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- Audting Your Watershed For Winter Cover Crops
- Chapter 106 Floodplain Management Site Restoration Permit

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

Updated 4/27/2011

- EPA Releases Freshwater Biological Traits Database Report
- Nitrogen & Phosphorus Pollution Data Access Tool Announcement
- PADEP Proposals Currently Open for Comment
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Ag Land Preservation Board of York County - www.vork-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

- Jan 14 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

Conewago Canoe Club - www.conewagocanoeclub.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 Idmcdaniel@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

<u>Gifford Pinchot State Park</u> - <u>www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx</u>

- 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.

<u>Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper</u> – <u>www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org</u>

- Nov 1 SOLS is moving to Shank's Mare Outfitters, Long Level, Lower Windsor Twp.
- > 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/

- Our next meeting will be on Monday November 5th at 5:30 p.m. in McFaul Room 5. Guest speaker, Terrie Bartley, APG, who will give us an
 update on what is happening with the TMDL & WIP on the Federal facilities.
- Contact: Rupert Rossetti, 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 <u>pbccg@hotmail.com</u> 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.

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.

<u>Trout Unlimited Muddy Creek Chapter #575</u> - 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

- Jan. 9, 2013 Annual Meeting of WAY Board of Directors, 7:00 PM, at The York Water Co., Mt. Rose Ave.
- WAY E-News Published by the Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. to inform the public about news and information that affect York County
 watersheds and beyond. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND E-MAIL LIST. Contributions of news, events and information
 relating to watershed education, funding, planning, restoration, protection, and stewardship welcome. Send contribution to and contact
 us for mailing list additions/changes to the e-mail address below. Distribution: electronic (1,850). Frequency: bi-weekly. Subscription: No
 charge. Editor: Gary R. Peacock.
- 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 tls35@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

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DEA's Fifth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Results in Another Big Haul

Results of the September 29, 2012 DEA Drug Take-Back Day are announced. For the fifth time in two years, Americans emptied medicine cabinets, bedside tables, and kitchen drawers of unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs and took them to collection sites located throughout the United States as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. DEA's state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners, working at more than 5,263 locations, collected 488,395 pounds (244 tons) of prescription medications from members of the public. Follow the link for the Press Release http://www.justice.gov/dea/docs/results_final.pdf Editors Note: Two Drug Take Back events on Oct. 29, during Watershed Weekends, netted 250 pounds of pharamaceutical and personal care products.

Chesapeake Bay cleanup big deal for some farmers

Frederick News Post – William Morrow said he grew up in Maryland and is concerned about the health of the Chesapeake Bay. A sustainable farmer, Morrow recently joined a number of environment groups in Baltimore to deliver thousands of petitions urging the Environmental Protection Agency to move forward with preventing factory farm runoff from entering waterways. Read article... http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/business/display.htm?StorylD=141916#.UllflGeINWB

Howard Buffett: Stronger laws foster ag conservation

Des Moines Register – Farmer/philanthropist Howard Buffett said recently that stronger government action is needed to encourage farmers into compliance with better fertilizer, tillage and other conservation and environmental practices. Buffett, son of Omaha financier Warren Buffett, has emerged as a force in world agriculture through his foundation, which finances experimental work in Africa and other countries. At a meeting with Des Moines Register editors and writers, Buffett joined those who urge farmers to abandon tillage on U.S. soils. Read article... http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20121017/BUSINESS/310170057/0/sports0814/?odyssey=nav|head

Nabbing Nitrates video series

SWCS Conservation Blogger – The Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Iowa Chapter of SWCS are among 14 cosponsors of a new video series that shows how conservation practices remove nitrates from water. Missouri and Mississippi Divide Resource Conservation and Development Inc., based in west central Iowa, produced the four new water conservation videos in a series titled "Nabbing Nitrates — Before Water Leaves the Farm." Read more... http://conservationblogger.blogspot.com/2012/10/nabbing-nitrates-video-series.html

River Restoration Progress Threatened by Extreme Bill

Despite the clear benefits of river restoration, U.S. Representative Doc Hastings (R-WA), Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, has introduced an extreme piece of legislation that would make river restoration virtually impossible for communities nationwide. In addition, the bill would create expensive new federal subsidies for new dam construction and muzzle critics of unsafe and environmentally destructive dams. Read more...

https://secure2.convio.net/amr/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1341&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=cc hvqo75l6.app243a

Wild and Scenic Rivers - Keeping them Free

Protecting our nation's last wild rivers is a core part of our mission at American Rivers. It is the reason we were founded nearly 40 years ago and is more important than ever today. See photos of some of our most spectacular wild rivers and learn about why these rivers are so special. Learn more... http://www.americanrivers.org/initiatives/wild-and-scenic/

