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WATERSHED CONTACTS

COUNTY PLANNING – (717) 771-9870 CONSERVATION – (717) 840-7430

- Agricultural conservation planning
- Environmentally sensitive dirt & gravel road maintenance
- Environmental stewardship and watershed protection
- Erosion & sediment control
- Stormwater complaints

24-HR EMERGENCIES – (877) 333-1904

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

ENVIRONMENTAL – DEP-SCRO

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

FISHERIES – (800) 541-2050

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

GAME & WILDLIFE – (888) 742-8001

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

ILLEGAL DUMPING

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

MUNICIPAL (Phonebook Blue Pages)

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

NOXIOUS PLANTS – (717) 772-5209

RECYCLING – (717) 845-1066

WETLANDS – (717) 249-2522

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Ag Land Preservation Board of York County – www.york-county.org/gov/AUTH/agri.htm

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

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

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

Codorus Creek Watershed Association – www.codoruscreek.net

- Oct 15 – Meeting of Members and Board, 7:00 pm, at York Water Co. (Mt. Rose Ave.)
- Contact: Jim Leaman at 843-2929

Codorus Endowment Implementation Committee – www.yccf.org

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

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

Conewago Canoe Club – www.conewagocanoecub.org

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

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

- Contact Lee McDaniel at ldmcdaniel@aol.com.

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

- Contact: Sean Kenny at Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County, 156 North George Street, Suite 300, York, PA 17401. Phone (717) 843-4411 or e-mail skenny@farmtrust.org

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

- For more information contact Becky Miller at 632-6747 or email beckymill1@juno.com or Dave Carbaugh at 637-9875 or email carbaugh3@embarqmail.com

Gifford Pinchot State Park – www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx

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

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy – www.gunpowderfalls.org

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

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

- Contact: Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education, 4945 Horn Road, York, PA 17406. Phone: (717)654-0571. Email: info@hornfarmcenter.org. Web: www.hornfarmcenter.org.

Izaak Walton League York Chapter #67 – www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/

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

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper – 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/waters/tribstrat/>

- Oct 1 – Meeting will be at the McFaul Center, Room 4, in Bel Air, Monday @ 5:30 p.m.
- Contact: RupertRossetti, Tributary Team Coordinator, e-mail: RupertRossetti@aol.com

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

- Contact: James Hooper at 717/252-3784 or j.e.hooper@ieee.org

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

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

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

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

Prettyboy Watershed Alliance – www.prettyboywatershed.org

- Contact: Nancy Shaper at nshaper@jhmi.edu

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

- Contact GVP Sierra Club, P.O. Box 606, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0606. GVPSierraClub@email.com

Shank's Mare Outfitters GO PLAY OUTSIDE! – www.shanksmare.com

- Call Us: 717-252-1616. Email us: Shanksmare@comcast.net

Spoutwood Farm Center for Sustainable Living – www.spoutwood.com

- Contact Rob & Lucy Woods at Spoutwood Farm at 717-235-6610 or spoutwood@comcast.net.

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

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

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership – www.susquehannagreenway.org

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

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

- Monthly Chapter Meetings 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., at Gander Mtn. (winter)
- Contact: Tom Finenze at 840-1372 or tom@codorustu.org. Cancellations due to winter weather will be announced here, and on WSBA Radio, 910 AM.

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

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

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

- WAAC meets the 4th Wed, 8:30AM, at the Adams County Ag Center
- Contact: Adam McClain, Ph: 717-334-0636; E-mail: stilden@adamswatersheds.org

Watershed Alliance of York – www.watershedsyork.org

- Oct 3 – Meeting of WAY Board of Directors, 7:00 PM, at SOLS, 324 W. Market St., York, PA.
- WAY E-News – Published by the Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. to inform the public about news and information that affect York County watersheds and beyond. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND E-MAIL LIST. Contributions of news, events and information relating to watershed education, funding, planning, restoration, protection, and stewardship welcome. Send contribution to and contact us for mailing list additions/changes to the e-mail address below. Distribution: electronic (1,850). Frequency: bi-weekly. Subscription: No charge. Editor: Gary R. Peacock.
- You can make www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter WAY as the charity you want to support.
- Contact: Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. (WAY), C/o York County Conservation District, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402. Phone: (717) 840-7430. Facsimile: (717) 755-0301. E-mail: gpeacock@yorkccd.org

Wecology – www.wecologypa.org/

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

Yellow Breeches Watershed Association – www.ybwa.org

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

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

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

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

- Contact Tom Smith at 717-246-9767 or ts35@psu.edu.

