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# Environment Digest

*An Update on  
Environmental  
Issues in  
Pennsylvania*

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## Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference Attracts 200

This year's [Pennsylvania Conference on Abandoned Mine Reclamation](#) in State College attracted 200 people interested in sharing expertise and experiences that will help them better protect and restore their watersheds.

This is the 8th year for Pennsylvania's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference, which had a "Back to Basics" theme.

Volunteers from around the state and from many organizations work hard to organize a conference providing relevant, useful information to those working to reclaim abandoned mine land and waters.

Bruce Golden, Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, said, "Attendance exceeded our expectations. We have people from as far away as Alabama to learn what we do here in Pennsylvania."

"It's great to be able to get together people concerned about water quality in their watersheds and share ideas," said Robert Hughes, Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation. "That's what this conference is all about."

"There is an excitement and energy here that I haven't seen for several years," said Tom Grote of Stream Restoration, Inc.

Scott Roberts, DEP Deputy for Mineral Resources, opened the Conference talking about innovative mining methods that help prevent discharges and improve reclamation after mining.

Workshops on brownfield redevelopment potential, innovative treatment techniques, operation and maintenance funding and issues, floodplain restoration techniques, hydrogeology 101 and the role of watershed groups in today's environmental movement.

More on the Conference next week.

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## **On the Hill**

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### **Senate Agriculture Committee Sets Meeting on Conservation Tax Credit Bill**

Sen. Waugh (R-York), chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, announced the Committee will hold an informational meeting on conservation districts and [Senate Bill 1286](#) (Wenger R-Lancaster, Waugh R-York, O'Pake D-Berks), the conservation tax credit legislation.

The hearing will be held August 30 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Manchester Township Building in York.

The Pennsylvania Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Program will provide tax credits for private investment in the implementations of a variety of proven and cost-effective best management practices, including improvements to barnyards, pastures and riparian corridors, development and implementation of nutrient management plans, remediation of legacy sediments and other approved practices.

A companion bill has been introduced in the House as [House Bill 2878](#) (Stern R-Blair, Hershey-R-Chester, Daley D-Washington).

### **Environmental Synopsis Features Conservation Districts, Climate Change**

The August issue of [Environmental Synopsis](#) from the [Joint Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee](#) is now online.

This month's issue features a discussion of how valuable conservation districts are to working with people to protect the environment, air emissions from new vehicles, the latest greenhouse gas emissions report and a review of the Committee's last Environmental Issues Forum on opportunities for native plants by [Jim MacKenzie from Octoraro Native Plant Nursery](#).

### **In Other News**

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#### **Small Watershed Grants Program Awards \$748,100 to 17 Groups in PA**

Local governments and community-based organizations throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed will have help funding local watershed restoration projects, thanks to over \$2.6 million in grants provided by the [Small Watershed Grants Program](#) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Of the 68 projects funded in the program, 17 were in Pennsylvania totaling \$748,100 which leveraged additional matching funds of \$2,229,689 put together by local project sponsors.

Here's a list of the projects and matching funds—

**Little Wiconisco Creek Watershed Restoration, Dauphin County Conservation District \$100,000, \$40,200 match:** The Dauphin County Conservation District will implement a comprehensive strategy to restore water quality in the impaired Little Wiconisco Creek. Cost-share funds will be targeted to reduce non-point sources of sediment and nutrients from agricultural lands within the creek's watershed. Outreach will continue to local landowners and agricultural producers to promote awareness of the stream's condition and the impact of non-point source pollutants. Project partners include Millersburg Area School District, Upper Dauphin School District, and Wiconisco Creek Restoration Association. Funding provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**Reducing Nutrient Levels in Chesapeake Bay, Stroud Water Research Center, Tioga County, \$100,000, \$249,583 match:** The Stroud Water Research Center will investigate the relationship between acid mine drainage and nutrient processing within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This project will investigate potential links between AMD pollution,

stream integrity/quality, and increased nutrient fluxes to the Bay. The results of this study will help to inform the discussion about strategies for addressing AMD within the larger Bay watershed.

**Assessing Water Resources in Adams County, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, \$35,000, \$24,300 match:** The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin will develop a water resource model for use as a planning tool for understanding the availability and limits of water resources in the Upper Monocacy Basin.

**Millmont Dam Removal and Habitat Restoration, American Rivers, Inc., Lewis Township, \$25,000, \$45,000 match:** American Rivers will remove Millmont Dam from Penns Creek in Lewis Township, Pennsylvania. Millmont Dam currently serves no functional purpose, significantly impairs and alters upstream and downstream habitat, and impedes the passage of migratory fish. Removal of this dam will reopen approximately 9 miles of upstream habitat for the migration of fish and will improve sediment transport. Following removal of the dam, American Rivers will restore 4,800 feet of stream bank and riparian habitat to reduce erosion and filter runoff into the stream. Project partners include Chesapeake Bay Program, Department of Environmental Protection, Fish and Boat Commission, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Funding provided by the USDA Forest Service.