Liquid Assessts: The Story About Our Water Infrastructure

Liquid Assets is a public media and outreach initiative that seeks to inform the nation about the critical role that our water infrastructure plays in protecting public health and promoting economic prosperity. Combining a <u>ninety-minute documentary</u> with a <u>community toolkit</u> for facilitating local involvement, Liquid Assets explores the history, engineering, and political and economic challenges of our water infrastructure, and engages communities in local discussion about public water and wastewater issues. View at http://liquidassets.psu.edu/?goback=.gde 1183877 member 170791431

Chesapeake Commons Update

Chesapeake Commons is excited to announce it powered by Environmental Science Research Institute's (ESRI's) ArcGIS Online. After excellent feedback and user demand from non profits, government, and watershed organizations Chesapeake Commons will team up with ESRI to bring you the user, the latest in analytical web mapping functionality through the ArcGIS Online platform. Whether you are already an active user or plan on starting your own web mapping project in Chesapeake Commons, you will benefit from the following:

- Weekly Training Webinars
- Server Hosted Ready-to-Use Content
- A Barrage of New Features
- Open Source Code

While our system is changing our core mission and goals will be the same in providing you with: a shared platform for improved communication on and understanding of Bay restoration progress and conditions; improved data transparency to increase stakeholder confidence; reduced duplication of data gathering and analysis efforts; and increased data collection, mapping and analysis capabilities for Bay restoration stakeholders with limited resources. We strongly feel our user base will bennefit from the added features and flexability of the ArcGIS Online platform. We will make every possible effort to ensure your workflow is uninterupted and that finding your way around the new data tool is intuitive. If you have any questions or concerns, would like to schedule a personal training, or need advice on how the system can work for you, please get in touch!

http://www.chesapeakecommons.org/?utm_source=Chesapeake+Commons+Users&utm_campaign=476dd1fc96-Common sense8 1 2012&utm_medium=email

DCNR's Interactive Map Expanded To Include State Forests

Looking to get lost, and still know exactly where you are? Or where you're headed, as you strike out into Pennsylvania's rich wealth of state forestlands? Details on all 20 state forests districts across the state, as well as information on 2.2 million acres of state forestland now are available on DCNR's recently expanded interactive map. In mid-September, major enhancements were added to the primary DCNR interactive map—detailing state parks across the state—to include information invaluable to state forest visitors.

2102 York Counts Indicators Report

YorkCounts indicators are a collection of quality-of-life measurements used by anyone in our community as a tool for planning and assessment. The Indicators Report has been published in 2001, 2006, 2009, and 2012 and highlights trends in education, community, aging, safety, health, the environment and the economy of York County. The goal of the YorkCounts Indicators Report is to create a clear and transparent source for unbiased, fact-based information on the issues our community identifies as important to our quality of life. Individuals, groups, and organizations in all sectors can use the information to increase their knowledge about York County, inform decisions, promote accountability, and guide action to achieve community progress. http://www.yorkcounts.org/

How We Got Into Such a Mess With Stormwater

Oregon Public Broadcasting's Ashley Ahearn and Katie Campbell present this in depth perspective on the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, using Seattle's Puget Sound and Portland as a NW Pacific backdrop. http://earthfix.opb.org/water/article/drained-how-we-got-into-such-a-mess-with-stormwate/

Penn State Extension Offers Aquatic Pesticide Course for Credits

Penn State Extension is offering an Aquatic Pesticide Course for pond applicators that is approved for three Category 9 recertification credits from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. If you register for the course you will receive the Penn State publication entitled "Management of Aquatic Plants" and the corresponding cd containing seven short videos on pond management. Participants review the material and complete and return seven short worksheets. If you score higher than 70% on the combined worksheets, you pass the course and receive the pesticide update credits. The registration fee is \$30.00. Registrations can be done at http://guest.cvent.com/d/0dgb01.

