

Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation

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Mr. Robb Piper, Jr.
Cambria Conservation District
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Dear Robb:

At our quarterly meeting on February 15, 2008, the WPCAMR Board of Directors formally recognized and endorsed the "Super 7 Project" as initiated by the Cambria County Conservation District Board of Directors. The goal of the project is to develop a remediation strategy addressing the seven largest abandoned mine discharges in the Little Conemaugh River Watershed, a watershed utterly decimated by abandoned mine drainage from the days of unregulated coal mining.

Of the nearly forty AMD discharges identified in the watershed, seven were found to contribute the vast majority (89%) on the pollution loading. It therefore makes sense in targeting these major AMD sources in a strategic, unified manner to "bring the watershed back". This, of course, is no small undertaking and will ultimately require significant resources, numerous partners, and a great deal of dedication to see it through. WPCAMR is more than willing to provide resources, as it is able, in helping to shepherd the Super 7 Project to fruition.

We applaud the leadership of the Cambria District's Board in its willingness to commit itself to an undertaking which, when taken to completion, will be responsible for reviving an entire watershed to its past glory and true potential. We look forward to working with you in this worthy project.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Golden
Regional Coordinator

"Take a stand for reclamation"