

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

Blackleggs meeting with BioMost (2)
PA AML Campaign Meeting (2)
PA AMR Conference planning meeting or Joint meeting with NAAMLN Conference (3)
PA AML Campaign advocacy meetings with legislators (16)
House Natural Resources Committee Hearing on AML issues (1)
AML Emergency Video Shoots (3 days)
Brainstorming Session with POWR (1)
Blacklick Creek Trout In the Classroom (1 day)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Blackleggs Watershed Association has an Act 13 grant which is expiring in June 2019 and they have not yet begun work. The group has decided that due to personal issues for the directors, they are not able to manage the grant. BioMost Inc will be taking over grant management. An OSM WCAP grant is to be the match for the project. In February 2019, one meeting was held to discuss progress and discuss the submission of another reimbursement request. In March 2019, I submitted another round of reimbursement requests and coordinated efforts with the construction contractor and engineer. In April 2019, construction continued, Agridrain and other materials were ordered for the automatic flushers. However, we are now considering subcontracting to be able to get additional work done before the deadline.

WPCAMR entered into discussions about a possible submission for the Pilot program to collect AMD sludge samples, conduct analysis, and investigate marketing of Rare Earth Elements. Partners in this project would potentially include EPCAMR, PA DEP, and TetraTech. No news to report this quarter.

In April 2019 I also did my mining history lesson for Blacklick Creek Trout In the Classroom.

Abandoned Mine Posts included:

- In February 2019, two Abandoned Mine Posts were distributed including one to ask for survey feedback for Dashed and another to raise awareness about the proposed state budget, which cuts Growing Greener.
- In April 2019, three AMPs were distributed. Two AMP's for the ARIPPA Award and one for the quarterly board meeting.

PA AMR CONFERENCE

A joint conference with the 2019 NAAMLN Conference is being coordinated. The PA AMR Conference will be participating by aiding in planning tours, proving the website and means of registration, and helping with promotion and sponsorships. Scholarships will be awarded to allow for affordability of the conference to the typical PA AMR Conference registrant. In February 2019, I continued to collect name submissions for people interested in a scholarship to attend the 2019 conference. One joint conference meeting was held to go over all conference updates. In March 2019, I continued to collect name submissions for people interested in a scholarship to attend the 2019 conference. One joint conference meeting was held to go over all conference updates and one PA AMR Conference committee

meeting was held. I coordinated with plenary speakers and their schedulers. In April 2019, I notified scholarship awardees of their coupon codes. I was able to confirm two Congressman as speakers at the conference. Tom Grote and I did a tests ride of the gateway clipper cruise, practiced the narration and planned the cruise schedule.

PA AML CAMPAIGN

In February 2019, I sent letters to all County Conservation District Managers in the WPCAMR region to ask them to consider attending in-district Congressional Meetings to advocate for the reauthorization of the collection fees associated with SMCRA. I also reached out to the 6 congressional districts covered by WPCAMR to begin scheduling meetings. I began to pull together materials to take to these meetings and to educate all the constituents who agree to attend. I had several phone meetings with Conservation District Staff and private business owners who showed interest in attending.

In March 2019, two campaign meetings were organized, one phone conference and one in-person call. I organized 5 in-district meetings with Congressman with AML Inventory in their Districts in WPCAMR Region. I organized 9 meeting in Washington DC to discuss the need for reauthorization. I aided Robert Hughes in preparing written and oral testimony for a congressional hearing.

In April 2019, one PA AML Campaign meeting was held. I worked to update campaign materials including the SMCRA reauthorization fact sheet. I started to develop additional materials like the PA AML Campaign general fact sheet. I continued to organize legislative meetings. Four legislative meetings for the advocacy of PA DEP's BAMR programs were conducted.

ARIPPA AWARD

We got word from ARIPPA that they will once again be partnering with WPCAMR and EPCAMR to distribute the ARIPPA Award. In February 2019, I began updating the award documents for this year's round. In March 2019, I updated the award documents for this year's round and began to distribute it. In April 2019, we began advertising for the award and answering questions of applicants.

GOOD SAMARITAN

No new activity to report

CONTRACTED VIDEO WORK

I am working with PA DEP to develop a video on AML emergencies, demonstrating the need for Reauthorization. In March 2019, I visited two emergencies over three days and took video and interviews.