Profile: The River Alert Information Network (RAIN): Making Regional Drinking Water Collaboration Work

WREN is pleased to share the article WREN wrote about RAIN – the River Alert Information Network, source water protection/water quality monitoring, which just appeared in the Sept 2012 issue of the PA State Association of Boroughs News magazine. The article originally appeared in our WREN E-newsletter. Since their theme for the Sept issue was outreach and effective communications, we were happy to oblige PSAB's request, as source water protection coalitions like RAIN are proving to be an important communications and public education vehicle about community water issues. The PA State Association of Boroughs represents over 900 boroughs with over 2.6 million Pennsylvania residents. Read more... http://wren.palwv.org/documents/RAINProfileV2.pdf

<u>Autumn Nature Notes - Holtwood Environmental Preserve</u>

The transformation of leaves on deciduous trees to a landscape of color is the highlight of October in Pennsylvania. Each year brings its own unique blend of colors and offers a brilliant end to a long and productive growing season. With over 100 species of trees growing in Penn's Woods it's no wonder our forests display such a wonderful variety of colors. From late October into November, Red-tailed hawks are moving south. Look overhead on a warm autumn day for a "kettle" of redtails circling as they glide on a bubble of rising air. Wild Canada Geese migrate in November (except for resident birds). Witch Hazel blooms near the middle of the month in our forests. Milkweed pods open and spill their silk-stranded seeds to the wind. Waterfowl migration peaks during late November or early December and Tundra Swans often make a brief appearance. Male Great Horned Owls begin to establish territories in December. Listen for their "Who's awake? Me too" calls on frosty nights. Later this month look for the moth-like flight of Short-eared Owls over grassy fields just before sunset. Keep a close look out for a possible Arctic visitor, Snowy Owl. One could show up this winter. Autumn brings a variety of color to the landscape. What a wonderful place to view autumn's beauty as you enjoy breathtaking views from the Pinnacle Overlook on this walk. Join us as we explore autumn's wonders. We'll identify wildflowers, birds and trees as they prepare for winter. Bring your favorite field guides if you have them and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Additional program details and recreational information can be found on the Preserves website at www.pplpreserves.com. For directions, please visit www.pplpreserves.com, click on "Holtwood" then select "Locations of Trails and Attractions." For more information contact PPL at 570-253-7001 or pplpreserves@pplweb.com.

Autumn Nature Notes - Brunner Island Environmental Preserve

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nights. Later this month look for the moth-like flight of Short-eared Owls over grassy fields just before sunset. Keep a close look out for a possible Arctic visitor, Snowy Owl. One could show up this winter. Autumn is a time of change in nature with dramatic and subtle transformations taking place. Join us for a walk through the wetlands to explore what plants and animals are doing in autumn and how they are getting ready for winter. We'll look at wildflowers, trees, birds and other wildlife we encounter on our walk. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Directions: The wetlands entrance is directly across from Gate A on Wago Road. Follow the stone road until you see the sign for Wood Duck Pavilion. The GPS coordinates at the pavilion are N 40 05.755 W 076 42.287. For more information, please visit our website at www.pplpreserves.com, or e-mail pplpreserves@pplweb.com. For information on the current river conditions, call the Lower Susquehanna Hot Line at 1-800-692-6328.

Have Photos of the Susquehanna Region?

The banks of the Susquehanna River are exploding with fall color! Now is the perfect time to grab your camera and enter the 3rd Annual Treasured Towns & Landscapes Photo Contest, sponsored by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. Share what you love about life along our River: Scenic landscapes, wildlife, recreation, history, culture, arts, river town life, or scenes with friends and family. Just for Kids: There is a special category for youth 18 and under to share their Susquehanna photos! Submit your images online at http://www.susquehannagreenway.org/photo-contest now until February 1, 2013.

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WATERSHED FACILITATION ASSISTANCE

10th Annual Lebanon/Lancaster County Watershed Forum - Oct 27

Join the Lancaster & Lebanon County Conservation Districts for presentations and discussions with Mayor James Eskridge of Tangier Island, VA & former Chesapeake Bay waterman, Lamonte Garber, Agriculture Program Manager for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Michael LaSala, Executive Director for the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee. For additional information, visit: http://lancasterwatersheds.org/documents/10thannualWFbrochure.pdf

Care about clean water? Want to get more involved with CBF and your community? - Oct 27

Join CBF staff to learn more about key issues facing Pennsylvania waters and tools that you can use to promote clean water to state and local representatives, to your community, and in your backyard. When: Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Where: Wildwood Park, 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110.Registration: Space is limited so please make sure to register for this event here. E-mail Andrew Bliss with any questions at abliss@cbf.org or call 717/234-5550. Topics Covered:

- What's your role in clean water implementation;
- · How to lobby decision makers;
- How do you use the media to spread the word;
- What are riparian buffers, and why are they important;
- Project Spotlight: Lemoyne Rain Gardens (with fellow Speaker Bureau volunteer Shirley Stark).

We hope to see you there!