York County Conservation District – www.yorkccd.org

- New Wildlife of PA Journal available for purchase \$24.95
- Rain Barrels- Get one while they last! Visit our website for more information and prices.
- Board meets 2nd Friday, 11:00 a.m. (December-March) and 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (Apr.-Nov.), at the York County ANNEX
- Contact: YCCD at 717-840-7430 or yorkccd@yorkccd.org

York County Parks & Recreation - www.YorkCountyParks.org

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

York County Planning Commission - www.ycpc.org

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



WATERSHED EDUCATION & OUTREACH

New CPR Report: Maryland and Federal Authorities Should Prosecute Water Polluters More Frequently

The Center for Progressive Reform released a new white paper examining criminal enforcement of water pollution laws in Maryland. In *Going Too Easy? Maryland's Criminal Enforcement of Water Pollution Laws Protecting the Chesapeake Bay*, CPR analyzed a number of key questions concerning the critical, deterrence-based enforcement mechanism of criminal prosecution and its role in the Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts. CPR reviewed publicly available data on criminal enforcement cases at both the state and federal level involving water pollution in Maryland, interviewed a number of past and present environmental prosecutors, and reviewed the existing policies and laws that enable criminal enforcement for certain kinds water pollution violations. The overall finding was that criminal enforcement was underutilized in Bay restoration efforts, by both federal and Maryland authorities. A few of the specifics:

- During the past five years, federal water pollution concluded cases in Maryland shifted away from Clean Water Act-based charges to those involving violations of maritime laws, focusing on a narrow subset of pollution in the Bay;
- At the federal and state levels, courts rarely impose incarceration for water pollution-based convictions, thus significantly reducing the deterrence value of criminal enforcement;
- One of the greatest hindrances to environmental criminal enforcement is the lack of resources, particularly investigative resources; and
- State and federal environmental criminal authorities collaborate too infrequently, reducing the effectiveness of the criminal enforcement mechanism.

Based on these and a number of other findings, they make several recommendations to encourage a stronger, more deterrence-based criminal enforcement program for water pollution violations in Maryland. From restoring emphasis on environmental criminal enforcement to developing and participating in a Chesapeake Bay criminal task force, the recommended actions and policy improvements will allow a critical enforcement tool to help in achieving a cleaner Chesapeake Bay. Download report...

http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/MD_ChesBay_Crim_Enforcement_1212.pdf

Save Water. Save Energy - Save Energy. Save Money!

Penn State Watershed Winds Newsletter - Reducing water consumption can benefit Pennsylvania residents in many ways. Water conserving appliances can also save your family money. The residents of Pennsylvania are blessed with abundant water resources. In an average year, about 34 trillion gallons of precipitation falls on the state. At any given moment, approximately 47 trillion gallons of water are stored beneath the surface as groundwater. We view water as an inexpensive and unlimited resource. It's easy to see why Pennsylvania is referred to as a "water rich" state. However, in recent years, residents of Pennsylvania have experienced frequent droughts, which can cause severe water shortages for homeowners on private water systems. Water conservation measures become critical during times of drought. Homeowners that rely on private water systems should begin to conserve water as soon as drought conditions occur. Water use within the home can be significantly reduced through changes in habit and eliminating non-essential outside water uses. For more information on water conservation, visit the Penn State Extension water conservation website at <http://extension.psu.edu/water/conservation>

DEP Urges Consumers to Prepare for New Electronics Recycling Law - 2013

The Department of Environmental Protection is advising consumers and businesses of new rules for recycling electronic devices that will take effect on Jan. 24, 2013. Enacted in 2010, the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act requires that consumers not dispose of covered devices, such as computers, laptops, monitors and televisions, with their trash. This means that trash haulers will no longer be able to take covered devices unless the municipality has a curbside electronics collection program that ultimately sends the devices to an electronics recycler. Consumers can find more information on registered manufacturers and where to recycle covered devices at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Electronics Recycling.

Rainwater Harvesting Webinar Series - Oct 2 - Dec 5

Until recently, the primary goal of Rainwater Harvesting in the United States was conservation. This is changing, as an ever increasing number of engineers are turning to Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) as a Best Management Practice (BMP) for runoff reduction where runoff can't be infiltrated onsite. In this four-part webinar series, Contech Engineers Greg Kowalsky, BSME, Kathryn Thomason P.E., and Dave Adams P.E. will educate engineers on engineering a complete RWH system for runoff reduction. First of four webinars begins Oct. 2nd. Plus, engineers can earn 1 Professional Development Hour (PDH) after completing each post-webinar quiz. http://www.conteches.com/Knowledge-Center/Events/Rainwater-Harvesting-Webinar-Series.aspx?goback=.gde_127166_member_165348141

PA American Water: Tap Water vs. Bottled Water - Oct 15

Pennsylvania American Water Thursday announced the launch of a social media campaign inviting consumers to post photos of themselves using reusable water bottles, and the company will send each entrant a free water bottle. The campaign runs through October 15. To participate, take a picture of yourself using a reusable water bottle during your daily routine, on vacation or at play, and share it on Pennsylvania American Water's [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages by October 15. In return, the company will send entrants a free reusable water bottle. The free water bottles will be limited to the first 500 people who submit photos. In addition to the remarkable value of tap water, Pennsylvania American Water said the campaign reinforces the environmental benefits of tap versus bottled water. According to research

conducted by the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development Environment and Security in Oakland, California, bottled water consumes as much as 2,000 times more energy than tap water. “We also hope the campaign helps to further engage our customers through social media,” said Maenza. Pennsylvania American Water’s Facebook and Twitter pages provide real-time information, including:

- Important water service information and emergency notification;
- Updates on water and wastewater construction projects;
- Information on customer programs, community events and environmental initiatives; and
- Conservation and watershed protection tips.