**Contrary Run Reclamation and Restoration, Beech Creek Watershed Association, Centre County, \$50,000, \$14,000 match:** The Beech Creek Watershed Association will design remedial measures to be implemented in an abandoned coal mine area in Centre County, Pennsylvania. This project will provide a restoration plan to improve water quality and restore aquatic health on Contrary Run by abating acid mine drainage and re-vegetation of mine areas. Project designs will outline restoration of 3,000 feet of stream corridor and 7.8 acres of mine lands. Project partners include Alder Run Engineering, Bucek & Associates, and Fish and Boat Commission. Funding provided by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Stream Cleaner Environmental Forum, Cacapon Institute, Inc., Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, \$35,000, \$5,866 match:** The Cacapon Institute will recruit science, social studies, and vocational-agricultural classes from high schools throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed to participate in an internet-based Stream Cleaner Environmental Forum on best management practices to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay. The Forum will engage students in a simulated Tributary Team stakeholder process to explore the science and challenges of non-point source pollution reduction. Following the Forum, up to 10 classes will complete water quality restoration projects to serve as visible demonstrations of best management practices as well as living classrooms for future academic study. Approximately 30 schools and 2,500 students will participate in the program. Project partners include Chesapeake Bay Program, Chesapeake Bay Trust, MARPAT Foundation, West Virginia Conservation Agency, and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. Funding provided by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Monocacy Watershed Farm Stewardship Program, [Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc.](#), Maryland and Pennsylvania, \$48,000, \$53,250 match:** The Chesapeake Bay Foundation will install forested riparian buffers and streambank fencing within the Monocacy watershed. These best management practices will improve water quality by filtering and absorbing nutrients and sediment from runoff and decreasing stream bank erosion. Under this program, CBF staff will meet with landowners one on one to describe Federal Farm Bill programs to encourage their enrollment, with grant funds providing support for projects not eligible for Federal programs. It is anticipated that citizen volunteers will assist in the restoration of 5 miles and 35 acres of riparian buffer and 5 acres of wetlands through this program. Project partners include Chesapeake Bay Trust and US Fish and Wildlife Service. Funding provided by USDA Forest Service.

**Cocalico Creek Watershed Restoration Plan, [Cocalico Creek Watershed Association](#), Lancaster County, \$35,000, \$12,000 match:** The Cocalico Creek Watershed Association will develop a Watershed Management Plan for the Cocalico Creek Watershed. The plan will characterize the severity and interactions of an array of water resource issues, the causes and solutions to water resource problems, and the identification of sites and projects than could be implemented for water resource restoration and protection. Key issues to be addressed by the plan include fish and wildlife habitat improvement, sediment and nutrient load reductions, aquifer recharge, stormwater management, and floodplain restoration. This project will also include an outreach component to educate the community about the plan and watershed issues. Project partners include Clay Township, Denver Borough, East Cocalico Township, Ephrata Borough, Ephrata Township, Warwick Township, and West Cocalico Township. Funding provided by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Cove Creek Community Corridor Initiative, [Fulton County Conservation District](#), \$25,000, \$62,620 match:** The Fulton County Conservation District will continue an ongoing effort to restore the riparian corridor of Big Cove Creek. This will be accomplished through the preservation of 7 acres of riparian habitat, design and implementation of 2000 feet of stream restoration, and the construction of a public access area. Partners include the Department of Environmental Protection and the Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program. Funds provided by the USDA Forest Service.

**Conococheague Creek Habitat Restoration, [Greater Chambersburg Chamber Foundation](#), Chambersburg, \$37,000, \$16,000 match:** The Greater Chambersburg Chamber Foundation will improve 200 linear feet of in-stream fish habitat and 600 linear feet of streambank stabilization upstream from the former Siloam dam on the Conococheague Creek. The project will engage community volunteers and project partners in revegetation of improved stream educating them on the importance of stream health. Project partners include the Conococheague Watershed Alliance, Dickinson College, the Fish and Boat Commission and Trout Unlimited. Funding provide by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Little Conestoga Creek Restoration Design, [Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance](#), Lancaster County, \$31,125, \$5,800 match:** The Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance will survey, design, and obtain permitting to create a stream restoration plan for a 3,700

foot section of stream channel and riparian buffer corridor along the Little Conestoga Creek. This project will include a topographical survey of the area, planting plans for 60,000 square feet of tall grass buffer and establishment of 2,300 feet newly established and enhanced forested riparian buffer. Project partners include Conestoga Country Club and Manor Township. Funding provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Paxtonia Tributary Streambank Stabilization, Lower Paxton Township Parks and Recreation Department, Dauphin County, \$30,000, \$40,900 match:** The Lower Paxton Township Parks and Recreation Department will develop a stream corridor restoration project located within a heavily-used wooded area of Brightbill Park in Lower Paxton Township. Rapidly eroding stream banks in the Paxtonia Tributary are contributing to increased sediment loads downstream and decreased water quality. As part of a larger effort, this project will stabilize 1,400 feet of streambank and channel and reduce the amount of sediment flow in the Paxton Creek. Project partners include Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Friends of Wildwood, Paxton Creek Watershed and Education Association, and Department of Environmental Protection. Funding provided by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and USDA Forest Service.

