 (Phase 3)
 - Oct 18 – Gunpowder Float (hope the trees are gone)
 - Oct 24-25 – Yough Weekend
 - Nov 7-8 – Tohicken Weekend
 - Fall North Branch of the Potomac
- <> 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 jld@doylefarm.com.

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

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

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

- Downtown Hoedown September 24, 2009 – Agricultural and Industrial Museum, 217 West Princess Street in York, PA. Time: 5:30 p.m. cocktail hour and 7:00 p.m. live auction. Tickets: \$25 per person. For more information and a printable order form visit <http://www.farmtrust.org/image/Downtown%20Hoedown/Flyer%20&%20Order.pdf>
 - 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/

- 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

- Sept 12 10am-2pm – Stream Watch Training, Cromwell Valley Park
 - Sept 19 9am-1pm – Tree Planting TBD
 - Sept 26 9am-1pm – Tree Planting TBD
 - Oct 3 – Tree Planting, Perry Hall
 - Oct 10 9am-2pm – Trail Maintenance Workshop, Loch Raven Reservoir
 - Oct 17 9am-1pm – Tree Planting TBD
 - Oct 24 9am-1pm – Tree Planting, 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

- Sept/Oct – FALL LOCAL HARVEST POTLUCK TBA

- Dec – 'HOLIDAYS AT THE FARM
- <> 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

- Sept 18-20 – Mountain Retreat Weekends Time: 7:00pm-12:00pm
- Sept 19 – Orienteering for Beginners Time: 10:00am-1:00pm
- Sept 20 – Kayak Long Pine Run Reservoir Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm
- Sept 24 – Pennsylvania Land Choices For educators of grades 6-12; 6 Act 48 hours available; PDE approved. Time: 9:00am-4:00pm
- Sept 26-27 – Backpack South Mountain Time: 9:00am-5:00pm
- Sept 26 – National Public Lands Day Time: 9:00am-1:00pm
- Sept 27 – Bike the Cumberland Valley Rail-Trail Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm

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

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/list.asp?ICSORG=6320>. For more information and how to register, contact Kings Gap at (717) 486-3799. E-mail kingsgapsp@state.pa.us

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper - www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org

- I'd like to welcome Marlene Lang to the staff of Stewards of the Lower Susquehanna! Marlene is a journalist and former editor of the Middletown Press and Journal. She will be writing summary/statement papers for SOLS and updating you and our website on our current issues. We are very lucky and grateful to have her on board. While I'm at it, I'd like to thank Stacey VonStein, our Administrative Assistant and Northwest Lancaster Steward, for nearly a year of service to SOLS, and specifically for putting up with me.
- Now something for you... FREE tickets to the Lancaster-York Rev's Baseball Games on September 12th and 13th, the last games of the season for these rivals! If you are currently members, just email us and the tickets are yours. We'd love to have some of you renew your memberships or become new members <http://www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org/donate.html>, and the tickets can be yours (email us if you mailed in your membership so we can reserve your tickets).
- On the Susquehanna Smallmouth problems, recent surveys by the PA Fish and Boat Commission found very few bass. Those they did find had lesions on them. Lesions are often found with the intersex problem, but I don't believe any fish caught this year were tested. The intersex, or gender-bending, of our smallmouth is a huge issue that is being overlooked. I've written up an action alert to further explain the problem, and to give our Stewards contacts to request studies to be focused on the Susquehanna and other Chesapeake tributaries that have similar problems. <http://www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org/>.
- Some good news is that July and August have seen higher and steady flows. This may offset some of the Young-of-Year die-offs we've seen in recent summers.
- I attended the York Haven Dam FERC relicensing preliminary meetings. We are now involved in the relicensing of Conowingo, Muddy Run, York Haven, and Holtwood. If you have any concerns about these projects please contact us. We'll be updating the relicensings on our Current Issues page starting next week. <http://www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org/issues.html>.
- Finally, it's time for me to ask our Stewards to renew their memberships and donate what you can. I know the economy is tight, but amazingly the Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment is matching up to \$45,000 in donations. That sounds great, unfortunately our donations have been down this year and we are not yet even close to matching this. Again, every dollar you give automatically becomes TWO! So each family membership brings in \$100 to continue our work for you and the Susquehanna. <http://www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org/donate.html>.

<> 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

- We will hold our September meeting at MD DNR's Day's Cove in Gunpowder State Park at our regular time of 5:30 p.m. on either Wed Sept 9 or Thurs Sept 10, date TBD based upon your responses. We will also have some optional activities before the meeting, for those who can join us earlier in the day
 - 2:00 p.m.: A Tour of Baltimore County's Eastern Sanitary Landfill (Hiking boots & dress for walking)
 - 3:00 p.m.: A Naturalist - led Canoe/ Kayak Trip at Day's Cove Area of Gunpowder State Park
- <> 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 Mason-Dixon Trail System submitted an application for a study to resolve the Muddy Creek Access problem to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. There are two meetings scheduled to discuss the studies; Sept 22 and 23, 10 am to 4 pm, at the Darlington, MD, Fire Hall. We do not know yet when Muddy Creek will be discussed in those two days.
- 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. To volunteer contact Jim Hooper.
- <> Contact: James Hooper at james.hooper@worldnet.att.net.

Messiah College – www.messiah.edu

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

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

- Sept 19 – Fall Native Plant Sale & Open House. Educational programs to be announced.
- <> Contact: 717-840-7408 or Connie Schmotzer at cxs51@psu.edu

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

- Oct 1 – PA-Community Food Expo 3:30pm – 6:30pm, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA. It will be a farmers market with about 14 vendors, educational exhibits, band/music, etc. Contact the Leffel Center for details. 814-863-7192
- Oct 2 – PA- Farm City Day 10am – 2pm. PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. More than 1,000 students discover Pennsylvania Agriculture. Contact Brynn Keplar 717-787-4627 for more information.
- <> 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