For more information and [the officials rules](#), visit the [PA American Water](#) website.

EPA Opens Registration For Campus RainWorks Design Challenge – Dec 14

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has opened registration for student teams from colleges and universities across the country to participate in its new design competition, the [Campus RainWorks Challenge](#), through which teams will compete to develop innovative approaches to stormwater management. This first annual competition, will help raise awareness of green design and planning approaches at colleges and universities, and train the next generation of landscape architects, planners, and engineers in green infrastructure principles and design. Stormwater is a major cause of harmful water pollution in urban areas in the U.S., impacting tens of thousands of miles of rivers, streams, and coastal shorelines, as well as hundreds of thousands of acres of lakes, reservoirs, and ponds. Student teams, working with a faculty advisor, will submit design plans for a proposed green infrastructure project for their campus. Registration for the Campus RainWorks Challenge is open from September 4 through October 5, and entries must be submitted by December 14 for consideration. Winning entries will be selected by EPA and announced in April 2013. Winning teams will earn a cash prize of \$1,500 - \$2,500, as well as \$8,000 - \$11,000 in funds for their faculty advisor to conduct research on green infrastructure. In 2013, EPA plans to expand Campus RainWorks by inviting students to design and complete a demonstration project assessing innovative green infrastructure approaches on their campus. EPA is encouraging the use of green infrastructure as a solution to help manage stormwater runoff. Green Infrastructure uses vegetation, soils, and natural processes to manage stormwater runoff at its source and provide other community benefits. Green infrastructure is increasingly being used to supplement or substitute for single-purpose “gray” infrastructure investments such as pipes, and ponds. The Campus RainWorks Challenge will help encourage the use of green infrastructure projects on college and university campuses to manage stormwater discharges. More information, visit EPA’s [Campus RainWorks Challenge](#) webpage

New Issue of Pipeline Available Online

Reducing the amount of nitrogen released from onsite wastewater systems has become a controversial issue in certain parts of the U.S. In some locales, property owners are being encouraged or even required to add nitrogen-reducing systems to new and existing septic systems. The latest issue of the National Environmental Services Center (NESC) newsletter *Pipeline*—available online at www.nesc.wvu.edu/pipeline.cfm—examines nitrogen in the environment and provides specific suggestions for reducing nitrogen in onsite wastewater systems. Formerly printed and mailed to nearly 26,000 subscribers, *Pipeline* is now available in an online format only. Previous editions of the newsletter—also available on the NESC website—cover a variety of topics explaining onsite wastewater issues to homeowners and community members. The National Environmental Services Center, *Assistance. Solutions. Knowledge.*

iConservePA Video: Invasion Force. Invasive Species

DCNR’s Bureau of Forestry Botanist Carrie Gilbert describes how invasive species can be destructive to local ecosystems and how to control them in this iConservePA video. [Click Here](#) to watch the video. Learn more about how to protect and restore your environment by going to iConservePA.org.

NGWA issues public call to action during Protect Your Groundwater Day

Penn State Watershed Winds Newsletter – With drought gripping our nation, protecting groundwater through conservation, as well as contamination prevention, takes on added importance during this year’s September 11 Protect Your Groundwater Day, an event established several years ago by the National Ground Water Association. Using water wisely is important no matter where one lives. Drought simply underscores that groundwater is a finite resource worth protecting. Preventing contamination of groundwater is something every person can do through simple adjustments in their daily habits. Find out what you can do to protect this important resource. Your drinking water depends on it. Read more... <http://www.ngwa.org/Events-Education/groundwater-day/Pages/default.aspx>



WATERSHED FACILITATION ASSISTANCE

10th ANNUAL WATERSHED WEEKENDS – “Connecting People to Watersheds” – Sep 15-Oct 6

WAY is excited to announce its 10th Watershed Weekends connecting people to their watersheds, in York County, PA, and beyond. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in one or more of the 14 conservation, environmental education, and stewardship venues listed below. The 2012 Watershed Weekends Guide pamphlet may be picked up at your local library, municipal offices, the York County ANNEX, or from each of the venue sponsoring organizations. Or, beginning September 1st you may download the 2012 WSWE Guide from our website at www.watershedsyork.org. Do you know your watershed? Come join us, get involved and make a difference. Watershed Weekends is fun for the whole family. We hope to see you in your watershed. The following venues are scheduled for this week and next.