**Kishacoquillas Creek Watershed Outreach and Education, Mifflin County Conservation District, \$32,500:** The Mifflin County Conservation District will work with the “Byler church”, “the old school” and the “Peachey church” sects of the Amish community to address problems of non-point source pollution and implement best management practices on farmlands in the watershed of the impaired Little Kishacoquillas Creek. This project will use an Amish liaison to work with the 70 Amish farms currently lacking Conservation Plans. Project partners include the Octoraro Watershed Association. Funds provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Perry County Cover Crop Program, Perry County Conservation District, \$25,000, \$13,400 match:** The Perry Conservation District will promote cover crops in Perry County by offering a per acre incentive to farmers planting cover crops in an impaired watershed or a first time planter. This project anticipates enrollment of approximately 35 farms totaling 2,500 acres of farmland. Project partners include the Penn State Cooperative Extension. Funding provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the USDA Forest Service.

**Forest Management and Habitat Initiative, Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation and Development Council, Columbia and Luzerne counties, \$39,475, \$11,470 match:** Conservation and Development Council will provide education and outreach to private landowners, school teachers, and conservation organizations on managing forests for water quality protection. Project will conduct 6 workshops throughout northeastern Pennsylvania on proper forest management techniques and will work with landowners in developing conservation plans. On the ground activities will include: establishing 10 acres of conservation grass buffers, 40 acres of forest stand management improvements, establish 15 acres of forested riparian buffer, and enhance 5 acres of wetlands. Project partners

include the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Game Commission. Funding provided by USDA Forest Service.

**Tioga County Agricultural Project, Tioga County Conservation District, \$50,000, \$318,300 match:** The Tioga County Conservation District will decrease nutrient and sediment loads on 4 farms in Tioga County through the installation of best management practices leading to a decrease in erosion and stability issues throughout the watershed and improved water quality and fish habitat. This project will also include education and outreach to the agricultural and general community. Funding provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**Wyoming County Tributary Strategy Implementation, Wyoming County Conservation District, \$50,000, \$1,317,000 match:** The Wyoming County Conservation District will begin implementation a newly adopted tributary strategy through the application of agricultural best management practices. This project will install 4 miles of riparian forest buffers on streams presently being grazed, restore 10 acres of wetlands by cattle exclusion, converting at least one farm to rotational grazing, conversion of 300 acres to cover crops and no-till farming and installation of Best Management Practices on 7,000 linear feet of gravel and dirt roads. Project partners include Bowman Creek Watershed Association, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Meshoppen Creek Watershed Association, Project Grass, Tunkhannock Creek Watershed Association, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Funding provided by the USDA Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information, visit the [Small Watershed Grants Program webpage](#).

### **DEP Seeking Project Proposals for EPA Targeted Watershed, Capacity Grants**

The Department of Environmental Protection [announced it is accepting projects](#) for nomination to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [Targeted Watershed Grant Program](#), and will help applicants with [EPA Watershed Capacity Grants](#).

The deadline for nominations to DEP is September 22.

Up to \$16 million available nationally for watershed-based protection projects. Projects selected for funding will be awarded up to \$900,000 each over a three to five year period. A 25 percent non-federal match is required.

DEP is requesting that eligible grantees who believe they could compete in the nationwide process for an Implementation grant and who would like to be considered for nomination should submit a proposal following the EPA guidance.

Submission of two hard copies plus a CD of all materials is preferred. DEP will select a number of proposals that address Pennsylvania's watershed restoration and protection priorities for submission to EPA by the November 13 deadline.

DEP is also requesting that eligible grantees applying for the Capacity Building grants provide a copy of the proposal to DEP when submitting their request to EPA. The Department may be able to provide assistance if questions arise about your proposal package.

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Questions should be directed to Sidney Freyermuth at DEP, Bureau of Watershed Management, 717-772-5977 or send e-mail to [sfreyermut@state.pa.us](mailto:sfreyermut@state.pa.us) .

### **Lower West Branch Supports Record Number of Smallmouth Bass**

Fish and Boat Commission Biologists conducted a night electrofishing survey on the lower West Branch Susquehanna River on the nights of July 24 and 25 to assess the smallmouth bass population.

Among their findings: the catch rate of smallmouth bass larger than 15 inches was the highest on recent record. [Read the Field Biologists' report online.](#)

### **Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference Set for October 6**

The Lehigh and Northampton Conservation Districts, [Wildlands Conservancy](#), Lehigh University and [PA Trout](#) are joining forces to put on the [Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference](#) on October 6 at Iacocca Hall at Lehigh University.

The conference is intended to create a forum to share ideas and strategies to improve and protect the greater Lehigh Valley watersheds and natural resources.

The conference will bring together watershed groups, municipal officials, educators, scientists, technical experts, agencies, industry representatives, and the public to discuss effective ways to clean up watersheds, forge partnerships and maximize the natural resources in the greater Lehigh Valley.

Participants will be involved in large and small group discussions and presentations to promote technical information exchanges and highlight the successful efforts of local watershed organizations involved in watershed protection and sustainable remediation efforts.

All interested local watershed organizations, elected and municipal officials, planning commissions, Environmental Advisory Council members, agency representatives, local educators, scientists, graduate students and the general public are invited.

For more information and to register, visit the [Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference webpage](#).

### **Rural Water Association Announces Professional Office Conference**

The [Pennsylvania Rural Water Association](#) is hosting the [Professional Office Conference](#) on September 13-14 at The Nittany Lion Inn, State College.