Sunday conference on democracy fractured shale, factory farms, sludge - Oct. 28

Sunday Oct 28th 2012 12 – 6:30 PM (Includes late lunch 2:30). Holland Union Building (HUB), Social Hall at Dickinson College, 24 N. College St. Carlisle, PA 17013. Join us as keynote speakers and community leaders address the challenges to PA's agricultural heritage, from factory farms to Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction and biosolids. We will examine the economics, public health, animal health, environmental impacts, food safety and the influence of powerful well lobbied industries on our farms, economic policy, regulation and democracy. What happens when state agencies and government fail to protect us? How do we invest in policies that benefit our independent farms and rural communities? How do we sustain our environment and keep local independent farms viable? Speakers include:

- Patrick Baron: Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Public Health Implications and Industrialized Animal Production
- Kathy Martin: Environmental Specialist Community and Environmental Impact of CAFOs and Hydraulic Fracturing of Marcellus Shale
- Craig Watts: North Carolina Poultry Contract Farmer What goes on behind those steel doors? (factory farms)
- Terry Spence: Missouri Beef Cattle farmer /SRAP Consultant -Subsidies and influence in agribusiness.
- Charlie Speer: Speer Law Firm What happens when government is not doing enough to regulate pollution from industry?
- Julie Huntsman: Veterinarian and NY Council Woman Effects on livestock near hydraulic fracturing.
- Ron Gulla: Ron tirelessly educates about the effects of industrial gas development on his 141 acre farm in Southwestern Pennsylvania.
- Terry Greenwood: Beef Cattle farmer in SW PA who will talk about his experience with gas drilling, loss of water source and cattle.
- Carol French / Carolyn Knapp: PA Dairy farmers (PLGAS) how drilling has impacted their family, farms and livestock.
- Group discussion breakout sessions with panelists, also Tracy Carluccio Delaware Riverkeeper, Darree Sicher-United Sludge Free Alliance, Ben Price CELDF and Karen Feridun/ Berks Gas Truth.
- Legislative update-Nathan Soov-Clean Water Action
- Community updates from Huntingdon Twp-egg/vaccine CAFO, Cleveland Twp CAFO-Save R2, and Carlisle's Against Biosolid Contamination, and John Trallo from Sullivan County

Sponsored by Peach Bottom Concerned Citizens and Socially Responsible Agriculture Project. RSVP Maria Payan by Oct 22 717 456 5800 payans@zoominternet.net. Or mail check to: PBCCG, P.O. Box 307, Delta PA 17314. Or by credit card through Paypal http://pbccg.com/. Student - Requested Donation \$10 General Public - Requested Donation \$20

PA Landscape Summit - Oct 29-30

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is hosting a Conservation Landscape Summit in Harrisburg on October 29 and 30. The purpose of the two-day event is to highlight how communities can use natural resources to propel local conservation, revitalization and planning efforts. For more information about the conference, including registration information, visit http://landscapesummit.org. The registration deadline is October 24.

York County Local Food Summit! "Live Here, Buy Here, Eat Here" - Nov 7

Early Bird Registration Extended, Register Now! http://yorkcountylocalfoodsummit.eventbrite.com/# This exciting event coming to York will feature discussion about creating a sustainable and & localized food system in York County. The summit will bring food producers, distributors, processors, retailers, wholesalers, agencies, nonprofits, schools, educators, and government representatives together to address the topic. The day will be cost-effective, interactive, educational, & enlightening to serve as a springboard for further events, policy change, action and feasible planning so as to make the idea of a sustainable York County a reality. Through interactive workshops, education, panel discussions, roundtables & much more, we will discuss the challenges & opportunities for the York County food system while learning ways to support & promote farm-to-table & local food sustainability efforts. Please join The York County Local Food Summit on November 7th, 2012 at the York County 4-H Center located at 771 Stoverstown Rd, York PA 17408. This workshop is open to anyone interested in sustaining a localized food system in York County. For additional details, news & info visit our Facebook page. Or for questions, contact Tia Underkoffler at tmp156@psu.edu or 717-840-7408.

PENNVEST, DEP Announce Final 2012 Nutrient Credit Trading Auction - Nov 7

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority and the Department of Environmental Protection announced today they will host a Nov. 7 auction for the sale and purchase of nutrient credits in the Susquehanna and Potomac watersheds. The auction will be a "spot" auction, where verified credits will be sold at auction, delivered and applied to the 2012 compliance year. The auction will afford wastewater treatment plants in the two watersheds the opportunity to purchase credits as a means of meeting their nitrogen and phosphorus discharge limits for the compliance year. PENNVEST hosts the auctions to encourage and facilitate the trading of nutrient credits in the Susquehanna and Potomac watersheds. DEP's nutrient credit trading program provides a cost-effective means for facilities that are subject to nitrogen and phosphorus limits to meet those limits by working with other facilities, non-point sources or both. PENNVEST has chosen Markit Inc. to provide the platform for enrollment and eligibility, auctions and registry services. Markit, a financial information services company, provides operations and infrastructure services to environmental programs worldwide. PENNVEST anticipates charging buyers and sellers 2.5 cents per credit to offset administrative costs. For more information, visit www.pennvest.state.pa.us and click on "nutrient credit trading" on the left side of the page, or call PENNVEST at 717-783-4493 or DEP at 717-772-4785.