- Sept. 10, 11 & 12 – HUNTER/TRAPPER EDUCATION COURSE, Holtwood Environmental Preserve: Thursday, September 10, 5:30p.m.-9:00p.m.; Friday, September 11, 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 12, 8:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12 – SUSQUEHANNA SUPER HIKE, Holtwood Environmental Preserve: Check-in: 5:00a.m.-6:15 a.m., Start time 6:30a.m
- Sept. 26 – Brunner Island Environmental Preserve: Saturday 2:00p.m. Brunner Island has been officially certified and registered as Monarch Butterfly Way stations. A way station is a place for the monarchs to rest and eat on their way between the northern reproduction sites and the overwintering sites in Mexico. Resource-rich way stations help the monarchs reach their southern destinations each fall. We will catch, tag and release the butterflies to help the University of Kansas in its tracking program. Bring a net if you have one. Come join the fun as you learn to tag and record the data. This program is free.
- Sept 26 – Brunner Island Environmental Preserve: Hibiscus Natural Area 9:00a.m. When waters rise, they deposit debris on the shorelines. Help the Watershed Alliance of York during this cleanup of the Hibiscus Natural Area at PPL's Brunner Island Environmental Preserve from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26. PPL will provide trash bins, bags and gloves to volunteers. This is one of the events at the annual Watershed Weekend sponsored by the Watershed Alliance of York. Please meet at the Conewago Boat Launch Area off of Wago Road on Brunner Island.
- Sept. 27 – Monarch Butterfly Tagging 2:00p.m. at the Holtwood Environmental Preserve. Holtwood Environmental Preserve has been officially certified and registered as Monarch Butterfly Way stations. A way station is a place for the monarchs to rest and eat on their way between the northern reproduction sites and the overwintering sites in Mexico. Resource-rich way stations help the monarchs reach their southern destinations each fall. We will catch, tag and release the butterflies to help the University of Kansas in its tracking program. Bring a net if you have one. Come join the fun as you learn to tag and record the data. This program is free. This program will take place at the Holtwood Environmental Center, 9 New Village Road, Holtwood, PA 17532.
- <> Contact: Karen Ament, Naturalist, Holtwood Environmental Center, 9 New Village Road, Holtwood, PA 17532. Ph: 717-284-6272 or 6274 or email pplpreserves@pplweb.com.

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

- NEW GROUNDWATER WELL RESOURCE – <http://york.extension.psu.edu/NResources/PvtWtrSpilyInfo.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

- PWA is working jointly with State and County organizations to create a plan of conservation measures that will protect what is beautiful and healthy about the watershed, and restore any areas that have become degraded. This plan identifies the problems affecting water quality, habitat, and living aquatic resources throughout the watershed. It complies with the Clean Water Act which addresses pollution reduction known as Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in the reservoir.
- <> Contact: Nancy Shaper at nshaper@ihmi.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

- Oct – Chincoteague Paddle Trip & more...check out "Activities"
- Deadline for entering our Susquehanna River Calendar Contest is 9/15/09
- <> 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/>

- Sept 19, 2009 - Susquehanna River Clean Up 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Mark your calendars for this annual event!
 - Sept 29, 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

- Sept. 18 & 19 – Spoutwood Yard Sale! We are clearing out clutter and planning a Yard Sale at Spoutwood Farm on September 18th & 19th. DECADES worth of stuff, some everyday-type stuff, some collectible, all MUST GO! A more detailed listing of what you might find, coming soon! All proceeds from the sale goes to the Farm (a non-profit organization). We invite YOU to join us in this Yard Sale: Families wishing to de-clutter: \$10 per 10x10 space, per day. Crafters wishing to sell their wares: \$25 per 10x10 space, per day. Donations for our Bake/Food Sale (same day) are most welcome! We will be advertising this Yard Sale in local newspapers, with signage, social networking, email newsletters and here on the website! This is a GREAT opportunity to clear your home of clutter, make some cash, socialize with great people, and have a fun day at the farm and SUPPORT SPOUTWOOD! If you have questions or would like to secure a space, please email events@spoutwood.org or call 717-961-0629
 - Oct. 4 – 5th Annual Mother Earth Harvest Fair & Sustainability Celebration
- <> Contact: Rob Wood, 717-235-6610, Spoutwood@supernet.com

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

- Sept 12 – Annual Members Meeting
 - Nov 6 – Auction Dinner at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel
- <> 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 Gateway Heritage Area - <http://www.susquehannaheritage.org/>

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 4th & Oct. 2nd – First Friday River Art Open House, 10am-4pm, Zimmerman Center for Heritage
 - Sept. 20th & Oct. 4th – Sunday Art on the Susquehanna, 1-4pm, Zimmerman Center for Heritage
 - Oct. 12th – Columbus Day River Art Open House, 10am-4pm, Zimmerman Center for Heritage
- <> Contact Mark Platts, Lancaster-York Heritage Region, 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Office: 717-252-0229. E-mail: info@lyhr.org.

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership – www.susquehannagreenway.org

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

Susquehanna River Basin Commission – www.srbcc.net

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

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

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

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

- Sept 9 – 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/>

- Sep 5 – MCTU will stock our holdover trout on Saturday September 5th. We are meeting at the Nursery at 9:00am. We plan to stock both the C&R FFO area and the open water. We need plenty of help. Float stockers and bucket carriers are needed.
 - Sept 16 – 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 muddycreek@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

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

- The Watershed Alliance of Adams County holds its board meeting monthly. Board meeting dates have changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month. All board meetings are held at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center at 4:30pm unless otherwise specified. The public is invited to attend.

<> Contact: Michelle Kirk 717-677-4628 or email at: mkirk@adamswatersheds.org

Watershed Alliance of York - www.watershedsyork.org

- 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

- 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/>

- Sept 14 - Raptors up Close. Howard and Jason Caldwell, raptor educators and falconers, will present a dynamic program designed for all ages. Live raptors will include hawks, falcons and owls. Luther Memorial Church, 7:00 P.M.
 - Sept 16 - Fort McHenry wetland bird walk with Baltimore Bird Club's Jim Peters. Meet at 4:30 P.M. at Shrewsbury Walmart shopping center. Leader: Tish Swam, 717-235-2578.
 - Sept 19 - Come and visit the York Audubon Society educational display at the New Freedom Fest. 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- <> Contact Tom Smith at 717-246-9767 or tls35@psu.edu.