Trainers that are experts in their fields will teach classes titled Utility Governance, Easing the Daily Grind, Show Me the Money, Liability, What's in Your File Cabinet, Alternate Source of Funding, Steering for Success, How to Leave Them Smiling, and Supervising a Construction Project. All this will be followed by a round table discussion on Small System Office Challenges.

The conference has been submitted to DEP for approval of water and wastewater contact hours.

The cost is \$65 for PRWA members and \$75 for non-members. Wednesday dinner is included. Hotel fees are not included.

For more information and to register online, visit the [Professional Office Conference webpage](#) or call 800-653-PRWA for a registration form.

### **Rain Barrel/Watershed Workshops Set in Pittsburgh Area**

The [Pennsylvania Resources Council](#) has scheduled [four rain barrel workshops](#) in the Pittsburgh area where participants will learn how to harvest rainwater from your own roof, store it and use it in your landscape.

Upcoming Workshops:

- Whole Foods Market (Shadyside)- August 31- 6:30 p.m.
- The Urban Gardener on Pittsburgh's North Side - September 16-10 a.m.
- CCI Center on Pittsburgh's South Side –September 26-6:30 p.m.
- Whitehall Borough Building –Saturday, October 14– 9:30 p.m.

Take advantage of this free source of water while at the same time contributing to improved water quality in our rivers and streams and reducing your contribution to combined sewer overflow and polluted urban runoff.

PRC's Watershed Awareness/Rain Barrel Workshop will demonstrate how to assemble and install a retrofitted 55-gallon drum/rain barrel, and offer other rainwater harvesting options. Participants will receive the necessary hardware to assemble and install a rain barrel for rainwater harvesting and on-site usage.

The cost is \$30 for nonmembers.

For more information call 412-431-4449 x247 or send email to: Nancy Martin-Silber at [nancym@ccicenter.org](mailto:nancym@ccicenter.org)

### **Water Reuse Workshop to be Held November 2 in Exton**

American Rivers and the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association have developed a [workshop on water reuse](#) to be held November 2 at the Inn at Chester Springs in Exton, Chester County.

Municipal officials and advisors responsible for wastewater and stormwater management won't want to miss this opportunity to hear the latest from experts and colleagues. Speakers include fellow municipal officials who have developed innovative techniques for handling wastewater and stormwater, such as Cory Miller, from the University Area Joint Authority in State College, and Upper Uwchlan manager, John Roughan, Jr.

The workshop is especially geared toward southeast Pennsylvania, and will also include presentations by Jan Bowers, of the Chester County Water Resources Authority, as well as Nicki Kasi of the Department of Environmental Protection and Paul Marchetti, executive director of PENNVEST.

Co-sponsors of the program include the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors , PENNVEST, the Department of Environmental Protection, the PA League of Cities and Municipalities, and PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers.

Refreshments will be served, starting at 8:30 a.m., and the program begins at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is included in the \$20 registration fee.

For more information and to register, go to the [Water Reuse Conference webpage](#) or call PMAA at 717-737-7655.

## **DEP Asks for Comments on Changes to Neshaminy Creek TMDL**

The Department of Environmental Protection published a revised TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Plan for the Neshaminy Creek in Bucks and Montgomery counties and asked for public comments on the revisions.

Comments are due: October 25.

For more information, contact Bill Brown, Watershed Protection Division, 717-783-2951 or send email to: [willbrown@state.pa.us](mailto:willbrown@state.pa.us). A copy of the plan is available on [DEP's TMDL webpage](#).

## **POWR Offers Brochure Production to Members**

The PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers announced this week it will offer brochure production services to member organizations.

Six panel, tri-fold brochures are available in black and white or full color. The brochures will be designed by POWR at the direction of the organization which the brochure is being produced for.

Because POWR is designing and printing these brochures in-house it can offer them at a substantial discount over what traditional print houses charge.

For more information on POWR's production services, or to become a member, please contact John Coutts at 717-234-7910 or send email to: [jcoutts@pawatersheds.org](mailto:jcoutts@pawatersheds.org) .

## **McClellan Fills Statewide No-Till Coordinator Position**

Penn State University has hired Jeff McClellan as the first Pennsylvania No-Till Coordinator, thanks to a statewide public-private partnership effort over a year in the making.

McClellan served in his capacity for the first time at last week's Ag Progress Days, staffing the [Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance](#) booth and talking to interested farmers and others who stopped by.

McClellan has a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Penn State and formed a no-till consulting company soon after graduating in the late 1970's. The business included a farm operation of about 1,000 acres of no-till crops in Centre County and worked directly with farmers throughout the Northeast.

McClellan said that the company focused a good bit on adapting equipment for no-till. Success in a no-till system still requires a good deal of adaptability in farmers, he pointed out. McClellan has also worked for years in the agricultural chemical, biotech and seed industries, just prior to this recent career move.

The new PA No-Till Coordinator will be housed at the Penn State campus, but oversight of his position will come through the Pennsylvania No-Till Partnership, which includes representatives of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Agriculture, State Conservation Commission, PA Association of Conservation Districts, PA Resource Conservation and Development Councils, PA Farm Bureau, Penn Ag Industries Association as well as the PA No-Till Alliance, a statewide farmer-run group formed last year.