Sustaining Nature in an Urbanizing Landscape - Nov 8

November 8, 2012, Laurel, Maryland – Hosted by Baltimore-Washington Partners for Forest Stewardship and Maryland Department of Natural Resources, this conference will explore how nature, growth, and the built environment can coexist in ways that benefit us all. http://sustainingnature.eventbrite.com/#

Community Indicators Consortium—2012 International Conference - Nov 15-16

November 15-16, 2012. College Park, Maryland – The CIC Impact Summit showcases leading measuring and monitoring initiatives, impact and communications strategies, and innovations in community health, sustainability, education, and economic development. Included in the conference will be sessions on sustainability indicators within a regional governance model. http://communityindicators.net/conference2012

Chesapeake Bay Bowl 2013 - National Ocean Sciences Bowl - Feb 23

Registration is now OPEN for the 15th Annual Regional Chesapeake Bay Bowl (CBB). The 2013 competition will take place on February 23, 2013 hosted by George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. The Chesapeake Bay Bowl is part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSBR) and is a regional competition for high school aged students living in southern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Northern Virginia, and Washington, D.C. schools. For more information, please check out the NOSB website http://www.nosb.org/. The CBB is an all-day event with lots of activities, give-aways, prizes, and other special events. Also, the regional champion will receive an all-expense paid trip to Milwaukee, WI to compete in the national competition. Given the large region covered by the CBB competition, team that travel will receive an overnight stay in Fairfax, VA on the Friday before the competition so that they will have a fresh start on Saturday. Also, we will hold a coaches workshop in early December to help new and returning coaches to train their students to get ready for the competition. The deadline for registering is November 16th. If you are interested in starting a team, it is COMPLETELY free. Please email chesapeakebaybowl@hotmail.com with questions and to receive the registration form.

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WATERSHED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

New Request for Proposals for National Smart Growth Conference Planning - Nov 26

EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities is seeking proposals for organizing a series of national smart growth conferences over a period of five years. EPA will award one cooperative agreement to include substantial federal involvement. EPA expects to award \$140,000 for Year 1 with the possibility of additional, incremental funding of up to \$800,000 in total over a five-year project period. Proposal submissions are due by Monday, November 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Learn more at http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/grants/index.htm.

Chesapeake Bay Trust Awards Program NOW OPEN - Dec 20

The Chesapeake Bay Trust Awards Program is now OPEN The Chesapeake Bay Trust is now accepting applications for our 2013 Awards Program. These awards honor students, teachers, individuals, communities and organizations for their work to promote education, improve local communities and help restore the Chesapeake Bay. All nominations and applications are due December 20, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

• 2013 Teacher of the Year Award: This award is given to a Maryland educator who has shown outstanding commitment to environmental education. Applicants for this award can be self-nominated or nominated by anyone except family members. The winner will receive a \$2,500 mini grant for environmental education and restoration from the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

- 2013 Student of the Year Scholarship: The Student of the Year award is given to a Maryland high school or college student who has shown an outstanding commitment to environmental stewardship, Chesapeake Bay restoration and community involvement. Applicants for this award can be self-nominated or nominated by anyone except family members and the winner will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship.
- 2013 Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship: This award recognizes a Maryland high school or college student who demonstrates a commitment to improving the health of the environment and the Chesapeake Bay and who, as a student of color, exhibits exemplary leadership in promoting diversity and inclusion in his/her school and broader community. Applicants for this award can be self-nominated or nominated by anyone except family members and the winner will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship.
- 2013 Ellen Fraites Wagner Award: The Ellen Fraites Wagner award is given to an individual who has shown exceptional commitment to
 the Chesapeake Bay and exhibits leadership in the Bay community. Applicants for this award can be self-nominated or nominated by
 anyone except family members.
- 2013 Melanie Teems Award: This award recognizes an exemplary project funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust that engages Maryland students or citizens in Bay education or restoration work. Applicants for this award can be self-nominated or nominated by anyone except family members. To nominate a project for this award, click here .

For questions about the awards program, please contact Molly Alton Mullins at mmullins@cbtrust.org or at 410-974-2941, ext. 107.