- 1) [Doing Our Part to Save the Bay!](#) Sponsor: Watershed Alliance of York. Date & Time: Sept. 15-Oct. 6. Location: Online. Contact: www.watershedsyork.org. Other info: This is a virtual, self-guided tour of BMP’s on-the-ground in York County, PA
- 2) [The Lorax, Birding, Hiking & More.](#) Sponsor: Eden Mill Nature Center. Date & Time: Sept. 15-30; Various Times. Location: 1617 Eden Mill Rd., Pylesville, MD. Contact: www.edenmill.org. Other Info: All Ages; Casual Dress; Indoors & Outdoors; Rain/Shine; On-Site Parking
- 9) [“Experience a Town At Risk” Demo.](#) Sponsor: York Township. Date & Time: Sept. 25; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Location: 190 Oak Rd., Dallastown, PA. Contact: www.Registration@YorkTownship.com. Other info: Ages 18+; Casual Dress; Indoors; Rain/Shine; On-Site Parking
- 10) [Take Back Your Meds!](#) Sponsor: York-Adams Pharmaceuticals Stewardship Alliance. Date & Time: Sept. 29; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Location: 1) Giant 455 Eisenhower Dr., Hanover, PA and 2) Giant 801 Baltimore St., Hanover, PA. Contact: advocacymom@embarqmail.com. Other info: All Ages; Casual Dress; Indoors; Rain/Shine; On-Site Parking
Note: The following additional Giant Food Store locations have been added:

- 14635 Mt. Airy Rd., Shrewsbury
- 275 Pauline Dr., York
- 3175 Cape Horn Rd., Red Lion
- 2130 Palomino Rd., Dover

- 11) Homesteading Education Day. Sponsor: Horn Farm Center. Date & Time: Sept. 29; 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. Location: 4945 Horn Rd., York, PA. Contact: www.hornfarmcenter.org. Other info: All Ages; Casual Dress; Indoors; Rain/Shine; On-Site Parking
- 12) Kayak on the Susquehanna. Sponsor: Shank's Mare Outfitters. Date & Time: Sept. 16; 9:00-11:30 am. Location: 2092 Long Level Rd., Wrightsville, PA. Contact: www.shanksmare.com. Other info: All Ages; Casual Dress; Outdoors; Weather Dependent; On-Site Parking; Reservations; Rentals Available
- 13) Barshinger Creek Restoration in Action! Sponsor: Codorus Creek Watershed Association. Date & Time: Sept. 29; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Location: 720 Arbor Dr., Dallastown, PA. Contact: www.codoruscreek.net. Other info: All Ages; Casual Dress; Outdoors; Rain/Shine; On-Site Parking CANCELLED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION START DELAY!
- 14) Mill Creek Stream Cleanup. Sponsor: C.S. Davidson, Inc. Date & Time: Oct. 6; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Location: 2nd Ave., Spring Garden Twp., PA (along I-83). Contact: Derek Rinaldo 570-527-6494. Other info: All Ages; Casual Dress; Outdoors; Rain/Shine; On-Site Parking; Pre-Registration Requested

PA SWEETPOTATO FESTIVAL – Sep 29

Saturday, September 29, 2012 11 A.M. until 6 P.M. (Rain or Shine) @ The Wellness Farm, Inc. 19310 Dutton Road Stewartstown, PA 17363 (717) 993-3081 Directions to the farm: www.wellnessfarm.com e-mail: josman@zoominternet.net; www.pasweetpotatofestival.com. \$5 admission (under 8, over 80 – free). Dig your own sweetpotatoes. A dozen different varieties are available for purchase. Enjoy 3 bands, (Andy Belt & Friends; Blind Owl; inDEADnation), vendors, and a wide range of sweetpotato foods – pancakes, soups, ice cream, pies and fries, pulled pork, & much more!

Lancaster PA Stormwater Training Workshop - FREE! – Oct 5

Join us for “Designing the Next Generation of Stormwater Practices”, a **FREE** 1-day workshop for local government staff, consultants, the development community, and other stakeholders, to keep up-to-date on regulations, timelines, and all the available administrative and technical implementation tools available. This workshop, sponsored by the [Chesapeake Bay Stormwater Training Partnership](#) and the [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#). The free workshop will review the Pennsylvania Stormwater Program and the design of different Best Management Practices to help achieve compliance. The workshop will address topics of particular interest to those in Central Pennsylvania, like basin retrofits and stormwater management in karst regions. The workshop will include a demonstration of the recently developed PA stormwater compliance spreadsheet complete with design exercises for hands-on training. *We encourage you to bring your laptops for the design exercise portion of the workshop.* The workshop will be interactive and offer ample time for discussion and collaboration among the attendees. The agenda can be viewed [here](#). When: Friday, October 5th, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Where: Lancaster County Offices Room 102-104, 150 North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. How to Register: To register for the free workshop, contact Donna Hahn at 717-299-8333 or e-mail Hahn@co.lancaster.pa.us. Cost: Free!!!

Registration Now Open For Oct. 9 Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference – Oct 9

The 5th annual [Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference](#) will be held on October 9 at the Steps Building at Lehigh University in Bethlehem starting with registration at 7:30 a.m. The conference is sponsored by the [Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley](#), watershed associations working together to protect, enhance and represent the region's watersheds. The agenda include 12 different workshop sessions on topics like dam removal, MS-4 stormwater permitting, the impacts of recent flooding on municipal bridges and infrastructure, vernal pools, restoring the American Chestnut, effects of water withdrawals, misconceptions and misinformation on Marcellus Shale and much more. For the conference agenda and to register online, visit the [Conference webpage](#).