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Funding for the position has been the collaborative effort of all partners involved, and coordinating this statewide initiative to truly serve the farmers through on-the-ground conservation will be a big part of McClellan's job.

McClellan shares some sound advice for farmers who try no-till practices for a season or two and fail: "There are people in the state who have been no-tilling continuously for 20 to 30 years, and they had the same problems you did."

According to McClellan, about 95 percent of Pennsylvania farmland is suitable for continuous no-till.

The No-Till Alliance, 100 or so farmer members strong, is a great resource for those starting out in no-till. Participation in the PA No-Till Alliance is open to farmers and all those supporting no-till agriculture in the public and private sectors.

McClellan can be reached after September 1 at 814-863-4260 or send email to: [jtm23@psu.edu](mailto:jtm23@psu.edu).

**Link:** [PA No-Till Alliance](#)

### **Visit the Clean Water Festival at the Pymatuning Waterfowl Expo**

This year's [Pymatuning Waterfowl Expo](#) will feature a Clean Water Festival Educational Area where everything is going to be "ducky!" The event will be held on September 16-17 in Linesville, Pa.

"Plans are set in motion for our best event ever!" said Brian Pilarcik of the Crawford County Conservation District. "The Clean Water Festival Committee has been working hard to bring tons of educational displays, programs and presentations to this year's event."

Test your skills at many interactive stations, visit the outdoor classroom events or listen to one of the many presentations at the Linesville State Fish Hatchery. Participants will also have the opportunity to make fish print t-shirts, paint with soils, as well as participate in lots of other interactive demonstrations.

Local experts will give stream talks, duck banding demonstrations, water safety dog demos, nature photography tips, tree ID tours, teach about wetlands and conservation art programs.

The event will also include a shoreline cleanup of Pymatuning Lake.

The Waterfowl Expo annually attracts between 3,000 to 5,000 participants

The Clean Water Festival section will be located at the Linesville State Fish Hatchery on Linesville/Hartstown Rd just south of Linesville. Traditional Waterfowl Expo displays will also be located at the Linesville High School, Downtown Linesville, and the Pymatuning Sportsman's Club.

Financial and other support for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. through a grant with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Section 319 Program, as well as a donation by Let's Party Rentals.

For a copy of the agenda, check out the [Crawford County Conservation District webpage](#) or contact Brian Pilarcik at 814/763-5269 or send e-mail to: [festival@crawfordconservation.com](mailto:festival@crawfordconservation.com).

## **Scenes of the Schuylkill Art Show Celebrates the River, Region**

The Scenes of the [Schuylkill Art Show and Competition](#) is a unique and exciting event that captures, through original works of art, the varied aesthetic scenery that characterizes the river corridor.

The show is scheduled to run from September 8-October 27 at the Montgomery County Community College West Campus' new art gallery, on 16 High St., in Pottstown.

Hosted by the nonprofit Schuylkill River Heritage Area, it features original works depicting scenes from the five-county Heritage Area (Schuylkill, Berks, Montgomery, Chester and Philadelphia). A closing reception will be held on October 27.

Viewers will have the opportunity to discover artists from across the Schuylkill River region and to see artistic renderings of many familiar places.

The Schuylkill River Heritage Area works to promote community revitalization along the river corridor through conservation, education, recreation, historic preservation and tourism. Just as waterfronts often play a crucial role in revitalization efforts, so, too, does the presence of art and the influx of artists.

The exhibit's purpose is to stimulate an awareness of regional artists. It also strives to foster an appreciation, through art, of the diverse attributes of the river and its communities.

The 37 entries in this year's show include depictions of historic buildings, such as Fairmount Waterworks and Washington's Headquarters; as well as paintings of bridges, natural landscapes and urban settings.

The competition is in its fourth year, but this is only the second year all submissions have been publicly displayed. Internationally recognized watercolorist Jim McFarlane, AWS served as the juror of selection and award.

"I love the idea of this show. It has some very nice, strong pieces. And I like the variety of media and the fact that the styles are extremely varied," said McFarlane.

The winning oil on canvas, "Solitary Egret, Tinicum Marsh," by Philadelphia artist Charles Cushing, will be produced into signed and numbered limited edition prints and note cards to benefit the Schuylkill River Heritage Area.

The painting depicts a white egret set vividly against the darker, dusk landscape of the marsh, industrial buildings just within sight in the background.

"It is very dramatic and expressive," noted McFarlane. "It shows the river able to sustain itself and stay constant in spite of industrialization."

The show contains a wide range of images from along the river, reflecting the fact that "there is so much going on in the Schuylkill River watershed," said McFarlane. "The different towns are coming back to life and the natural areas are unsurpassable. The river is really drawing people to live there, work there and play there."

Selected artwork from past competitions include: Montgomery County artist William T. Ternay's oil painting of Philadelphia's Columbia Bridge (2005); Julia Longacre's watercolor of Berks County's historic Mouns Jones House, (2004); and Berks County artist Linda Henry's watercolor of the Schuylkill River (2003).

All paintings are available for sale. Proceeds benefit the Schuylkill River Heritage Area, which is sponsoring the show in partnership with Montgomery County Community College, Gallery on High, The Hill School and artist Susannah Hart Thomer

The show runs from September 8-October 27. Hours: M-Th 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Closing reception on October 27. For more information contact the SRHA at 484-945-0200 or the Montgomery County Community College West Gallery at 215-619-7349.