YorkCounts - yorkcounts.org

- Indicator updates: Unemployment way up, crime down - It's not surprising the York County's unemployment rate rose in June compared against the June 2008 number. What's striking is how much it went up. [Read more..](#)
- <> 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
 - Oct 18 - Traditional York County Farm Tour 11am-5pm in Airville. We would like to invite you to provide a display and/or hands on activity for the day. It is our goal to use this day to educate our guests about agriculture. We generally see a lot of families with young children attend this event, so any "kid-friendly" materials or activities would be appreciated.
 - Jan 27 - 24th Annual Agricultural Recognition Banquet 5:45pm, York Expo Center Old Main Hall
- <> Contact Michelle Grove, 1500 Felton Rd., Felton, PA 17322. Ph: (717) 246-3578. Em: ycabc@comcast.net

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

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

York County Community Foundation - www.yccf.org

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

York County Conservation Alliance - www.yorkcountyconservationalliance.org

<> 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

- Sept.10 – District Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 PM, at ANNEX
 - Sept. 19 – Sport Clay Shoot Fundraiser, \$50 entry fee. Proceeds support York County's Envirothon
 - 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

- Sept 16 – York County Commissioner's Meeting
 - Sept 23 – York County Commissioner's Meeting
 - Sept 24 – York County Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) Coordinating Committee Meeting
 - Sept 30 – York County Commissioner's Meeting
 - Sept 30 – 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

Upcoming events:

- 2009-10 Hunting Dates & Hunting Permit
 - Lake Redman Summer Concert Series
 - 5k Race - Oct. 25 - application form
 - Senior Excursions
 - Sunset Scrambles
 - Moonlight Bike Rides
 - Moonlight Boat Rides
- <> Contact ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS (Located adjacent John Rudy County Park) 400 MUNDIS RACE ROAD. YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17406-9721. TELEPHONE: 717-840-7440. FAX: 717-840-7403. Email: Parks@york-county.org

York County RailTrail Authority - www.yorkcountytrails.org/

- Sep 19 2009 BIKE GIVE-AWAY – FREE CHANCES TO WIN A BIKE! Visit the Rail Trail Authority's information booth at any one of the following area festivals and receive one free chance to win a bike. Sign up at our booth to become a member of our Friends of York County Trails at any level, and receive an additional five chances to win at New Freedom Fest, New Freedom, PA and Spring Grove Fest, Spring Grove, PA.
 - PLAN TO ATTEND AN UPCOMING MEETING OF THE RAIL TRAIL AUTHORITY – The following meetings will be held at the offices of the York County Rail Trail Authority, 45 Cherry Street, Seven Valleys, PA in 2009: October 19, November 16 and December 14
- <> Contact the YCRTA at 717-428-0999 or e-mail info@yorkcountytrails.org. Please contact the York County Department of Parks and Recreation for any information regarding the Heritage Rail Trail County Park. Phone: 717-840-7440. E-mail: parks@york-county.org



WATERSHED EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Bridge Construction Company Fined for Violations to Clean Streams Law

HARRISBURG (Aug. 21) – The Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Boat Commission issued a joint \$35,000 penalty against Clearwater Construction based in Mercer, Mercer County for numerous violations to state and federal regulations, including intentionally discharging concrete laden water into the Conewago Creek in York County. A contractor for the state Department of Transportation, Clearwater was replacing the Lewisberry Road bridge straddling the border of Newberry and Conewago townships. From inspections on Nov. 11, 12, 13, both DEP and the Fish and Boat Commission field staff documented workers intentionally washing poor quality, wet concrete into the creek in order to avoid hauling it away and delaying completion of the bridge. Additionally, on Nov. 13 and Nov. 17, inspectors noticed that Clearwater did not use best management practices for moving soil and failed to minimize erosion and sedimentation. The company's intentional violation of state and federal regulations created a danger of sedimentation pollution in the Conewago Creek and threatened aquatic life. In addition to breaking Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law, the company also violated the state's Dam Safety and Encroachment Act, Fish and Boat Code regulations and federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements. DEP received \$30,000 of the penalty, \$26,000 of which went to the Clean Water Fund and \$4,000 went to the Dams and Encroachments Fund. The Fish and Boat Commission also received \$5,000. For more information, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: Water quality.

Homes pollute: Linked to 50 percent more water pollution than previously believed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19, 2009 – They say there's no place like home. But scientists are reporting some unsettling news about homes in the residential areas of California. The typical house there – and probably elsewhere in the country – is an alarming and probably underestimated source of water pollution, according to a new study reported today at the 238th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society. In the study, Lorence Oki, Darren Haver and colleagues explain that runoff results from rainfall and watering of lawns and gardens, which winds up in municipal storm drains. The runoff washes fertilizers, pesticides and other contaminants into storm drains, and they eventually appear in rivers, lakes and other bodies of water. Polluted runoff originates from several sources and has been linked to fish kills and a loss of aquatic species diversity. A new study suggests current runoff models may underestimate pollution contributed by homes by up to 50 percent. Results

from our sampling and monitoring study revealed high detection frequencies of pollutants such as pesticides and pathogen indicators at all sites of the study of eight residential areas in Sacramento and Orange Counties in California. Preliminary results of the study suggest that current models may underestimate the amount of pollution contributed by homes by up to 50 percent. That's because past estimates focused on rain-based runoff during the wet season. Use of pesticides, however, increases noticeably during the dry season due to gardening, and our data contains greater resolution than previous studies. Pollutants detected in outdoor runoff included ant-control pesticide products. Previous surveys have shown that the majority of pesticides purchased by homeowners are used to control ants. To encourage pollutant reduction, the researchers initiated community outreach programs centered on improving both irrigation control and pest management. Read full article AT: http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?nfpb=true&pageLabel=PP_ARTICLEMAIN&node_id=222&content_id=CNBP_022767&use_ec=true&sec_url_var=region1&uuid=445d8525-e1a1-4827-8645-09171bdc1638

Top Ten Hot Trends in Greenroof Design 2009

Provided by greenroofs.com, this list features innovative greenroof projects from around the world. These examples will inspire you to think of greenroofs in a new way. Read more... <http://www.greenroofs.com/top10hottrends.htm#2009>

EPA Green Infrastructure Publications

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing help to local officials in implementing green infrastructure in their communities. Handbooks available cover topics such as Funding Options, Retrofit Policies, Green Streets, Rainwater Harvesting Policies, and Incentive Mechanisms. Read more...<http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/greeninfrastructure/munichandbook.cfm>

New Online Toolkit for Creating Open Space Campaigns

Formed by the San Francisco-headquartered Trust for Public Land (TPL) in 2000 to serve the conservation community as a partner in its balloting and lobbying efforts, the Conservation Campaign (TCC) released an online Campaign Toolkit, specifically designed to help local activists initiate, conduct and win public campaigns to preserve open space and create parks. <http://www.smartgrowth.org/news/article.asp?art=7224&state=52>

Consumer Consequences Game

This interactive game illustrates our impact on the Earth through our lifestyle choices. You answer questions about everyday life choices and it calculates how many Earths we would need if everyone lived like you. Play... <http://sustainability.publicradio.org/consumerconsequences/>

Free Federal Tax Incentive Decoder

This site makes it easy to take advantage of government tax incentives created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). It provides information about reducing energy costs, producing power, financing options, buying your first home, buying a new car, and resources for state incentives. Try it... http://www.greenandsave.com/homecheckup/free_federal_tax_incentive_decoder.