PA Section-American Water Resources Assn. Conference – Oct 11

The [PA Section of the American Water Resources Association](#) will hold its annual [Water Quality in Pennsylvania Conference](#) on October 11 at Harrisburg Area Community College in Harrisburg starting at 8:00 a.m. Conference presentations will revolve around sources of water quality impairment and efforts to address them. The keynote address will be given by Rich Batiuk, Associate Director of Science, EPA Region 3 Chesapeake Bay Program Office. For more information and to register, visit the [Conference webpage](#).

Fall BigTrees Sale – Oct 13

The Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability is pleased to announce that the BigTrees sale – open to citizens of all counties in Maryland -- is back for this fall. We are again offering a great selection of native forest species that provide excellent environmental benefits, including 6 species of Oaks. We are also again offering an on-line ordering system with multiple early pick-up dates at our nursery. There will also be a sale event on Saturday, October 13. Check it out at the link below, and order your BigTrees today!
<http://baltimorecountymd.gov/bigtrees>

Register now for the York County Local Food Summit! – Oct 17

The York County Local Food Summit is coming fast!! Please review the attached brochure and register at <http://yorkcountylocalfoodsummit.eventbrite.com/>. Early bird registration ends **October 1st!** Please note that you can register online and pay at the door. Questions please contact Tia Underkoffler, Educator - Urban 4-H, Positive Youth Development Team, Penn State Extension – York County at timp156@psu.edu or 717.891.2503. Hope to see you there!!!

Bioretention Summit - Ask the Researcher – Oct 18-19

Villanova University, CEER Bldg., Rm. 001, 800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova University, PA, 19085. [Click here to view the Summit Website and](#)

[to register online](#). Bioretention and Bioinfiltration raingarden design, construction, and maintenance continue to evolve as the practice has become the most popular small-site stormwater control measure in the Mid-Atlantic states. However, design standards, construction specifications, and maintenance plans often lag behind what recent applied and lab research has discovered. The purpose of this training is to deliver the most up-to-date research-based information that will lead to perhaps dramatic improvements in how bioretention cells are credited by regulators, designed by engineers and landscape architects, and built and maintained by contractors and maintenance personnel. This course has been revised considerably since its 2010 offering at Villanova. Course Specifics: The summit is unique because it brings together three prominent Mid-Atlantic bioretention researchers to answer these and more questions. In fact, registrants are encouraged to submit questions in advance to the instructors via the website registration form so that they may be addressed during the workshop. There is ample Q&A time embedded in the training as well. The summit will feature a tour of Villanova bioretention and bioinfiltration research sites upon which some of the presented findings are based, as well as many other campus SCM's (Bmp's). The ultimate goal of the workshop is to improve the state-of-the-art for designers, plan reviewers, and regulators: better functioning designs going into the ground that improve hydrology and water quality. Course Instructors: Dr. Robert Traver, Villanova University, Dr. Allen Davis, University of Maryland-College Park, and Dr. Bill Hunt, NC State University. QUESTIONS? Content: Professor Traver (610) 519-7899 <mailto:robert.traver@villanova.edu>. Registration: Ms. Linda DeAngelis (610) 519-4960 <mailto:linda.deangelis@villanova.edu>. [Click here for more information and to REGISTER ONLINE](#).

PA Assn Of Floodplain Managers' Annual Conference - Oct 23-24

The annual Conference of the [PA Association of Floodplain Managers](#) will be held October 23-24 at the Ramada Inn in Wilkes-Barre. [Click Here](#) for more information and the agenda.

Land Partnerships Public Meeting Announcement – Oct 24 & Nov 5

The Cumberland County Planning Department will be hosting 2 public meetings to review and receive input on the draft Land Partnerships Plan. I strongly encourage your participation in the public meetings as feedback on the draft plan is very important. Land Partnerships is a countywide strategy addressing farmland preservation, natural resource protection and parks, trails & greenways. Meetings will be held on the following dates/locations:

- Wednesday, October 24, 2012, Southampton Township Municipal Building, 200 Airport Road, Shippensburg, PA
- Monday, November 5, 2012, Lower Allen Township Municipal Building, 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA

Please help spread the word about the meeting by circulating this information, as appropriate. A flier announcing the meetings is attached. To learn more about the Land Partnership Plan update, visit www.ccpa.net/landpartnerships.

CALLING WATER-TECH ENTREPRENEURS: WaterVent will take place in Philadelphia – Oct 26

If you are a water-tech entrepreneur or know a water-tech entrepreneur, this is a reminder that WaterVent 2012 will be taking place in Philadelphia on October 26, 2012 at The Academy of Natural Sciences. WaterVent partnering meetings have been held throughout Europe over the past few years but this is the first time that this partnering event will be taking place in the US. This will be an exciting conference designed around providing a forum for water-tech innovators, investors and strategics to meet and partner. The conference organizer, Mr. Ulf Leonhard, will showcase water-tech innovators via entrepreneur business pitches, give exposure to strategics via market leader insight talks as well organize interviews with innovators. We will all be welcomed by the Water Commissioner for the City of Philadelphia, Commissioner Neukrug, and you can see some of the other participants here: <https://www.watervent.com/philadelphia/program-philadelphia.html>. WaterVent is specifically designed to facilitate and increase partnering between innovators, investors and strategics. There's a one-day conference on October 26, 2012 as well as a coaching day prior to this. People are excited, particularly about the interviews with the innovators. Given the event's uniqueness, we are expecting strong media coverage. You can see details here:

<http://www.watervent.com/philadelphia/overview-philadelphia.html>. Registration:

<https://www.watervent.com/philadelphia/registrationform-philadelphia.html>. We hope to see you at WaterVent.

