

# **WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report**

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

PA AML Campaign Conference Calls (9)

PA AMR Conference Planning Committee Meeting (4)

Blackleggs OSMRE WCAP Grant closeout meeting (1)

NAAML Winter Business meeting (3 days)

## **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Blackleggs Watershed Association has an Act 13 grant, which was set to expire in January 2020. An OSM WCAP grant is the match for the project.

- In February 2020, A meeting was held with OSMRE for final site inspection. Blackleggs also has a 2018 Growing Greener grant to move and repair the valve on the BR#2 treatment system, construction is nearly 95% complete as well. In February 2020, I requested a change of Scope of Work to use unspent funds on system monitoring and I collected quotes for the monitoring.
- In April 2020, we received notice that we may spend remaining funds left over from savings on construction items, on monitoring and water quality samples. We collected quotes for this work. Once businesses start back up, we will contract the samples.

Abandoned Mine Posts included:

- In March 2020, one AMP was distributed for the postponements and cancellations that are affecting reclamation work.
- In April 2020, two AMP's were distributed including one cancelling the May 2020 WPCAMR meeting and one announcing how Covid-19 response in PA is threatening spending on environmental and conservation projects and programs.

## **PA AMR CONFERENCE**

### **2020 PA AMR Conference**

We have begun preliminary work on coordinating the 2020 PA AMR Conference. It will be held at the Ramada in State College June 24-25, 2020.

- In February 2020, one planning committee meeting was held. I continued working with Kelly Williams of Clearfield County Conservation District on a draft tour schedule. I continued collecting and organizing abstracts. I continued reaching out to plenary speakers. I continued working on the Economic Benefits of the AMR programs panel by securing participants. I continued coordinating the Mayfly Award artist. I began collecting sponsor information for the program.

- In March 2020, two planning committee meetings were held and the group made the difficult decision to postpone the conference until October 28-29, 2020. We secured the new dates with the Ramada and the bus company. I reached out to confirmed speakers to gage availability for the new dates.
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## **PA AML CAMPAIGN**

In February 2020, I attended three PA AML Campaign meetings and took notes for each. I continued to maintain the shared databases for the campaign and I updated the PA AML Campaign website. I continued to update a database to track leveraged funds by NGO's who serve as the pass-through for AML grant contracts. I worked with NGO's in other states to sign resolutions. I have been working on resolutions relevant to other states. I continued reaching out to those in PA who have already signed resolutions and are in congressional districts that have not cosponsored yet and encouraging them to reach out directly to their congressman. I have also been contacting construction contractors in multiple other states and asking them to contact their legislators in support of the AML program. I have been accepted to present at two national conferences. I will be presenting at the National Environmental Justice Conference in April 2020 on the overlap of Environmental Justice areas with Abandoned Mine Lands in Pennsylvania. I will be presenting at the National Conference for Environmental Professionals on the Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Land Campaign as a case study of cooperation between industry, NGOs, and government. I have begun working on both of those presentations. I attended 3 days of the NAAML winter business meeting in Charleston WV and gained contacts in several additional states.

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## **ARIPPA AWARD**

We received word that ARIPPA will be once again sponsoring this award. In April 2020, we began advertising the availability of this funding.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN**

No new activity to report

## **CONTRACTED VIDEO WORK**

In March and April 2020, I began working on scripts for the three videos needed for our current 319 contract.

- video1: assessing stream conditions before and after reclamation
- video2 and associated materials: smcra title iv fee reauthorization
- video 3: about conservation districts in the region paying special attention to watershed specialist positions and how they've furthered reclamation in the state.