Habitat Happenings

This new web feature provided by the Pennsylvania Game Commission focuses on habitat management practices. Every week a new journal entry or report will be provided to show what they do on state game lands and lands enrolled in the agency's cooperative public lands programs. The first participants featured will be from the Southeast Region. Learn more... <http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/pgc/cwp/view.asp?a=528&q=176508>

6th Annual Maryland Natural Resource Photo Contest

Submit your photos of Maryland's diverse natural resources and be eligible to win more than \$1,200 in prizes and have your photo published. Winning entries will be featured in the Maryland Natural Resource magazine and on the 2010 DNR calendar. Entries must be postmarked by September 11, 2009. Enter here... <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/photocontest/>

iConserve Photo Contest – Pennsylvania

Show off your natives! This photo contest is sponsored by iConserve, a website managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Just fill out the form and submit up to 5 pictures of native plants to be eligible to win up to \$400 in garden tools from Ames True Temper. Here's how... <http://www.iconservepa.org/plantpostwin.html>

The Nature Conservancy Digital Photo Contest

Submit images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life on Earth. Pictures can show animals, wildlife in its natural habitat, plant life, landscapes, weather, and people interacting with nature. The deadline is September 30, 2009. The winner will be featured in the 2011 Nature Conservancy calendar. Learn how... http://support.nature.org/site/PageServer?pagename=rules_ph6

Canada Geese Control

Canada Geese cause significant problems in ponds and lakes. The Fish and Wildlife Service estimated a population of 4.5 million in 2006, with a 10-17% increase in their populations yearly. They live up to 24 years and have an average nest size of 3 to 6 eggs, up to a maximum of 12 eggs. Canada Geese can eat 4 pounds of grass and excrete up to 3 pounds of waste per day. This can cause excessive nutrient loading, leading to algal blooms and excessive plant growth in lakes and ponds. Learn more... http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/August_2009/news_aug09.htm

GREEN TIPS FOR LIVING

By making simple changes in our everyday lives, we can make significant strides to improve the planet we all share. To help, EarthShare provides free green lifestyle tips, categorized by season. EarthShare offers these green action tips as a public service to individuals and companies interested in finding ways to improve the Earth. You can also view our green tips [sorted by publication date](#). Learn more.... Fall Green Tips found at <http://www.earthshare.org/green-tips.html#fall>



WATERSHED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Chesapeake Bay Trust Restoration Grant Program - Sep 1

Projects should address the three goals of the Restoration grant Program, including accomplishing a restoration project that can also be used to showcase a restoration technique and engages citizens in the project. Application deadline is December 4, 2009. Applications will be accepted starting September 1, 2009.

Resource: http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.enJIKONoFIG/b.5130211/k.7B54/Restoration_Grant_Program.htm

The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee (MUCFC) Grants – Sep 15

The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee (MUCFC) is providing maximum grants of \$1,500 to projects for tree planting and care. Grants are reviewed on or about September 15, February 15 and June 15.

Resource: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/programs/urban/grantapp.pdf>

Building Healthy Communities Grant Program – Sep 15

Grants are provided to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools or tax-exempt public agencies in the U.S. in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for purchasing tools and/or materials. A maximum of \$2,500 is provided for organizations using volunteers to improve the health of their communities. Applications are due September 15, 2009 and December 15, 2009. Resource:

http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/!ut/p/c1/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gDdwNHH0sfE3M3zMPJ8MAVxcDKADKR2LKmxrD5fHr9vPIz03VL8iNKAcASzGzVw!!/dl2/d1/L2dJOSEvUUt3QS9ZOnB3LzZfMEcwQUw5TDQ3RjA2SEixUE9EMDAwMDAwMDA!/

Prescribed Grazing Cost Share Opportunity – Sep 21

Capital RC&D has opened the first round of funding for "Grass Roots: 21st Century Prescribed Grazing," a program to promote conversion to prescribed grazing practices on livestock farms. This program will provide up to 80% cost share for fencing and associated practices as well as provide individual support for participating farmers from a "Grazing Advisor." Eligible practices include fencing, crossings, solar watering systems, and riparian buffers. The program will strive to compliment projects that have been awarded additional cost-share funds through EQIP, DEP and CREP as well as stand alone projects. Preference will be given to projects within agriculturally-impaired watersheds, those that include streams and those converting from (in order of priority) cropland, hay land, alfalfa, and unimproved pasture. Eligible counties are those within the South Central Project Grass region. The first round application deadline is September 21, 2009. Our goal is to award the first round of cost share before the end of September to enable farms to begin their projects before winter. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this program. Susan Richards, Program Manager, Capital RC&D Area Council, 4750 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Phone: (717) 724-0009. www.capitalrcd.org

NEW – Tony Dobrosky Future Leaders Award – Oct 1

The York County Agriculture Business Council is pleased to have established and an Annual \$500.00 Tony Dobrosky Future Leaders Award toward leadership development of a student [planning to continue involvement in the agricultural community](#). The first scholarship was awarded January 28, 2009 at the York County Agricultural Recognition Banquet. We are now accepting applications for our 2010 Award recipient. Please note that revisions have been made to the selection criteria. We would appreciate your assistance in distributing the attached application to any individuals that meet the requirements listed in the application. (Basically, a York Co resident between 16 and 21 years of age who is planning continued involvement in our agricultural community.) Applications will be due October 1, 2009 with selection to be completed by December 1, 2009. The recipient will need to attend our January 27, 2010 Banquet. For more info, contact Michele L. Grove Executive Assistant, York County Agriculture Business Council, 1500 Felton Rd., Felton, PA 17322. Phone: (717) 246-3578. E-mail: ycabc@comcast.net.