DCNR. PRPS Accepting Nominations For Green Park Award - Dec 28

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the <u>PA Recreation and Park Society</u> are now accepting nominations for the 2013 <u>Green Park Award</u>. The deadline for nominations is December 28. The award recognizes public parks that have successfully incorporated environmentally sensitive practices in their site location and design, water management, natural landscaping, materials selection and construction, connecting people to nature, operation and maintenance and environmental stewardship messaging. For more information, visit DCNR's <u>Green Park Award</u> webpage to download the nomination form.

EPA Announces Opportunity to Apply for 2013 Environmental Justice Small Grants - Jan 7

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that it is seeking applicants for a total of \$1.5 million in environmental justice small grants to be awarded in 2013. EPA's environmental justice efforts aim to ensure equal environmental and health protections for all Americans, regardless of race or socioeconomic status. The grants enable non-profit organizations to conduct research, provide education and develop solutions to local health and environmental issues in communities overburdened by harmful pollution. Grants are available for up to \$30,000 each. The 2013 grant solicitation is now open and will close on Jan. 7, 2013. Applicants must be incorporated non-profits or tribal organizations working to educate, empower and enable their communities to understand and address local environmental and public health issues. EPA will host four pre-application teleconference calls on Oct. 30, 2012; Nov. 14, 2012; Dec. 1, 2012; and Dec. 13, 2012 to help applicants understand the requirements. The principles of environmental justice uphold the idea that all communities overburdened by pollution – particularly minority, low income and indigenous communities – deserve the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards, equal access to the decision-making process and a healthy environment in which to live, learn and work. Since 1994, the environmental justice small grants program has provided funding in more than 1,300 communities, to community-based non-profit organizations and local governments working to address environmental justice issues. The grants represent EPA's commitment to expand the conversation on environmentalism and advance environmental justice in communities across the nation. More information about the Environmental Justice Small Grants program: http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html

Our Town Grants-National Endowment for the Arts - Jan 14

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced the next round of Our Town grants. The grants will be invested in creative and innovative projects in which communities improve their quality of life, encourage greater creative activity, foster stronger community identity and a sense of place, and revitalize economic development. Grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000 will be available to support creative placemaking projects. Webinars to learn more about this funding opportunity will be held on November 6 and November 13, 2012 at 3:00 pm Eastern Time. Application deadline: January 14, 2013. http://arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html



WATERSHED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

New State Stormwater Performance and Urban Stormwater Retrofits Standards

Earlier this summer two of the Chesapeake Bay Program's Expert Panels came to consensus on a set of recommendations for load reductions associated with the BMPs constructed according to the New State Performance Standards and Urban Stormwater Retrofits and after months of deliberations the recommendations have been approved by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team! The complete Technical Memos can be accessed on our website in both the long or short versions (with or without appendices). We have developed webcasts that give an overview of the Expert Panel recommendations as part of our MAWP Fall Webcast Series and they can be accessed on our website here. We will also be developing further training materials on these topics as time goes on so stay tuned....

New Well Owners Booklet Answers Many Questions When should you test your water? And what should you test it for?

WILKES-BARRE, PA—October 7, 2012—Brian Oram, a professional geologist and soil scientist and founder of B.F. Environmental Consultants, announced today that his firm is making available "The Pennsylvania Guide for Groundwater for Private Well Owners: What Do the Numbers Mean?" through the Water Research Center Portal at http://www.water-research.net/privatewellPA.htm. The booklet provides general information explaining certified water testing, chain-of-custody, and drinking water regulations and standards. It provides information related to the health (primary standards) or aesthetic (secondary standards) concerns for each parameter and provides information on water quality parameters that do not specifically have a drinking water limit. In some cases, the document provides guidance on what actions a homeowner may want to consider in light of test results. The booklet is part of the effort to support the Citizens Groundwater and Surfacewater Database, a grassroots effort to track change in groundwater quality in Pennsylvania. To learn more about the Citizen Groundwater/ Surfacewater

Database and other Grassroots Efforts or to schedule an outreach event, go to http://www.water-research.net.

Penn State Extension to Provide Free Water Tests for Dairy Farms

Pennsylvania dairy producers have the opportunity to participate in a free Penn State Extension Water Testing program that began October 1, 2012. Penn State Extension has over 200 livestock drinking water tests available that will be given to Pennsylvania dairy producers, as part of an extension educational program that in part encourages livestock producers to regularly test their water supply. One free water test kit is available for each farm that applies. The test kits will be made available on a first come, first served basis to dairy producers who register online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dairywater (preferred method) or call Laurie Porter at 888-373-7232. The registration deadline for this free testing is October 31, 2012 or as long as supplies last.

