

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 Meetings (2)
SW PA Water Network Meetings (2)
Filming days (1)
Blackleggs meeting with Skelly & Loy (1)
PITT AMR Roundtable (1)
WPCAMR Strategic Planning (1)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In September 2020, Blackleggs Creek Watershed Association received notice that they were awarded a WCAP grant for this round. In January 2021, Blackleggs received notice from PA DEP that they were awarded a Growing Greener Grant, which is matched by the WCAP grant. In May 2021, the contract was signed. In June 2021, the contract needed to be re-signed. I also worked with Skelly & Loy to complete a new grant application for this round of Growing Greener to design and construct a polishing wetlands at the BR#3 treatment system. In July 2021, an executed contract was returned, and we began working on a contract with the engineer.

I am participating in the SW PA Water Network hosted by the Heinz Foundation. In May 2021, I participated in 1 meeting with my subcommittee. In June 2021, I participated in 1 meeting with the larger group, completed a survey, and reviewed a document to be shared with the potential members.

I participated in the PITT AMR Roundtable meeting.

WPCAMR is updating our strategic plan. In July 2021, I attended one strategic planning session, made a survey that was distributed through Survey Monkey, and began collecting survey results.

In June 2021, two AMPs were published including one for the 2021 ARIPPA Award and one for the Conference to announce that registration is open and to gather abstracts. In July 2021, two Abandoned Mine Posts were distributed including one for WPCAMR strategic planning and one to distribute the new video that were published.

PA AMR CONFERENCE

2021 PA AMR Conference

The 2021 PA AMR Conference will be held virtually, October 27-28, 2021 via the Whova platform. In May 2021, no meetings were held. I began organizing the video for the virtual tours.

In June 2021, one meeting with the planning committee meeting was held. I published one Abandoned Mine Post to collect abstracts for presentations and announce that registration is open. I began organizing presenters and presentations to put into the website. I updated the bus contract for the in-person conference in 2022. I collected votes for the 2021 Mayfly award nominees.

In July 2021, one meeting with the planning committee meeting was held. I coordinated with the presenters that we have so far. I conducted one filming day for a virtual tour. I began going through all of the video I have collected so far.

PA AML CAMPAIGN

In May 2021, I attended two PA AML Campaign meetings and took minutes for both. In June 2021, I attended Three PA AML Campaign meetings and took minutes for each. In July 2021, I attended four PA AML Campaign meetings and took minutes for each.

ARIPPA AWARD

We will once again partner with ARIPPA to distribute the ARIPPA Award. In May 2021, I began updating the application packet. In June 2021, I updated the ARIPPA Award application materials and published one Abandoned Mine Post to collect submissions. In July 2021, I collected ARIPPA awards and reviewed them for technical completeness.

GOOD SAMARITAN

No new activity to report

VIDEO WORK

In May 2021, I continued working on scripts for the three videos needed for our current 319 contract. In June 2021, I completed working on scripts for the three videos needed for our current 319 contract.

- Video 1: assessing stream conditions before and after reclamation. I scheduled video filming days
COMPLETED
- Video 2: economic benefits of AML reclamation COMPLETED
- Video 3: about conservation districts in the region paying special attention to watershed specialist positions and how they've furthered reclamation in the state. I scheduled video filming days
COMPLETED

In July 2021, I conducted one filming day for the conference virtual tours.