For more, visit the [Schuylkill Juried Art Show and Competition webpage](#).

### **Spring Creek Day Family Festival September 17**

[ClearWater Conservancy's](#) annual Spring Creek Day Family Festival will be held on September 17th at the [Millbrook Marsh Nature Center](#) from noon to 5 p.m.

Mike Bishop will perform again this year; a guaranteed crowd pleaser. His unique blend of magic, comedy, and balloon showmanship makes for a one-of-a-kind family entertainment experience—a show that is certain to satisfy audiences of all ages.

The Spring Creek Day Family Festival is free and open to the public. Further information regarding additional activities and food is available at the [ClearWater Conservancy website](#) or by sending email to Jennifer Shuey at [Jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:Jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.org).

### **One Crescent Drive Given Platinum LEED Rating**



[One Crescent Drive](#), a four-story office building constructed in the Philadelphia Naval Business Center, has received the LEED Platinum certification, and is now Pennsylvania's best performing green building.

One Crescent Drive was designed by Robert A.M. Architects in New York and pre-certified as a LEED Gold building. Construction finished in November 2005. This summer, Liberty/Synterra Limited Partnership learned that they had achieved the additional points needed for Platinum LEED status, making it the first and only high-performance building in the Commonwealth to attain that rating.

This designation from the U.S. Green Building Council recognizes the environmentally friendly atmosphere of the building, along with the benefits of the cutting-edge design, which include higher productivity levels as well as lower employee turnover rates and operating costs.

Features of the 77,000-square-foot building that contributed to its ranking include considerations made in site selection, construction methods and building materials, as well as the use of alternative energy. One Crescent Drive was built on a brownfield, part of a 1,200-acre decommissioned naval base with existing infrastructure, which is easily accessed by public transportation.

During construction, 95 percent of the waste was kept out of landfills, and more than 30 percent of the total building materials --- such as structural steel, gypsum wallboard and acoustical ceiling tiles --- consist of recycled content.

The heating, ventilation and air conditioning system uses 50 percent less energy than same-sized conventional buildings; heat and cooler air are conserved through the use

of shades and a reflective roof. The electricity load needed to supply all common areas of the building will be powered by wind energy.

The environmentally-friendly design lowers water consumption 30 percent through high-efficiency equipment and handles stormwater on site with vegetated swales that allow rain to return naturally to groundwater.

One Crescent Drive was built in the 70-acre Corporate Center portion of the yard, next to the 167-acre Historic Core, a National Register Historic District that showcases structures built on the Navy Yard between 1873 and 1945.

Pennsylvania is among the national leaders --- second only to California --- in energy efficiency with more than three dozen buildings LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. Eight of the certified buildings are state facilities. Another 129 Pennsylvania buildings are registered for LEED certification.

For more information, visit the Governor's Green Government Council [Green Buildings webpage](#).

### **Southwest Energy Efficiency, Pollution Prevention Roundtable September 7**

The Southwest Energy Efficiency and Pollution Prevention Roundtable will meet on September 7 at Fayette Steel in Scottdale, Pa.

Members and guests of the Roundtable will tour the Fayette Steel cold drawing facility and the Marwas Steel Everson Facility. Hardhats, safety glasses and steel-toed shoes are recommended.

For more information, contact Roger Price at 412-675-9482 or send email to: [rogerprice@psu.edu](mailto:rogerprice@psu.edu) .

### **Recycled Glass Economic Development Forum to be Held Next Month**

The [Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center](#) will hold a Recycled Glass Economic Development Forum on September 21 in Harrisburg. The focus of the forum is to strategically evaluate economic development opportunities for recycled glass use and manufacturing operations in the Commonwealth.

As sustainable glass recycling continues to be a challenge for both supply and demand side recycling, the RMC is poised to enhance use of this priority recycled commodity. Cooperation in this effort will assist the RMC to create sustainable action items and programmatic activity for expansion of this pivotal recycling industry in the Commonwealth.

For this program, invited guests and RMC partners will be requested to participate in a facilitated roundtable on demand-side glass recycling challenges. These challenges not only limit the pathway to further beneficial uses of recycled glass, but ultimately result in significant non-renewable energy loss. Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to illuminate a 100 watt light bulb for four hours.

Anticipated outcomes from the event include refinement of process development initiatives, acceleration of glass technology commercialization, strategic partnering opportunities, new glass use and manufacturing innovations, a review of glass cullet supply chain logistics, continuous improvement of glass cullet quality, and occupational based technology transfer initiatives.

Nationally, the glass container industries occupy a \$5.5 billion contribution to the national economy, employing 18,000 skilled professionals in 23 states, including Pennsylvania. Further, raw materials for glass container production are all found domestically.

For additional information on the forum, contact Bob Bylone, Recycling Program Manager at [rjb128@psu.edu](mailto:rjb128@psu.edu) or 717-948-6729.

The [Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center](#) is a non-profit corporation located in Middletown, Dauphin County, primarily funded through Department of Environmental Protection grant assistance.

### **DCED Offers Community Revitalization Grants**

The Department of Community and Economic Development [announced it was now accepting applications](#) for 2006 Community Revitalization Grants.

The first deadline for applications is September 29.

