

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

PA AML Campaign meetings (11)

PA AMR Conference Planning Committee Meeting (3)

POWR AMD Team meetings (5)

Zoom interview with Pitt capstone project (1)

Meeting with Blackleggs regarding possible BIL/IIJA partnership with ICCD (1)

POWR AMD Team Webinar (1)

WV Mine Drainage Task Force Symposium and International Mine Drainage Congress (4 days)

NTP AMD Passive Treatment Course Planning Committee Meeting (1)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Blackleggs Creek Watershed Association is managing a PA DEP Growing Greener Grant. The grant ended December 31, 2023. In February 2024, I completed the final report and filed for final reimbursement request. I also completed updating all water quality sampling data taken by KC Stream Team from 2022-today into a database. 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 March, I continued to organize efforts for ICCD and Blackleggs to submit an application to the PA DEP subrecipient award program. In April, I continued to organize efforts for ICCD and Blackleggs to submit an application to the PA DEP subrecipient award program.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Elk County Conservation District. In February 2024, The contract extension was granted. I also completed the semiannual reports. In March 2024, no news to report. In April 2024, no news to report.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP grant for Cambria County CD for Victor 10 pipeline project. In February 2024, I completed semi-annual reports. 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.

WPCAMR is administering a WCAP proposal for Quick Response. In February 2024, The forms for the WCAP portion of the funding were updated and the contract forms were made and I completed semi-annual reports. In March 2024, I made new forms for internal use after a project is approved. In April 2024, no news to report.

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 February, the AMD team had its kickoff meeting to divide tasks and discuss logistics. We also had a meeting with POWR to discuss important definitions and other items. I drafted the survey and began a working document for the introduction, background, and historical sections of our research. I began collecting historical information on AML funding and NGO involvement for many sources, both in writing and personal contacts. In March, the AMD team met thrice. I continued working on the survey and document for the introduction, background, and historical sections of our research. I continued collecting historical information on AML funding and NGO involvement for many sources, both in writing and personal contacts. In April 2024, the AMD team met twice, held a webinar, and began collecting survey results. I continued working on the

background and historical sections of our research. I continued collecting historical information on AML funding and NGO involvement for many sources, both in writing and personal contacts.

In March 2024, I fielded an unusually high number of questions from the general public about AMD/AML including people doing research on the history in their area, people asking how to reclaim their property, etc. In April 2024, I fielded an unusually high number of questions from the general public about AMD/AML including people inquiring about specific BAMR projects in their area.

In March 2024, one AMP was published to advertise the Notice of Funding Opportunity for OSMRE's Watershed Cooperative Agreement Program. In April 2024, one AMP was published to advertise the WPCAMR board meeting.

WPCAMR is once again partnering to conduct an NTP AMD Passive Treatment Course with OSMRE and others. In April 2024, I attended one planning meeting and reached out to our waitlist to get a potential registration list.

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 February 2024, one committee meeting was held. We began discussing theme, updated policies, sponsorships, and potential presentations. In March 2024, one committee meeting was held. We chose a theme, began reaching out to potential presenters, updated the website, collected bios for the Mayfly Award nominees. In April 2024, one committee meeting was held. We began reaching out to potential presenters, sponsors and exhibitors. I contacted the Mayfly Artist.

PA AML CAMPAIGN

In February 2024, three meetings were held and I took minutes for each. In March 2024, three meetings were held and I took minutes for each. In April 2024, four meetings were held and I took minutes for three meetings.

ARIPPA AWARD

In February 2024, I updated the application and instructions, published an AMP announcing the award is open, and updated the website with the new information. One application for the WPCAMR portion was received and I completed the administrative review. In March 2024, I gave an update to ARIPPA on the status of applicants for this round. In April 2024, I gave an update to ARIPPA on the status of applicants for this round, reviewed applications received, and organized a review committee meeting. Three applications were received. 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

GOOD SAMARITAN

No new activity to report

VIDEO WORK

Videos for 2024 need to be chosen. I started planning for Victor 10 filming, 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 to monitor our progress with Strategic plan duties on a regular basis.