

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

PA AML Campaign Conference Calls (12)

PA AMR Conference Planning Committee Meetings (2)

Statewide Watershed Conference Planning Committee Meeting (2)

EPA Integrating Environmental Justice into Water Resource Management Webinar (1)

OSMRE Listening Session for updates on BIL funding (1)

Meeting regarding WPCAMR's partnership to host a NTTP course (2)

POWR Conservation Café (1)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Blackleggs Creek Watershed Association is managing a PA DEP Growing Greener Grant. In May 2023, I worked on a reimbursement request. I also started a request for a change in the budget to accommodate the needs of the engineer. In June 2023, I had two meetings with the engineer and one with our grant advisor to discuss the need to change shift funds within the task and deliverable budget worksheet. I helped to draft a letter to request those changes. Further, one meeting was held with a separate consultant to begin thinking about a submission to the new BIL/IIJA sub-recipient program with PA DEP. In July 2023, one meeting was held with the grant advisor, contractor, and consultant to go over plans for completing the project.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Broad Top Township. In May 2023, no news to report. In June 2023, the project was completed by the deadline of June 30, 2023. In July 2023, the project was completed and we began working on the final reimbursement request and the final report.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Elk County Conservation District. No news to report. They have until December 31, 2023 to finish this project.

WPCAMR has submitted a WCAP proposal for Cambria County CD for Victor 10 pipeline project. In June 2023, I worked on additional paperwork and was the go between for contract updates. In July 2023, I continued correspondence for the contract.

WPCAMR has submitted a WCAP proposal for Quick Response. In June 2023, we corresponded with OSMRE about the contract. In July 2023, The grant was approved and we received the grant contract.

I am on the planning committee for the Statewide Watershed Conference, hosted by Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR) every other year. In May 2023, we had one planning committee meeting. I helped in finding presentations for the watershed showcase portion of the conference. In June 2023, we had one planning committee meeting. In July 2023, one planning committee meeting was held. The conference has been moved to October 29-30, 2023.

WPCAMR is partnering with FPW, EPCAMR, BAMR, and OSMRE to host a National Technology Transfer Program Course on AMD. In May 2023, we had one meeting to discuss how to proceed. I was placed in charge of publishing an invitation and keeping track of the registration. I sent targeted emails to the first round of invitees. In June 2023, the

registration list was finalized. I compiled the list and sent it to OSMRE. We also started a waitlist in case we get to do this again in the future. In July 2023, I continued keeping track of registrations and I sent correspondence to attendees.

In May 2023, two AMPs were published to remind WPCAMR Delegates of the upcoming board meeting and to remind them of the ARIPPA Award deadline. I have been working to update the AMP database. In June 2023, two AMPs were published to first extend the ARIPPA Award deadline and the second as a reminder of the ARIPPA Award deadline. I have been working to update the AMP database. In July 2023, One AMP was published to advertise the opening of registration for the PA AMR Conference and one was published as a reminder for the WPCAMR quarterly board meeting.

I attended a "Conservation Café" virtual session with POWR where an environmental non-profit talked about their group and gave a presentation.

PA AMR CONFERENCE

2023 PA AMR Conference

In May 2023, no full committee meetings were held. I met with NASLR to discuss issues with dividing registration. I organized abstracts and presentations. I continued to work with potential presenters to get abstract submissions. I met with DOI OIG office regarding their interest in a presentation. In June 2023, one committee meeting was held. We are gearing up to open registration. I organized incoming abstracts and presentations. I continued to work with potential presenters to get abstract submissions. In July 2023, one committee meeting was held. Registration is open. I organized incoming abstracts and presentations. I continued to work with potential presenters to get abstract submissions. Many presentations were submitted. I began drafting the program and developing the paper materials that will be distributed to attendees.

2024 PA AMR Conference

No news to report.

PA AML CAMPAIGN

In May 2023, I attended three PA AML Campaign meetings and took minutes for each. I attended a virtual listening session held by OSMRE dealing with BABA, Davis Bacon, and EJ issues around the BIL funding and reporting. The video I am working on will be attributed to the PA AML Campaign. I also attended the EPA Integrating Environmental Justice into Water Resource Management Webinar. In June 2023, I attended five PA AML Campaign meetings and took minutes for each. I completed the long version of a new video that is attributed to the campaign and I began editing a shorter version. In July 2023, I attended four PA AML Campaign meetings and took minutes for each. I completed the short version of a new video that is attributed to the campaign.

ARIPPA AWARD

In May 2023, the deadline for the ARIPPA Awards was May 31. I reviewed all of the applications for both WPCAMR and EPCAMR for administrative completeness. The deadline was extended for another month due to not getting suitable applications. In June 2023, the deadline for the ARIPPA Awards was June 30. I reviewed all of the applications for both WPCAMR and EPCAMR for administrative completeness. We now have suitable applicants and will proceed with the awards. In July 2023, I compiled the information for the review committee. In August 2023, a review committee was held. Submissions included:

Sent by May 30 due date:

- Allegheny Land Trust: requests \$3,000 for new signs at Wingfield Pines. We funded signs for Wingfield Pines sign replacement in 2015 for \$500.00.
- Turtle Creek Watershed Association requests \$838.81 to help pay for their datalogger subscription.
- Blacklick Creek Watershed Association requests \$527.00 to pay for newsletter and laminated maps to pass out and website hosting.

Sent by June 30 extension date:

- Clearfield Creek Watershed Association: requests \$2,720.00 for monitoring and maintenance of our 8 passive treatment systems for mine drainage, lab analyses and minor field expenses. This funding will allow them to continue maintenance that has gone on since about 2005, and evaluate if any repair or renovation is needed. Their application is administratively complete. They received \$600 in 2021 for a vegetation management toolkit, \$1,800 in 2019 for limestone channel repairs at Swank, and \$8,000 in 2010 for repairs at Swank.
- Jacobs Creek Watershed Association: requests \$5,200.00 to purchase a cellular data plan necessary to operate a series of in-stream data logger units placed strategically throughout the Jacobs Creek Watershed with the intention of monitoring various point source and non-point source discharges. In addition, JCWA aims to purchase a portable flow meter to allow its staff to conduct volumetric discharge measurements on the main stem of Jacobs Creek as well as its many tributaries as a facet of its quarterly water quality monitoring efforts. Using grant funds, JCWA aims to operate its cellular data loggers for three years in total, during which time it will also conduct 12 total flow volume assessments (once per quarter). Staff efforts will also be funded in part by grant funds, allowing JCWA to devote more resources toward monitoring and maintaining water quality within its watershed. Jacobs Creek Watershed Association has never applied to the ARIPPA Award before.

Our review committee met on August 1 and has recommended the following:

- \$1,400 to Jacob's Creek for a flow meter only and
- \$2,900 to Clearfield Creek for sampling.

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No new activity to report

VIDEO WORK

Videos for 2023 were chosen. In May 2023, I continued editing the Oven Run B video and published a draft to YouTube. In June 2023, I finished editing the longer version of the Oven Run B video and published it to YouTube. I began editing a shorter version of this video as well. In July 2023, I attended four PA AML Campaign meetings and took minutes for each. I completed the short version of a new video that is attributed to the campaign.

No dates set yet for Victor 10 filming.

STRATEGIC PLAN DUTIES

In accordance with action items outlined in the 2022 WPCAMR Strategic Plan, during the last quarter, I continued compiling a list of universities with Environmental programs with contact information, and a thread on the River Network Online Community Forum was established. I continue to monitor our progress with Strategic plan duties on a regular basis.