The program provides grants for community revitalization and improvement projects which in the judgment of the Department will improve the stability of the community; promote economic development; improve existing and develop new civic, cultural, recreational, industrial and other facilities; assist in business retention, expansion, stimulation and attraction; promote the creation of jobs and employment opportunities; or enhance the health, welfare and quality of life of citizens in this Commonwealth.

For more information visit the [Community Revitalization Grant Program webpage](#).

### **Nearly 4,000 More Acres of Farmland Preserved in PA**

The Department of Agriculture announced the investment of \$12 million this week to preserve an additional 42 farms and 3,665 acres through its nation-leading farmland preservation program today.

Since the program's inception in 1988, Pennsylvania has preserved 2,925 farms and 332,020 acres, making it a national leader in preservation efforts.

The latest preserved farms – in Adams, Allegheny, Bedford, Berks, Butler, Chester, Erie, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Perry, Susquehanna, Westmoreland and York counties – consist of crop and livestock farms, dairies and a vineyard.

The [Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program](#) was developed 18 years ago to help slow the loss of prime farmland to non-agricultural uses. The program enables state, county and local governments to purchase conservation easements (also called development rights) from owners of quality farmland.

Pennsylvania has 7.7 million acres of farmland, representing 27 percent of the state's land base. Agriculture is a \$45 billion dollar industry and the state's largest.

### **2007 Governor's Outdoor Conference to Connect People With Nature**



Gov. Rendell this week announced plans for a [2007 Governor's Outdoor Conference](#) March

18-20 that will feature the theme connecting people with nature.

“Our quality of life depends on our ability to understand, appreciate and enjoy Pennsylvania’s natural bounties,” Gov. Rendell said. “We simply cannot afford to lose our connection with the outdoors. It’s a rich part of our heritage and provides the balance we need for a prosperous future.”

The conference will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College.

The speakers and workshops will provide policy makers with the information and ideas they need to address the critical issues surrounding Pennsylvanians’ connection to the outdoors.

Mirroring national trends, Pennsylvania’s aging population, declining numbers of hunters and anglers, loss of open space, increased competition for leisure time and a drop in environmental literacy have combined to cause concern. These, and a variety of other indicators, suggest a meaningful decline in people’s connections to their outdoor environment, which can lead to decreased tourism revenue in the state and economic development in rural areas.

“I’ve asked members of my cabinet to gather experts and stakeholders representing a broad range of perspectives on the outdoors and its impact on us,” Gov. Rendell said. “To be successful, we need a strong partnership between state and local governments, the private sector, sportsmen and outdoor recreation organizations of all types, educators and researchers, and, of course, the public.”

“I am excited about this opportunity to bring together the best thinking on outdoor connections in a focused and purposeful way. This conference will help government leaders to better understand these issues and learn how they can be addressed,” Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Michael DiBerardinis said. “We see reports on a regular basis that seem to indicate a growing problem, with the potential to impact everything from children’s health and development to the future of the state’s \$1.5 billion hunting industry.

“From an environmental perspective, we know that participation leads to stewardship, and the future of this state’s most valuable natural resources depends on future generations perpetuating Pennsylvania’s outdoor heritage,” DiBerardinis said.

For more information, visit the [2007 Governor’s Outdoor Conference website](#) or call 877-240-2245.

### **Sixth Annual Great Outdoors Elk Expo Scheduled for September 22-23**

The Game Commission this week announced the [Sixth Annual Elk Expo](#) will be held September 22 and 23 at the Elk County Fair Grounds in Kersey.

The 6th Annual Elk Expo - in the heart of Pennsylvania’s Wilds - promises something for everyone. Northwest Pennsylvania Great Outdoors will again sponsor the two-day festival all about elk and enjoying the great outdoors.

The event will feature demonstrations and presentations, contests and exhibitions, plus sports activities, elk watching shuttle buses, arts and crafts booths, food booths, educational displays, wildlife calling contests, and a marketplace with the latest outdoors equipment and clothing.

At 5 p.m. on September 23, the Game Commission will conduct a computerized drawing of the names of hunters who will participate in the state’s elk hunt in November 6-

11, 2006, and September 17-22, 2007. The Game Commission also plans to have a booth at the Expo.

For more information, visit the [Sixth Annual Elk Expo webpage](#).

### **Game Commission Drafts Rules to Control Nuisance Canada Geese**

In response to recently announced changes in federal regulations governing the control of resident Canada geese, the Game Commission announced this week it would consider draft rules for controlling nuisance Canada geese at its October meeting.

While it is too late for the Commission to take action for the 2006 waterfowl season, agency staff will have discussions to consider whether it should recommend changes for the 2007 season.

Resident Canada geese typically stay in the same area or move short distances. There is no evidence that resident Canada geese breed with migratory Canada geese that nest in northern Canada and Alaska.

The rapid rise of resident Canada goose populations has been attributed to a number of factors. Key among them is that most resident Canada geese live in temperate climates with relatively stable breeding habitat conditions.

They tolerate human and other disturbances, have a relative abundance of food and nesting habitat, and fly short distances for winter compared to migratory Canada goose populations. The absence of waterfowl hunting and natural predators in urban areas also has contributed to perpetuating overabundance.

