

# **WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report**

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#### **PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:**

AMR Conference Call (4)  
ORWC Committee meeting (3)  
Dunkard Creek tour  
Westmoreland CD board meeting and PA DEP Secretary visit  
Blackleggs meeting to help develop a presentation  
Hempfield CD education day  
West Branch Susquehanna Symposium

#### **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Several AMPs were released this quarter. Two AMPs were written and distributed in February. The first was regarding the ORWC Benefit Dinner and the second was to advertise the RFP for presentations at the 2014 PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference. One AMP was distributed in March to advertise the RFP for presentations at the 2014 PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference. One AMP was distributed in April to announce this year's round of the ARIPPA award. One video diary was produced to highlight and support AMDRI's proposed project in Dunkard Creek. The video Diary was not released to the public pending WPCAMR official support and the go-ahead from AMDRI.

Two AMP Videos are in the works. The first is about the Lober AMD Treatment System and Iron Oxide recovery that took place there. The second is the Phillips Mine Fire Abatement project that Stream Restoration Inc has been contracted to do.

I began to reconvene the Marketing and Finance Committees as recommended by the WPCAMR's Strategic Plan. The last these two committees met was spring 2013.

#### **2014 AMR CONFERENCE**

The committee began working with Jeff McNelly to organize a joint effort between ARIPPA and the PA AMR Conference in 2014. The Conference will be held June 26 and 27, 2014 at the Ramada Inn, State College. 2014 will be ARIPPA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In February, the committee requested a contract with Ramada Inn, State College, begun searching for technical presentations, and discussed logistics for registrations, sponsorships, and preconference activities. We have also begun planning networking opportunities which will include a golf outing and a tour of Penn Cave. An RFP for presentations was distributed and abstracts were collected. I discussed presentations with several individuals that had questions about submission. The 2014 website has been created and populated with this year's conference information. In March, I began working on an OM&R track to include a panel discussion,

history, and case studies of OM&R. April included two conference calls because the conference is fast approaching and earlier in the year than normal. I focused on compiling all of the information discussed at meetings, preparing the program by organizing all of the presentations and getting updated logos from all of the sponsors. Much time was spent this month wrangling presenters and their perspective abstracts into a schedule that worked for everyone. I also began work on the conference evaluations and registration packets. Considerable time was also spent this month in organizing the OM&R track for the conference. I aided two individuals who are not fluent at giving presentations in organizing their presentable material, making a powerpoint presentation, and preparing for the question and answer session.

## **2013 OHIO RIVER WATERSHED CELEBRATION**

Beginning in February, I organized the Benefit Dinner for ORWC at Mad Mex Shadyside. I wrote an Abandoned Mine post to advertise the event, made a postcard to distribute, collected reservations, coordinated efforts with the restaurant, and worked with Stream Restoration Inc to manage the donations. The event raised over \$1500 for ORWC. I helped ORWC find a new chairman of the Imagination activities, made a save-the-date for this year's event, and began working with the committee to make arrangements for our new event location, North Park. I also attended two ORWC planning committee meetings and aided ORWC in the update and distribution of the dignitary invitee list. This year's event will be quite different than past events. The event will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in North Park. A Save-the-date has been released and you may check the website, [www.orwc.org](http://www.orwc.org), for more details.

## **ARIPPA AWARD**

We were notified by ARIPPA that they would once again be offering \$2500 for WPCAMP and EPCAMR each to distribute as the ARIPPA Award. I made necessary updates to the application and supporting materials, held a conference call with EPCAMR to discuss the application process for this year, wrote an AMP to announce the opening of the award round, and began soliciting applications and fielding questions regarding the application process. This year's award application are due July 14, 2014. We are now accepting applications.