1675 Foundation – Oct 1

This foundation offers support to organizations for arts/culture, education, the environment, health, human services and history. Priority is given to Philadelphia and Chester Counties. Grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000 are available to organizations that are tax exempt under IRS Code 501(c)(3) or public charities under IRS Code 509(a). Applications are due March 1 and October 1 of each year.

Resource: <http://www.1675foundation.org/guidelines.htm>

Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland DNR Watershed Assistance Grant Program - Oct 2

This program is provided for local governments and non-profit organizations for projects that improve water quality in the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and Maryland Coastal Bays. Application deadline is October 2, 2009.

Resource: http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.enJIKONoFIG/b.4764263/k.2F67/Watershed_Assistance_Grant_Program.htm

Solar Energy Education for Local Governments – Oct 15

The U.S. Department of Energy is providing funding for local governments to accelerate solar energy implementation and workforce development. Applications due October 15, 2009.

Resource: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=198

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.

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

PA DEP Environmental Education Grants Program – Dec 12

This program supports environmental education through schools, conservation districts, educational organizations and nonprofit organizations. Application deadline is December 12.

Resource: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/enved/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=473483&envedNav=|>

USDA Technical Assistance and Training Grants for Rural Areas – Dec 31

These grants are provided for identifying solutions for water and waste disposal problems, assist in preparing applications for water and waste grants, and improving operations and maintenance of existing facilities. Private non-profit organizations located in rural areas and towns of 10,000 or less are eligible. Applications accepted October 1 through December 31 every year.

Resource: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/tatg.htm>

USDA Solid Waste Management Grant Program for Rural Areas – Dec 31

These grants are provided to public bodies, private non-profit organizations and Native American tribes for reducing/eliminating pollution of water resources and improving planning/management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Applications accepted October 1 through December 31 every year.

Resource: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>

Gannett Foundation – Community Action Grants – Feb 16

Funds are granted to provide education/neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. Applications are due February 16 and August 17 each year.

Resource: <http://www.gannettfoundation.org/guidelines.htm>

Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program – Mar 1

This grant is available to nonprofits and local governments for preserving, restoring, and/or rehabilitating historic resources. It is a competitive matching grant with a maximum award of \$100,000. Application submission deadline is March 1, 2010.

Resource: <http://www.artsnet.org/phmc/grants.htm#clg>

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.

Resource: 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.

Resource: <http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cbwi/index.html>

Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini Grants

This program provides up to \$5,000.00 for projects that focus on the Chesapeake Bay Trust's priorities. These grants are typically used for educational purposes, small projects, and public awareness initiatives. Grant applications will be considered until funds are exhausted.

Resource: http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.enJIKQNoFiG/b.2028473/k.BBF6/Mini_Grant_Program.htm

American Water Environmental Grant Program

Grants are provided for projects that improve, restore or protect a watershed.

Resource: <http://www.amwater.com/Ensuring-Water-Quality/environmental-grants-program.html>

Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund

This Trust provides charities with funding to support education, the environment/conservation, or children's programs.

Resource: <http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com/trustfund.asp>

Federal Grants to Maryland Now Online

The Governor's Grants Office has published their annual report of federal funds that flow into Maryland, and for the first time, is now presented [entirely online](#). In addition to providing information on the 54 separate American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded grant programs (out of a total of 481 active federal grants), there is also information on federal procurement dollars coming into Maryland. The annual report includes information on Maryland's leading federal contractors, key grants contacts in each state agency, ways to access information on foundations headquartered in each Maryland county, and federal fund comparisons for local governments. The Governor's Grants Office recently conducted a series of training workshops around Maryland relative to the Recovery Act. This Office continues to be the definitive source of information for federal funds flowing into Maryland on how to find, win and manage grants. In addition to its newsletter and workshops, the Governor's Grants Office posts grants, contracts and loan opportunities to the [Recovery site](#) and offers technical advice to any Maryland organization, whether a government entity or nonprofit organization. Contact the Governor's Grants Office at 410-260-3909 or e-mail MDGrantsOffice@gov.state.md.us.

PennVEST Loans – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority

Loans are provided for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater loans, on-lot sewage disposal funds, and Brownfield redevelopment.

Resource: <http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us/pennvest/cwp/browse.asp?A=4>

PA DEP Enactment of Ordinances and Implementation of Stormwater Management Plans

This program reimburses municipalities for costs associated with adopting or revising ordinances to comply with the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act.

Resource: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/watershedgmt/cwp/view.asp?a=1437&q=518836&watershedgmtNav=1>

PA DCNR Electronic Grants System

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources provides eGrants, an electronic grants system that contains all available DCNR grants. Applications can be submitted online.

Resource: <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>

Pennsylvania Pollution Prevention Assistance Program (PPAA) Loans

This program provides loans for small businesses to implement pollution prevention and energy-efficiency projects. Funding is provided at a 2% interest rate, up to a 10 year term for 75% of the project cost, up to a maximum of \$100,000.00. This program may be used by businesses in Pennsylvania with 100 or less full-time employees for the acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment.

Resource: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/enitech/cwp/view.asp?a=1413&q=503114>

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Grants Page

The PHMC offers many grants covering topics such as Historical Markers, Technical Assistance, Certified Local Governments, and more.

Resource: <http://www.artsnet.org/phmc/grants.htm#clg>

USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal (WWD) Loan and Grant Program for Rural Areas

This program provides loans, grants, loan guarantees and technical assistance for water, sanitary, waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and towns of 10,000 or less. Assistance is provided to public entities, non-profit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes. Applications are accepted continually.

Resource: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/program.htm>

PA Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP)

This program provides farmers and business with tax credits in exchange for Best Management Practices (BMPs) on agricultural operations to enhance production and protect natural resources. Applications will be accepted till fiscal year 2009-2010 appropriations are committed to projects.

Resource: <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=145155>

H2O PA – High Hazard Unsafe Dam Projects

Grants between \$500,000 and \$20,000,000 are provided to municipalities, municipal authorities, the Commonwealth and independent agencies for projects that repair, rehabilitate, or remove all or some of a high hazards unsafe dam.

Resource: <http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/funding-detail/index.aspx?progId=190>

WWEMA/WWD 2009 Student Scholarship

The Water & Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association (WWEMA) and Water & Wastes Digest (WWD) is providing a \$1,000 student scholarship for a student accepted to a college or university in this area of study. Applicants must have a parent employed by a WWEMA-member company. An application can be requested by e-mail at wwdeditor@sgcmail.com or by calling 847.391.1011.