SAVE THE DATE – 10th Annual Lebanon/Lancaster Counties Watershed Forum – Oct 27

Lebanon & Lancaster County Conservation Districts invite you to participate in an educational forum and networking opportunity to stimulate awareness in Lebanon & Lancaster County's watersheds! 10/27/12 9AM-Noon, Acorn Farms & Reception Hall, Mount Joy. More details to come! Contact Lebanon County Conservation District, 2120 Cornwall Rd*Suite 5, Lebanon, PA 17042. P:717-272-3908. www.lccd.org

Penn State Master Well Owner Training Available

The Penn State [Master Well Owner Network](#) has released its schedule of training opportunities for new MWON volunteers for the next year. New volunteers can choose from any one of the following full-day, Saturday workshops or seven week online training modules:

- September 24-November 5 - Online training module
- February 11-March 25 - Online training module
- March 16 - York County, York - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - lunch provided

Those interested in becoming a MWON volunteer should complete the [online application](#) form available or call Bryan Swistock at 814-863-0194. Volunteers receive approximately eight hours of training on proper location, construction, testing, conservation, and treatment of private water wells, springs and cisterns. All newly trained volunteers receive an 80-page Guide to Private Water Systems handbook, discounted water testing through the Penn State testing laboratory, and access to a variety of experts and educational resources available through Penn State Extension. Trained volunteers are asked to pass along their knowledge about private water systems to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. MWON is currently funded through support from Penn State Extension, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Pennsylvania Ground Water Association. Since its creation in 2004, the Penn State Master Well Owner Network has trained over 600 volunteers in 63 counties of Pennsylvania. These volunteers have directly educated over 35,000 private water supply owners over the past seven years. For more details, visit the [Master Well Owner Network](#) webpage.



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Green Thumb Challenge for Partner Schools – Sep 30

Gather your photos, artwork and stories and help your partner schools apply for Green Education Foundation's [Green Thumb Challenge grant](#). The deadline is September 30 to win \$5,000 to keep your garden growing! This annual grant is awarded to an existing school or youth garden that has impacted the lives of students and their communities. For more information contact service@greeneducationfoundation.org.

Baltimore Life's Community Grants Program – Oct 12

Now, in its 14th year, Baltimore Life's Community Grants Program has helped many organizations such as yours in communities where our employees live and work, including Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, D.C., Ohio, New Jersey and West Virginia. The ability to award \$500 to organizations that support services such as family counseling and the upkeep of playgrounds has proven to be worthwhile in the continuance of humanitarian deeds. To be eligible for the grant, your organization must meet IRS eligibility requirements under IRC Section 501(c)(3)1. Acceptable organizations also include libraries, senior centers, homeless shelters, or other organizations under the direction of governmental agencies. Special consideration is given to projects and programs that assist distressed families, enhance public safety and the community, and combat community deterioration. Religious organizations are not eligible, except in instances where a religious organization houses a nondenominational charity such as a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. For more information about our grants program, please choose one of the following options:

- [Download grant guidelines now](#)
- [Fillable fields version](#)
- [Printable version](#)
- ["We're Calling on Charitable Organizations" advertisement](#)

You may also contact us toll free at 800.628.5433, ext. 6621, or locally at 410.902.6621. Please be prepared to provide your name, the organization you represent, your telephone number and the mailing address or fax number where you would like to receive your application. Applications must be returned to your local Baltimore Life agency. Agency locations are can be found by [clicking this link](#). Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012. Faxed grant applications **ARE NOT** permitted.

DEP Now Accepting Applications For Growing Greener Grants – Oct 26

The Department of Environmental Protection is now accepting applications for Growing Greener watershed protection and restoration and surface mining reclamation grants. The deadline for application is October 26. ([formal notice](#)) For the upcoming grant round, the DEP will invest in projects that will ultimately protect or restore, or both, this Commonwealth's watersheds from impairment due to nonpoint source pollution. Examples of special priority areas include: projects located in "priority" watersheds that reduce the source of impairment; "priority" type activities that lead to water quality restoration or protection; and projects that support the installation of agricultural Best Management Practices to achieve compliance with existing agricultural water quality requirements. Examples of eligible projects include those that will reduce nonpoint source pollution in watersheds where streams are impaired, projects that will help reduce Total Maximum Daily Load pollutants and integrating stormwater management into watershed management and water conservation strategies. Through the same application process, applicants can also apply for funding through the Department's Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act Grant Programs and Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program. SMCRA grants are available to various entities including municipalities, municipal authorities and incorporated nonprofit organizations for projects meeting SMCRA Set Aside or Bond Forfeiture grant requirements. Section 319 grants focus on funding similar projects to Growing Greener but with special emphasis within targeted watersheds. The Department is authorized to allocate these grants to a variety of eligible applications including: counties, municipal authorities and municipalities; county conservation districts; watershed organizations recognized by the Department who promote local watershed conservation efforts, councils of governments and other authorized organizations involved in the restoration and protection of the environment in this Commonwealth. More information will be posted on DEP's [Growing Greener](#) webpage in the near future. For more information, send emails to: GrowingGreener@state.pa.us or contact the DEP Grants Center at 717-705-5400. Written requests should be addressed to the Department Grants Center, 15th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P. O. Box 8776, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8776

