

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

Blacklick Watershed Meeting (1)
WPCAMR strategic planning committee meetings (2)
West Branch Susquehanna Symposium
ARIPPA meeting for fundraiser (1)
Ohio River Watershed Celebration meetings (2)
AMR Conference committee meetings (2)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

I have begun coordinating our Environmental Education Grant and researching new display ideas. I have begun discussions with Pittsburgh Filmmakers to teach the class.

2011 AMR CONFERENCE

Planning has begun for the 2012 Conference. The venue has been chosen and secured. The theme is "New Frontiers in Reclamation". We have collected abstracts and are now beginning to work on the schedule. Secretary Krancer is confirmed as the Plenary speaker.

2012 OHIO RIVER WATERSHED CELEBRATION

The planning committee has reconvened and has begun preparations for the 11th annual event. The event will take place on Sept 27, 2012.

ARIPPA 20th ANNIVERSARY AWARD RFP

ARIPPA has once again set \$10,000 aside to continue this joint project. In the coming months WPCAMR will collect applications for our \$5000 portion. I talked with several watershed organizations that are interested in submitting an application.

MARCELLUS SHALE SEVERANCE TAX

No new activity to report.

319 GRANT DELIVERABLES

Over the next three years, our deliverables include three education projects that WPCAMR and EPCAMR will jointly engage. WPCAMR will be directing short films as an outreach tool to

watershed organizations grappling with treatment solutions to acid mine drainage. Our first film discusses the origins and formation of abandoned mine drainage. EPCAMR developed a companion document as their portion of this deliverable.

In 2011, WPCAMR produced a video on AMD passive treatment options and EPCAMR will produce the accompanying poster insert based on Bob Hedin's passive treatment flow chart. The video depicts a conversation among some experts in the field of passive AMD treatment. They discuss how to choose the right technology, some key design considerations, emerging technologies and trends, and the future as they see it with regards to funding, OM&R, and the role of the Conservation District.

I have begun to research the final year of this project. WPCAMR will produce a third video on the permitting challenges the watershed community faces when constructing an AMD treatment system.

I have copies of the first year's project to distribute.

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No new activity to report