WATERSHED FACILITATION ASSISTANCE

Free Watershed Academy Webcast – Second in Clean Water Act Series – Sep 10

Join us on Thursday, September 10th for "Introduction to Water Quality Standards," a second in series of Webcasts on the Clean Water Act (CWA). The CWA is the cornerstone of surface water quality protection in the United States and it sets broad goals for restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's water. Water quality standards (WQS) are aimed at translating the broad goals of the CWA into waterbody-specific objectives. Tune in to learn about WQS, which are the foundation of the water quality-based pollution control program mandated by the CWA. The Webcast will highlight the three major components of state and tribal water quality standards e.g., designated uses, water quality criteria, antidegradation, and will include a case study of how one state is working to strengthen its WQS program. Future Webcasts will highlight other aspects of the CWA including monitoring and assessment, total maximum daily loads, programs for managing point sources and nonpoint sources, and wetland protection. Speakers: Dr. Thomas Gardner, Environmental Scientist, U.S. EPA's National Water Quality Standards Branch; Heather Goss, Physical Scientist, U.S. EPA's National Water Quality Standards Branch; and William (Bill) Cole, Research Scientist, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Water Quality Standards Unit. To register, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts>

Susquehanna River Basin Commission Meet – Sep 10

TIME: 8:30 a.m. LOCATION: Chesapeake Lodge Hotel & Conference Center at Sandy Cove Ministries, North East, Maryland. You are cordially invited to the next public meeting of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, which will be held on September 10 at the Chesapeake Lodge Hotel & Conference Center at Sandy Cove Ministries, 60 Sandy Cove Road, North East, Maryland. In addition to the regular business meeting items, there will be several presentations and a panel session of interest to citizens from the Lower Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay regions. During the panel session, we will discuss a range of issues, including: (1) migratory fish restoration, (2) relicensing of the Lower Susquehanna hydroelectric facilities, (3) Susquehanna basin low flow management study, and (4) federal agency actions regarding ecosystems and the Chesapeake Bay. We hope you can join us in North East on Thursday, September 10. For more info, contact Ava A.

Stoops, Administrative Specialist, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102. Phone: 717/238-0423 ext 302. E-mail: astoops@srbc.net.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Public Meeting – Sep 22 & 23

The Mason-Dixon Trail System submitted an application for a study to resolve the Muddy Creek Access problem to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. There are two meetings scheduled to discuss the studies; Sept 22 and 23, 10 am to 4 pm, at Darlington, MD, Fire Hall.

Susquehanna River Symposium – Sep 25

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.

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. This year's venues are:

- Saturday September 19...
 - Sporting Clay Shoot Envirothon Fundraiser, York County Conservation District
 - New Freedom Fest, New Freedom Heritage
 - MAEscapes Fall Native Plant Sale & Open House (Educational programs TBA), Mid-Atlantic Ecological Landscapes Partnership
 - Beaver Creek WTP Open House, Red Lion MA
- Friday September 25...Outdoor Show, Izaak Walton League of America - York Chapter
- Saturday September 26...
 - Brunner Island Hibiscus Natural Area Cleanup, PPL Corp
 - Oil Creek Macro Monitoring, Codorus Creek Watershed Association
 - Miller's Heritage Day at Wallace-Cross Mill, York County Parks
 - Apollo County Park Backpack & Picnic Hikes, York County Parks
 - Outdoor Show, Izaak Walton League of America - York Chapter
- Sunday September 27...
 - Lake Williams Spillway Enhancement Project Tour, The York Water Company
 - Sunday River Brunch Paddle, Shank's Mare Outfitters
 - Outdoor Show, Izaak Walton League of America - York Chapter
- October 4... 5th Annual Mother Earth Harvest & Sustainability Fair, Spoutwood Farm Center

Watershed Weekend Guides are available at your local library, municipal offices, York County ANNEX, and online. To learn more about Watershed Weekend 2009 venues and download Guide, visit www.watershedsyork.org. For more info, contact Gary R. Peacock of WAY by calling 717-840-7430 or e-mailing gpeacock@yorkccd.org.

5th Annual PA Greenways & Trails Summit "Connecting Communities Through Recreation and Heritage" – Sep 27-29

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

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](mailto:Lou.Etgen@nctc.org) (410) 377-6270

Woods in Your Backyard Workshop – Oct 6 & 13

Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple stewardship practices. This workshop is designed ideally for landowners of 1-10 acres who want to improve the health of their woodlands or landowners who want to convert their mowed lawns into woodlots. When: 10/6/09 & 10/13/09 (2 part workshop), 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Where: University of Maryland Extension, Harford County Office, 2335 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill, MD. Cost: \$15 per person or family (includes workshop manual, CD & light refreshments). For more information and to register, contact Craig Highfield, Program Manager—Forestry for the Bay, at 410-267-5723 or chighfield@chesapeakebay.net or visit <http://www.forestryforthebay.org/files/WBYBrochure.pdf>

Center for Watershed Protection Webcasts – Stormwater Retrofitting – Oct 14

A webcast will be provided on "Stormwater Retrofitting" on October 14, 2009. It will focus on restoring watersheds through stormwater retrofitting practices featured in their Urban Stormwater Retrofit Practices manual. They will also discuss the cost and pollutant removal of stormwater retrofits. Registration will open in August. Register: <http://www.cwp.org/Webcasts/>

2009 Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Symposium Bailing Out Stormwater – Oct 14 & 15

Mission Statement - The purpose of the symposium is to advance the knowledge and understanding of sustainable stormwater management for those dealing in all aspects of planning, design, implementation and regulatory compliance. A workshop for non-engineers will be held in conjunction with the symposium. This is the seventh symposium on stormwater issues that has been held at Villanova. Bringing Together: Engineers, Planners, Water Resource Professionals, Regional, State and Local Government Representatives, Land Development Professionals, and Watershed and Conservation Groups. Municipal Workshop 14 Oct 2009. For more information and to register.....<http://www.villanova.edu/VUSP>

Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Monitoring Conference – Oct 19-20