Taking land out of CRP? Take care of the soil

Minnesota Farm Guide – Thousands of acres are coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program. Growers may have the opportunity to raise good row crops if the lands are properly managed. Roger Plooster, Syngenta agronomy service representative, reminds growers that many soils enrolled in CRP were designated as highly erodible and need to be managed accordingly. Read more...

http://www.minnesotafarmguide.com/news/crop/taking-land-out-of-crp-take-care-of-the-soil/article_282cf59a-12ed-11e2-a7f8-0019bb2963f4.html

Plowing through the confusing data on no-till farming

The Wall Street Journal – The practice of no-till planting has a firm foothold among American farmers. But many of them aren't using it full time — and there are big obstacles that may limit how far it spreads. Introduced in the early 1960s, no-till didn't hit the mainstream until about 1980, after gas prices spiked. By 2009 — the latest figures available — about 35.5 percent of the country's cropland had no-tillage operations, according to the Department of Agriculture. Read article...

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390443855804577602931348705646.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

New crop insurance rule favors cover crops

AgriNews – Farmers who may have been scared off from planting cover crops due to uncertainty about crop insurance coverage recently got some good news. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency announced a change to a rule regarding prevented planting of main crops following a cover crop. The new regulation will allow insurance payments on prevented plantings even if a cover crop is in the ground late in the spring. Read more... <a href="https://www.agrinews-recently.com/https://www.agrinews-r

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Learning to manage soil health

Ag Weekly – Disturbing the soil as little as possible helps maintain soil health. This can be accomplished by growing as many different species of plants in the soil as often as possible to keep the soil armored with residue. There are many sources of food in the soil that feed the soil food web, but there is no better food than the sugars exuded by living roots. When using limited crop rotations, a mix of cover crops can fill the gap to improve crop diversity. Read more... http://www.agweekly.com/articles/2012/10/09/commodities/crop/crop46.txt

Would you like CEDS to do an Auditing Stormwater Best Management Practices workshop?

Auditing Stormwater Best Management Practices shows volunteer and professional clean water advocates how to locate and assess existing BMPs in their watershed. More importantly, advice is offered for providing local government inspection agencies with the public support needed to keep BMPs in good working order. Additional advice is provided for engaging those who live near BMPs in monitoring these facilities for maintenance needs and even performing simple upkeep. The Report Your BMP Evaluation Findings survey site makes it possible for citizen to compile a database of BMP conditions. As the database grows it could provide a way of identifying jurisdictions where failure rates are high and therefore in need of increased public support. Stormwater BMPs are a critical component of a Watershed Audit, the purpose of which is to ensure that activities regulated by existing clean water laws are in full compliance. A lack of compliance is impeding the recovery of far too many waterways. For these troubled waterways, an Audit is the quickest way of improving aquatic resource health and reaping the full benefits of education-restoration activities. In fact, each hour invested in Watershed Auditing can save a hundred feet of waterway. For further detail visit: http://www.ceds.org/audit.html. If yes, contact us at Rklein@ceds.org or 410-654-3021..

Audting Your Watershed For Winter Cover Crops

Winter cover crops can reduce nitrogen releases by up to 47%. CEDS has produced a factsheet describing a simple, yet reliable approach for auditing watersheds for cover crop use. The factsheet is available at the CEDS Watershed Audit webpage: ceds.org/audit. Just click Cover Crop Factsheet at the top-left. Let us know what you found by clicking Cover Crop Survey below the factsheet. Finally, consider thanking farm owners in your watershed who plant cover crops. The factsheet contains a sample Thank You letter along with advice for identifying farm owners. The goal of this effort is to help watershed advocates appreciate the many benefits provided by winter cover crops. Hopefully, this will expand the base of public support for this and other vital programs. The project also helps ensure that all farm owners are aware of the many cover crop benefits. The data gathered through the Cover Crop Survey can be used to identify areas where greater educational efforts may be needed. The data also serves as an independent means of verifying the extent of cover crop use. Though the current factsheet is specific to Maryland, the audit approach works in any part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. In Maryland, the optimum time to plant cover crops was October 1st which means fields benefiting from early plantings should be turning green now. In Virginia the optimum time was a week or two earlier and a week or two later in Pennsylvania. Community & Environmental Defense Services, 811 Crystal Palace Court, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Tel. 410-654-3021.