FY2013 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grant Guidelines – Nov 19

These grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). Opportunities for funding are as follows: Brownfields Assessment Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; coalitions are funded up to \$600,000 over three years), Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) and Brownfields Cleanup Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years). The proposal submission deadline is November 19, 2012. <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/news/index.htm>

- [FY2013 Brownfields Assessment Grant Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) (58 pp, 581K)
- [FY2013 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) (52 pp, 489K)
- [FY2013 Brownfields Cleanup Grant Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) (62 pp, 541K)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(PDF\)](#) (50 pp, 233K)

Coldwater Heritage Partnership Now Accepting Applications For 2013 Grants – Dec 14

The [Coldwater Heritage Partnership](#) Wednesday announced the opening of the 2013 [Coldwater Conservation Grants Program](#). The program provides two grant opportunities, which help to protect and conserve the health of Pennsylvania's coldwater ecosystems. Applications are due December 14. The two grant opportunities are:

- *Planning Grant* – designed to help develop a conservation plan that identifies the values and threats that impact the health of our coldwater ecosystems that have naturally reproducing trout. The collected information can be used as a catalyst for more comprehensive planning or for development of watershed improvements projects. Planning grants average around \$6,000.

- **Implementation Grant** – designed to provide funding to projects recommended in a completed conservation plan or report. Potential projects must enhance, conserve or protect the coldwater stream for which the coldwater conservation plan was originally completed. Implementation grants average around \$10,000.

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership urges watershed groups, conservation districts, municipalities and local chapters of Trout Unlimited to apply. The Coldwater Heritage Partnership provides technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. Grants will be awarded to organizations to outline strategies and complete implementation projects that best conserve and protect our coldwater fisheries. Besides offering grants, CHP works to: foster greater public understanding of watershed characteristics and how they affect coldwater ecosystems; identify special areas of concern, such as areas with exceptional water quality and high potential for impacts; and provide technical assistance and financial opportunities to organizations dedicated to protecting our coldwater ecosystems. The CHP is a cooperative effort of Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Fish and Boat Commission and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds. For more information and copies of guidelines and the application form, visit the [Coldwater Conservation Grants](#) webpage or call PATU Coldwater Resource Specialist Samantha Kutskel at 814-359-5233.

Stream Restoration Challenge Grants Available

Schools, watershed organizations and local governments are invited to join the Stream Restoration Challenge to plant forested stream buffers during the next 3 years. Grants are available to help with the cost. The goal is to plant at least 1,000 new acres of forest buffers by 2015.

[More details...](#)



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Sustainable farming part of larger ecological picture

Phys.org – A larger-scale approach to sustainable farming could be more beneficial for wildlife than our current system of farm-based payments, according to University of Leeds researchers. As the global population grows, demands on land become ever greater and environmental change is likely to add to the pressure. The team has been investigating the most effective approaches to optimizing sustainable food production while protecting wildlife. Read more...

<http://phys.org/news/2012-09-sustainable-farming-larger-ecological-picture.html>

Farming nature's way

Ag Weekly – Movements such as organic farming and direct seed practices recognize problems in the current agricultural production system, but don't go far enough to correct those problems. "It's sobering to realize we are doing all this stuff and we are still destroying soil," said Ray Archuleta, conservation agronomist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Soil Health and Sustainability Team in Greensboro, N.C. Read more... <http://www.agweekly.com/articles/2012/09/06/commodities/crop/crop60.txt>

Conservation practices to mitigate the effects of climate change

Journal of Soil and Water Conservation – A special research section of the September/October issue of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, "Conservation practices to mitigate the effects of climate change," offers a compilation of works that cover the most current advances in the science of conservation practices that may alleviate some of the effects associated with a changing climate. Follett et al. discuss the effects of climate change on soil carbon and nitrogen storage in the U.S. Great Plains. Chen et al. evaluate a selection of maize inbred lines for drought and heat stress tolerance under field conditions and identify several inbred lines that showed high tolerance to drought. Brown and Huggins quantify agricultural impacts on soil organic carbon sequestration for dryland cropping systems in different agroclimatic zones of the Pacific Northwest. Read more... <http://www.jswconline.org/content/current>

Zero tillage and livestock rotation study finds balance is needed

Science Network – Adding livestock to no-till cropping systems could have benefits, according to new research, although it does involve some trade-offs. Also known as zero tillage or direct planting, the Grains Research and Development Corporation work found livestock and no-till cropping enterprises may co-exist, delivering an important source of farm diversification and risk management. Read more...