Please register for the Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Monitoring Conference taking place Monday-Tuesday October 19-20, 2009 at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA. <http://sites.google.com/site/eparegion3conference/>. The conference is FREE for the first 150 people that register. Registration and information on lodging options can be found on the web site. The 2009 Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Monitoring conference will provide a forum for volunteer monitors, environmental organizations, and agencies to meet, present, and promote volunteer monitoring efforts. The conference includes plenary session, workshops, and breakout sessions on topics such as sustaining volunteer organizations, data use, watershed issues, and monitoring techniques. The conference is sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia). Please sign up and help spread the word! For more info, contact – Julie Vastine, Director, The Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM), Dickinson College - Environmental Studies Dept. Phone: 717.245.1135. Fax: 717.245.1971. Web: www.dickinson.edu/allarm

7th Lebanon-Lancaster County Watershed Forum – Oct 31

Lebanon and Lancaster County Conservation Districts invite you to participate in an educational forum and networking opportunity to increase awareness in our watersheds on Saturday, October 31, 2009, Acorn Farms Banquet & Reception Hall, in Mt. Joy, PA. For more info, contact Stephanie Harmon, Watershed Specialist, Lebanon County Conservation District, 2120 Cornwall Rd*Suite 5, Lebanon, PA 17042. Phone: 717-272-3908 ext.4. Fax:717-272-5314. Web: www.lccd.org

A new LTAP training course has been scheduled within York County – Mar 16

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!

- WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL (RS-S03) - 3/16/2010, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 976 WILSON AVENUE, HANOVER, PA 17331



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EPA Launches Bay TMDL Web Site

(PHILADELPHIA – August 21, 2009) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mid-Atlantic region today announced the launch of a web site dedicated to the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) – a major initiative to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and local waters. The web site allows the public to stay tuned to key developments, draft work products, schedules of public meetings and events, and have questions answered about the process. The TMDL, essentially a "pollution diet," will define the needed reductions in the nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus as well as sediments that are harming the Bay and local waters. The Bay TMDL will be backed by state-devised implementation plans and a series of measures to assure accountability in meeting cleanup commitments. To access the site, visit <http://www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl>

Increased Flooding Risk: Global Warming's Wake-Up Call for Riverfront Communities

A new report issued by the National Wildlife Federation states that the United States is experiencing more heavy storms and more severe flooding lately, mostly due to global warming and poor management practices. The report explains the link between global warming and the changes in precipitation. For the report, visit http://www.nwf.org/nwfwebadmin/binaryVault/NWF_FloodReport_optimized1.pdf. For a press release, visit <http://www.nwf.org/news/story.cfm?pageId=5C273840%2D5056%2DA868%2DA07C0D986E86BF10>

Draft Executive Order Aims to Curb Floodplain Development

A draft executive order composed by the White House would toughen requirements in floodplain management. The order would direct agencies to use non-structural design in managing floodplains and prevent facilities such as hospitals, police stations and power plants within the 500-year floodplain. The draft executive order can be found here:

http://www.eenews.net/public/25/11835/features/documents/2009/07/21/document_gw_01.pdf

Erosion and Sediment Control After Natural Disasters – Getting the critical first steps right

No matter where one resides, sooner or later that area is bound to be affected by a natural disaster, including flood, fire, or landslide. And that disaster will undoubtedly create erosion damage that will require repair work. Each type of natural disaster brings its own unique erosion control challenges. In the aftermath of a fire when vegetation has burned, soil is very susceptible to erosion; and, because the fire season is followed by the rainy season in many areas, the danger is that the rains will wash large amounts of soil off of the slopes and into waterways. If the waterways become clogged with sediment and debris, flooding can be a problem as well. Flooding may occur as seasonal flooding that causes erosion—such as overtopping streambanks—or coastal flooding that results from hurricanes, with accompanying coastal damage and erosion. Read article... <http://www.erosioncontrol.com/september-october-2009/natural-disasters-erosion.aspx>.

Changes in Nutrient and Sediment Concentrations in Streams and Rivers of the United States, 1993-2003

A report issued by the U. S. Geological Survey's National Water Quality Assessment Program states that phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations have stayed relatively stable in half of the assessed streams between 1993 and 2003. However, some streams in the Mississippi/Atchafalaya River Basin showed an increase in phosphorus. The link below provides information on the report in addition to maps and detailed assessments on water quality. Read more... http://water.usgs.gov/nawqa/pubs/nutrient_trends/

Going With the Flow – Working with nature to protect and restore our wetlands

Probably the biggest change, from the perspective of wetland designers in North America, is the increase of use of engineered wetlands for industrial applications and mining applications. A lot of it relates to the economy, because there are site managers out there who are realizing they could trade land for mechanical complexity. Maybe they have a mechanical treatment system that is very difficult to operate. A site manager might ask, 'Instead of having a little tiny system, could I build a more passive treatment system? Maybe it takes about 20% of my site area, but it costs almost nothing to operate.' Part of it is that companies are being asked to look at their carbon footprints. The amount of carbon-dioxide emission is linked. If you could switch from a mechanically intense system to a technology that's a lot more passive, you're reducing your energy costs as well as your carbon footprint. In addition, facility managers are recognizing that their environmental management issues will be continuing for a long time. When you really wake up and realize that as a company that you're in this for the long haul, you want to reduce operation and maintenance costs. Read more... <http://www.erosioncontrol.com/september-october-2009/protection-restoration-wetlands.aspx>

Financing Greenways in the Shenandoah

The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) produced this resource guide to provide information about establishing and financing greenways in the Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. The guide includes links to other online resources on the subject of greenways and trails, and is geared to the region's local government officials, nonprofit organizations, and citizen advocates. This guide focuses primarily on financing greenways for recreation and transportation purposes. Greenways are generally defined as linear open space, and a greenway corridor can include land that hosts passive recreational uses (such as trails), or it might be protected for various purposes (such as wildlife habitat or floodwater control). About the Environmental Finance Center The Environmental Finance Center's mission is to provide communities with the tools and information needed to manage change for a cleaner environment and an enhanced quality of life. In its efforts to encourage communities to make informed choices related to the protection of the environment, especially watersheds, EFC works to promote an atmosphere of respectful, innovative, and creative communication. Read more at the resource link below. Resource: <http://www.efc.umd.edu/financinggreenways.html>

Green Leases Toolkit

The "Green Leases Toolkit" from the California Sustainability Alliance (CSA) is an online toolkit designed to help integrate sustainability practices into the state's commercial leasing process. Approximately 90% of California's commercial office space is leased. CSA assembled an expert group to develop and test strategies to overcome barriers to greening these business spaces. The templates offered in the Green Leasing Toolkit 2.0 are established processes within the leasing industry. These tools can be used by both landlords and tenants who manage or occupy large portfolios of facilities, as well as small business owners and landlords who hope to green an individual building. Read more at the resource link below. Resource: http://sustainca.org/green_leases_toolkit