Chapter 106 Floodplain Management Site Restoration Permit

Below is the link on the external DEP E-library for the Chapter 106 Floodplain Management Site Restoration Permit and Instructions. The form field word document of the permit application will be able to be completed then downloaded. Document Processing experienced a problem with the word document but indicated the document is now available. The County Conservation Districts have been notified if assistance from their local municipalities is needed. Kerry Wilson and Tom Hughes at PEMA have also been notified. If you have any questions please contact

me or Jeff Means. Consultants that may have questions should contact the regional waterways and wetlands program. Their exact location on the eLibrary is in this folder: http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/View/Collection-11239

EPA Releases Freshwater Biological Traits Database Report

This final report discusses the development of a database of freshwater biological traits. The database combines several existing traits databases into an online format. The database is also augmented with additional traits that are relevant to detecting climate change-related effects, especially traits related to temperature tolerances and flow. For more information, visit: http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/global/recordisplay.cfm?deid=241813.

Nitrogen & Phosphorus Pollution Data Access Tool Announcement

The NPDAT is a Web-based tool intended to help states develop effective strategies for reducing nitrogen and phosphorus pollution. The NPDAT consists of an introductory website, geospatial viewer, and data download tables available at www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/npdat. Data available on the NPDAT include:

- Nitrogen and Phosphorus Loading information from U.S. Geological Survey SPARROW model (SPAtially Referenced Regressions On Watershed attributes)
- Water Quality Data and Information (e.g., Water quality monitoring sites with nitrogen and phosphorus data and National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) Phosphorus/ Nitrogen Values data layers)
- Setting Watershed Load Reduction Goals / Source Control Priorities (e.g., Facilities that are likely to discharge nitrogen and phosphorus to water, waters with N/P TMDLs [Total Maximum Daily Loads], and drinking water sources.)

We are excited to announce the following NPDAT updates:

- Updated Data on Facilities Likely to Discharge N/P to Water The Facilities Likely to Discharge Nitrogen/Phosphorus (N/P) to Water data
 layer now provides information on nitrogen and phosphorus discharge and any nitrogen and phosphorus permit limits from 2010 facility
 monitoring reports (previously 2008 information was the most current information available through the Nitrogen and Phosphorus
 Pollution Data Access Tool). These data are retrieved using EPA's <u>Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Pollutant Loading Tool</u>.
- Updated Data on <u>Waters Listed for N/P Impairments and Waters with N/P TMDLs</u> The data layers with Waters Listed for N/P Impairments and Waters with N/P TMDLs [Total Maximum Daily Loads] now reflect data pulled from the Assessment TMDL Tracking and Implementation System (ATTAINS) as of May 2012 (previously the layers reflected November 2011 ATTAINS data).

PADEP Proposals Currently Open for Comment

Date Publishe d In PA Bulletin	Proposal	Comment Deadline
10/6/2012	Permitting of Bulk Water Hauling Systems Guidance (DEP ID: 383-2127-103) PA Bulletin Notice <u>Draft Technical Guidance</u>	11/5/2012
10/5/2012	Municipal and Residual Waste General Permit Number WMGR097 PA Bulletin Notice <u>Draft General Permit</u>	12/5/2012

PADEP Proposals Recently Finalized

Proposal	PA Bulletin Link
Public Notice of the Availability of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Point Source Discharges to Waters of this Commonwealth from the Application of Pesticides (PAG-15)	10/29/2011
Renewal of Pennsylvania National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (PAG-13)	9/17/2011
Availability of Modified Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit Application and Supporting Documents for Consistency with the Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit 4 (PASPGP-4)	8/6/2011

Technical Guidance & Permits

The Department of Environmental Protection <u>published a notice</u> rescinding four unneeded waste management policies and an updated list of radon mitigation contractors (<u>PA Bulletin page 6598</u>).

- Rescission: DEP ID: 254-2157-717. Title: Pumping Requirements for Construction and Demolition Waste Landfills in Non-Coal Mines. Description: This directive established a comprehensive Bureau policy on alternate means of determining pumping requirements for a facility that disposes of construction/demolition wastes in noncoal mines in this Commonwealth.
- Rescission: DEP ID: 254-2157-718. Title: Liners for Construction and Demolition Waste Landfills. Description: This memorandum provided guidance concerning the liner requirements for construction and demolition waste landfills.
- Rescission: DEP ID: 254-2160-762. Title: Management of Municipal Ash Waste from Resource Recovery Facilities. Description: This policy
 was developed to interpret existing State law and regulations concerning the management of municipal waste ash residue (fly ash and
 bottom ash) in this Commonwealth.
- Rescission: DEP ID: 258-2000-765. Title: Residual Waste—General Permitting Procedure. Description: This policy was developed to establish a consistent and uniform general permitting process for the processing or beneficial use, or both, of residual waste.