

WPCAMR Quarterly Meeting
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Watershed Coordinator's Report
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PROJECT SITE VISITS , PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

Attended a Loyalhanna Creek projects update meeting in Greensburg.

Continued to review and comment on revised C-SAW fact sheets and handouts and attended C-SAW meeting.

Attended "Lowber Day" dedication of the Marchand treatment system, Westmoreland County.

Traveled to Clarion County to attend a site meeting for improving habitat for threatened grassland birds on reclaimed sites.

Met with Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds personnel at WPCAMR office as part of their survey process to determine success in watershed organizations.

Attended legislative luncheon for Cambria County.

Met with Bob Hedin to examine ways to further AMR education with internet-based applications.

Attended the DEP Southwest Regional Roundtable at the Westmoreland District office.

GENERAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE:

Continued writing Abandoned Mine Post Newsletter articles, sent them out and archive the postings on the blog site each week.

Compiled and wrote meeting minutes for the previous WPCAMR quarterly meeting. Drafted and released one Press Release concerning upcoming September DEP roundtables and SMCRA educational video.

Gave presentation about AMD to the Sheet Metal Workers Union meeting near Cheswick, PA.

Attended the West Branch Susquehanna Task Force meeting in Harrisburg.

Attended the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs meeting in Bloomington, Indiana.

Attended Mining Reclamation Advisory Board meeting and site visit in Ebensburg.

Attended two BlackLick Creek Watershed Association meetings in Indiana, PA.

Attended the Non-point source Liaison Workgroup meeting in Harrisburg.

Developed and sent out press release about September Title IV Roundtables.

Attended the Ohio River Watershed Celebration in Pittsburgh and exhibited WPCAMR display and educational materials.

Attended the Susquehanna AMD Symposium at Bucknell University and exhibited WPCAMR display, educational materials, and Title IV video.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

Conservation District outreach continued this past quarter with visits to the following Conservation Districts: Allegheny and Fayette. Visited the Boyce Park treatment system in Allegheny County currently under construction.

Continued working with Elk Conservation District on educational materials development. Provided some assistance to Lawrence Conservation District in finding pre-construction monitoring funding.

TITLE IV EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS/ROUNDTABLES

The final two Title IV Roundtables were held in September at the Clearfield campus of Lock Haven University and Indiana University's Northpointe Campus where the WPCAMR educational video was presented. The Watershed Coordinator took unofficial meeting notes at both roundtables, and sent them to DEP personnel for subsequent publishing on the BAMR website. DVD copies of the video were burned and distributed at those roundtables.

2008 AMR CONFERENCE PLANS UNDERWAY

2008 marks the 10th year for the Pennsylvania AMR Conference and the conference committee had our first conference call in late October to examine ideas for a theme and a venue.