<http://www.sciencewa.net.au/topics/agriculture/item/1675-zero-tillage-and-livestock-rotation-study-finds-balance-is-needed.html>

Partnership Releases Papers Highlighting the Benefits of Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Decentralized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Partnership has developed a series of four papers that highlight how decentralized wastewater treatment systems can be sustainable and appropriate options for communities and homeowners. The papers are intended to provide information to the public and to state, local, and industry officials on the benefits and types of decentralized wastewater treatment systems. Decentralized wastewater treatment consists of a variety of onsite approaches for collection, treatment, dispersal, and reuse of wastewater. The MOU Partnership is an agreement between the EPA and 16 partner organizations—including the National Environmental Services Center and the State Onsite Regulators Alliance—to work collaboratively at the national level to improve decentralized performance and our nation's public health and water resources. Since 2005, the MOU has reflected the commitment of EPA and its partner organizations to work together to encourage proper management of decentralized systems and increase collaboration among EPA, state and local governments, and decentralized system practitioners and providers. In 2011, the MOU Partnership convened working groups to develop papers around each of four topic areas. MOU partners were selected to participate according to their area of expertise. Each paper focuses on one of four topic areas of decentralized wastewater treatment, demonstrating how decentralized wastewater treatment can be: (1) a sensible solution; (2) cost-effective and economical; (3) green and sustainable; and (4) protective of the environment, public health, and water quality. For additional information on the EPA Decentralized MOU Partnership and to view copies of the papers, go to:

<http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/septic/Decentralized-MOU-Partnership-Products.cfm>

EPA Decentralized Site has new URL

Please note that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Decentralized Wastewater Program website has moved. According to EPA, "the septic web content has been migrated and reorganized to better serve key stakeholder groups." The new website may be accessed at: <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/septic/index.cfm>

Extension of PAG-02 comment period

The public comment period for PAG-02 has been extended until October 2. It will be noticed in the PA Bulletin on Saturday, September 15. Jennifer Orr, Chief, NPDES Construction and Erosion Control, Department of Environmental Protection, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Phone: 717.772.5961. Fax: 717.772.5986. www.depweb.state.pa.us

PADEP Proposals Currently Open for Comment

Date Published In PA Bulletin	Proposal	Comment Deadline
9/1/2012	Draft Technical Guidance: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Firm Solicitation Guidance (DEP ID: 382-5511-014) PA Bulletin Notice ; Draft Technical Guidance	10/1/2012
9/1/2012	Draft Technical Guidance: Policy for Implementing the DEP Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee (DEP ID: 021-2100-001) PA Bulletin Notice ; Draft Technical Guidance	10/1/2012
9/1/2012	Draft Technical Guidance: Policy for Permit Coordination (DEP ID: 021-2000-301) PA Bulletin Notice ; Draft Technical Guidance	10/1/2012
9/1/2012	Draft Technical Guidance: Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems Operator Certification Program Handbook (DEP ID: 391-2300-001) PA Bulletin Notice ; Draft Technical Guidance	10/1/2012

Technical Guidance & Permits

The Department of Environmental Protection [published a notice](#) changing guidance document ID numbers for 19 policies based on the reorganization of the agency. By the same notice, DEP is issue a draft guidance for comment on air quality compliance reporting, a final guidance on civil penalty assessment for the NPDES program and rescinding three Drinking Water Program guidance documents that are out-of-date.

- DRAFT: DEP ID: 273-4110-002. Air Quality Program Guidance for Determination of Significant Figures and Timeliness of Report Submittal for Evaluation of Air Contaminant Emissions and Concentrations. The Department believes that timely and consistent determinations of air contaminant emissions and concentrations are necessary to ensure that the air quality needs of the Commonwealth are fully met.
- FINAL: DEP ID: 362-4180-006. Civil Penalty Assessment Informal Hearing Procedure for Clean Water Program. This guidance document was developed to describe the procedure to be used by Department Water Quality Operations staff for holding an informal hearing as it relates to civil penalty assessments for violations of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits.
- RESCISSION: DEP ID: 383-3130-108. New Source Sampling Requirements for Surface Water Sources. The Department, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, provided information relating to new source sampling requirements for surface water sources to support public water systems and Department staff in implementing the Safe Drinking Water Program. This guidance document is being rescinded because it contains information that is no longer current due to regulatory updates at 25 Pa. Code Chapter 109 (relating to safe drinking water) that became effective on December 26, 2009.
- RESCISSION: DEP ID: 383-3130-208. New Source Sampling Requirements for Groundwater Sources for Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Water Systems. The Department, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, provided information relating to new source sampling requirements for groundwater sources for community and nontransient noncommunity water systems to support public water systems and Department staff in implementing the Safe Drinking Water Program. This guidance document is being rescinded because it contains information that is no longer current due to regulatory updates at 25 Pa. Code Chapter 109 that became effective on December 26, 2009.
- RESCISSION: DEP ID: 383-3130-308. Transient Noncommunity Water Systems: New Source Sampling Requirements for Groundwater Sources. The Department, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, provided information relating to new source sampling requirements for groundwater sources to support public water systems and Department staff in implementing the Safe Drinking Water Program. This guidance document is being rescinded because it contains information that is no longer current due to regulatory updates at 25 Pa. Code Chapter 109 that became effective on December 26, 2009.