Invasive Species Expert Directory

This new resource provides experts in the field of invasive species. Select a state, and this tool will give you a list of contacts with specifics about their background. Learn who... <http://www.anstaskforce.gov/experts/search.php>

House Approves Joint Ventures Program to Protect Migratory Birds

The US House of Representatives passed a bill to authorize the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009. This program focuses on bird conservation planning, solving wildlife problems and restoring habitats. Joint Ventures have protected, restored and/or enhanced over 13 million acres of migratory bird habitat. Read more... <http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/jul2009/2009-07-16-091.asp>

EPA'S Enforcement and Compliance Update

On July 2, 2009 Administrator Lisa Jackson asked Cynthia Giles, as the head of EPA's enforcement and compliance program, to examine our water enforcement program in light of information showing that water quality goals are not being met and that there are too many violations in too many places. Administrator Jackson asked Cynthia Giles to report back in ninety days with recommendations to improve transparency, strengthen clean water enforcement performance, and expand our use of technology to increase efficiency and to provide useful information to the public. Our recommended action plan needs to improve compliance and address the problems that are having the biggest impact on water quality. To help us achieve the Administrator's goals, we invite you to share your ideas through our discussion forum. The discussion forum can be found at <http://blog.epa.gov/cwaactionplan>. Your ideas will be considered for recommendations to the EPA Administrator about the future direction for EPA's water enforcement program. In all our discussions, EPA will be mindful of the need to focus on the most important work for protecting water quality and improving compliance with the Clean Water Act, given resource constraints that require us to place a premium on innovation and efficiency. For more enforcement and compliance news and information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/>.

USDA Asks Public for CRP Comments and Schedules Public Meetings – Oct 8

Last week, USDA announced the opportunity for public comment through listening sessions for the Conservation Reserve Program. Public comments will be utilized by USDA to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement that addresses programmatic changes to the program in the 2008 Farm Bill. A listening session will be held on Oct. 8, 2009 from 5 - 7 p.m., Harrisburg, Pa. Public comments are due by Oct. 19, 2009, to be considered in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Comments can be delivered during the public listening sessions and can also be submitted to USDA through a variety of methods. More information is available at [FSA's website](#).

DRAFT TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

None as of Tuesday, September, 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.

Proposals Currently Open For Comment

Date Published In PA Bulletin	Proposal	Comment Deadline
8/29/2009	Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management (Pa Code, Chapter 102)	11/30/2009
8/15/2009	Proposed Revisions to General NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated With Construction Activities (PAG-2); Public Notice of Availability	9/14/2009
7/11/2009	Administration of the Water and Wastewater Systems Operators' Certification Program (25 Pa Code, Chapters 301, 302, 303 and 305)	9/9/2009

DEP eNOTICE - Regulation Update.

On 8/18/2009, the [EQB](#) took the actions noted on the following proposed regulations:

- Hazardous Waste Mngmt System; Proposed Exclusion for Identification & Listing of Hazardous Waste - Approved
- Wastewater Treatment Requirements - Approved

You will be notified when the approved proposed regulations are published in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) for public comment.

NOTICES - Extension of Pennsylvania NPDES Stormwater Discharges From Municipal Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) General Permit (PAG-13)

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is by this notice, extending for an additional 12 months the availability of the current NPDES Stormwater Discharges From MS4s General Permit (PAG-13). The current PAG-13 permit was initially extended for 12 months at 38 Pa.B. 4679 (August 23, 2008) and is scheduled to expire at midnight March 9, 2010. This second extension will be effective on March 10, 2010, and will expire at midnight on March 9, 2011. The Department is extending the availability of this permit to process the extensive public comments received, coordinate with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III Office, finalize the renewal of PAG-13, and provide for municipal outreach on the revised permit. The Department is also extending, by this notice, all existing PAG-13 permit approvals, waivers from permit application requirements, and exemptions from the MS4 operator designation scheduled to expire. Existing MS4s are authorized to continue to discharge stormwater in accordance with the terms and conditions of the general permit and must comply with the regulatory requirements of the MS4 program. Included in this extension is the requirement to continue implementation of the existing program and to provide annual reports on the progress of program implementation. Permittees covered by an individual permit shall continue to implement the requirements of their permit and shall request a renewal of coverage based on the expiration date and terms and condition of their permit. The existing PAG-13 permit documents will continue to be available from the Department's regional offices and local county conservation districts until they are replaced or updated. In addition, the permit documents are on file at the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Watershed Management, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street 10th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. This package is also available on the Department's web site at www.depweb.state.pa.us (DEP Keyword: Stormwater). The permit documents also can be obtained by contacting Penda Powell at pepowell@state.pa.us or (717) 772-5807. Persons with a disability may use the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 (TDD users) or (800) 654-5988 (voice users).

Proposed Revisions to General NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated With Construction Activities (PAG-2)

Published in the August 15th PA Bulletin for a 30-day public comment period. The current PAG-2 was extended for a six month time period in May and will expire at midnight on December 7, 2009. This notice proposes to revise the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated With Construction Activities (PAG-2, 2002 amendment) for renewal for another 5 years. Conservation districts and the public may submit comments during the public comment period at the address noted in the Bulletin notice <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol39/39-33/1473.html>. Comments must be submitted by September 14, 2009. Written comments should be submitted to Barbara Beshore, Chief of the NPDES Construction and Erosion Control Section at DEP Bureau of Watershed Management, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P. O. Box 8775, 10th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8775, (717) 772-6827, or by e-mail to ep-pag02comments@state.pa.us.

Chapter 102 Proposed Rulemaking Comment Period Open

The Proposed Rulemaking: Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management (25 Pa Code, Chapter 102) is expected to be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on August 29th. This publication notice will open a 90-day public comment period which will close November 30th. In addition to inviting comment at any time during the 90-day comment period, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will also hold three hearings to accept comments - those hearings are scheduled for September 29th, Cranberry Township Municipal Building, Butler County; October 1st, DEP South Central Regional Office, Harrisburg; and October 5th, Salisbury Township Building (Allentown area). Instructions on submitting comments and details on the EQB hearings are included in the Bulletin notice. (For further information, contact Ken Murin, or Barb Beshore, Bureau of Watershed Management, at 717.787-6827)