

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

PA AML Campaign meetings (8)

PA AMR Conference Planning Committee Meeting (2)

POWR AMD Team meetings (4)

POWR AMD Team Interviews (14)

Meeting with Deb Nardone of Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds (2)

Meeting with Blackleggs' consultant regarding a BIL grant application (2)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Blackleggs Creek Watershed Association is interested in applying for a BIL/IIJA AMD/AMD grant for the continuation of the work being done in the watershed. ICCD may be the fiscal sponsor for this application. In May 2024, I continued to organize efforts for ICCD and Blackleggs to submit an application to the PA DEP subrecipient award program. One meeting was held with the consultant to begin work on the application. In June 2024, I continued to organize efforts for ICCD and Blackleggs to submit an application to the PA DEP subrecipient award program. One meeting was held with the consultant to begin work on the application. Efforts are now focusing on landowner license agreements. In July 2024, Efforts focused on landowner license agreements. We collected parcel numbers and mapped out landowners that will be contacted. We also reviewed BAMR's proposed sample points.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Elk County Conservation District. In May and June 2024, no news to report. In July 2024, I started filing semi-annual reports.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Cambria County CD for Victor 10 pipeline project. In May 2024, Mark Stokey with Cambria CD has been trying to acquire Right of Way Agreements with the 3 landowners, 2 in hand and verbal commitment from the last landowner. In June 2024, One landowner license agreement still needs to be obtained. In July 2024, One landowner license agreement still needs to be obtained and I started filing semi-annual reports.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP proposal for Quick Response. In May and June 2024, no news to report. In July 2024, I started filing semi-annual reports.

In May 2024, WPCAMR aided Clearfield County Conservation District in submitting a WCAP application.

The POWR AMD Team, consisting of SRI, EPCAMR and WPCAMR, is contracted by POWR to identify gaps in services and barriers for watershed groups to participate in the BIL/IIJA subrecipient award program. In May 2024, the AMD team met twice, closed out the survey, began analyzing survey results, held two meetings, began planning and scheduling the interview portion of the project, and continued working on the background portion of the report. In June 2024, the AMD team met once, continued analyzing survey results, and conducting the interview portion of the project. I completed 12 interviews. In July 2024, the AMD team met twice, I conducted one additional interview, continued analyzing survey and interview results. I proof read results compilations and I began writing the recommendations section.

WPCAMR is once again partnering to conduct an NTP AMD Passive Treatment Course with OSMRE and others. In May 2024, I began helping people register for the course and managing the registration list. In June and July 2024, I continued helping people register for the course and managing the registration list.

In May 2024, one AMP was published to advertise opening of registrations for the 2024 PA AMR Conference and to open up a request for presentation proposals. In July 2024, one AMP was published to advertise the NTTP course and one AMP was published to advertise the RFP for presentations for the conference.

PA AMR CONFERENCE

2024 PA AMR Conference

Dates were chosen and the Ramada Inn and Conference center is working on a contract for October 22-24, 2024. In May 2024, one committee meeting was held. We began reaching out to potential presenters, sponsors and exhibitors. I contacted the Mayfly Artist. In June and July 2024, I began organizing presentation proposals

PA AML CAMPAIGN

In May 2024, three meetings were held and I took minutes for three meetings. In May 2024, four meetings were held and I took minutes.

ARIPPA AWARD

The review committee meeting was held in May and based on the criteria for funding set forth by ARIPPA to place priority on funding on-the-ground construction that results in water quality improvements, the following recommendations were established:

- \$2,953.00 to Sewickley Creek for their application as submitted
- \$1,847.00 to Clarion CD for sampling only

I developed the presentation which was given at the annual ARIPPA Awards luncheon next month.

GOOD SAMARITAN

No new activity to report

VIDEO WORK

In June 2024, I published a video on the Clean Water Act as it relates to AMD in Pennsylvania.

STRATEGIC PLAN DUTIES

In accordance with action items outlined in the 2022 WPCAMR Strategic Plan, during the last quarter, I continued to monitor our progress with Strategic plan duties on a regular basis.