In the Atlantic Flyway, the resident Canada goose population has increased an average of two percent per year over the last four years and was estimated at 1.15 million resident Canada geese this past spring.

In Pennsylvania, the current estimated population of resident Canada geese is 229,000. Last year's estimated population was 282,000 and, in 2004, the estimated population was an all-time high of 299,000. The management goal for Pennsylvania's resident Canada goose population is 100,000.

For more information, visit the Game Commission [announcement on controlling Canada Geese](#).

### **Game Commission Offers Special Patch to Commemorate 100 Bald Eagle Nests**

To commemorate Pennsylvania's 100-nest milestone in bald eagle conservation, the Game Commission is offering for sale a special-edition embroidered wildlife patch which depicts a bald eagle with two eaglets and designed by award-winning wildlife artist Bob Sopchick.

The patch is six inches in diameter and sells for \$20. There has been a one-time production run of 3,000 patches.

Those interested can purchase a patch at any of the agency's six region offices, Harrisburg headquarters or through "[The Outdoor Shop](#)" on the agency's website.

The Game Commission started Pennsylvania's seven-year bald eagle reintroduction program in 1983, when just three nesting pairs remained in the Commonwealth. The agency sent employees to Saskatchewan to obtain 12 eaglets from wilderness nests in the first year.

With financial assistance from the Richard King Mellon Foundation of Pittsburgh and the federal Endangered Species Fund, the project spurred the release of 88 Canadian bald eagles into the wilds of Pennsylvania at Haldeman Island in Dauphin County and Shohola Falls in Pike County.

**Link:** [Bald Eagle Nests Top 100 For First Time](#)

### **Help Wanted: Watershed Manager, SBDC Environmental Consultant**

**Western Pennsylvania Conservancy** is seeking a conservation professional to fill the position of Watershed Manager in the Upper Allegheny.

The position will manage WPC's freshwater conservation activities for the upper Allegheny River watershed. Position will be based in Ridgway, Pa.

The successful candidate will have a master's degree or equivalent work experience in watershed science, wetlands ecology, or hydrology. Three-five years' experience with hands-on projects to remediate threats to freshwater conservation targets is required.

Familiarity with watershed assessment and planning and Conservation Action Planning desired. Fundraising and project management experience required.

This position provides a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. If you are interested, please send a letter, resume and salary requirements to: Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Senior Director, Human Resources, Box R, Mill Run, PA 15464 or send email to: [nbassett@paconserve.org](mailto:nbassett@paconserve.org)

The **Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania** seeks an Environmental Consultant to provide environmental consulting assistance to small businesses statewide through the [Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers Environmental Management Assistance Program](#).

Consulting assistance includes: conducting emissions calculations, assisting with air, waste, water discharge permit applications, assisting requests for determination, assisting businesses to develop corrective action plans based on Notices of Violation issued and interfacing with environmental regulators. Assist in preparing publications, occasional public speaking and other duties as required. Travel required.

A Bachelor's Degree is required, Master's Degree preferred, 3 years to 5 years of experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. Regulatory agency or industry consulting experience preferred; Excellent written and verbal communications skills; Ability to translate and communicate complex technical and regulatory requirements in layman terms; Ability to work with a team of environmental professionals.

To apply to this position please submit resumes online at the [University of Pennsylvania's website](#), use reference code 060820498.

### **Opinion**

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#### **Proposed Conservation Tax Credit Program Will Help Farmers**

**By**

**Senator Noah W. Wenger  
30th Senatorial District**



In today's world, the areas of agriculture and environmental protection continue to become ever more entwined. For instance, the fertilizers used by farmers can seep into the groundwater, while livestock that pastures along a stream can break down the banks of that waterway, adding more sediment and increasing runoff of those fertilizers. Fortunately, many of our farmers recognize the need to be good stewards of the land.

While farmers have already undertaken some voluntary measures, there is still a demonstrated need for programs to further assist in the implementation of effective best management practices. The cost of complying with new laws and regulations that mandate the protection of our environment can place a severe strain on farmers, who must upgrade equipment and/or change the way they do business.

In order to help agriculture operations remain environmentally friendly and to encourage the expansion of these practices, I have introduced legislation which would establish the PA Resource Enhancement And Protection (REAP) Tax Credit Program. This innovative alternative will provide farmers with the type of financial assistance currently being used to promote the growth and progress of other industries.

The REAP Tax Credit will promote private investments in a variety of proven and cost-effective best management practices, including improvements to barnyards, pastures and riparian corridors; development of nutrient management plans; remediation of legacy sediments; and other approved practices. To ensure that this program meets the highest standards in conservation practices, all projects must meet design and construction standards set by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or the State Conservation Commission, or be certified by a registered professional engineer.

Credits will be available for personal and corporate income tax, the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax, and the Sales and Use Tax, and will be administered for 25 to 75 percent of the project cost, depending on the project implemented. Also, these tax credits may be sold to other entities and for business or individual sponsorship of a project installed by a landowner. The credits may be carried over for a maximum of 15 years.

In addition to the local benefits to farmers and our environment, the impact will reach even farther to help our Commonwealth meet its obligations under the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement. This Agreement requires Pennsylvania and other states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed area to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution going to the Bay by more than 38 million pounds a year by 2010. In doing so, we can help move the Bay off the U.S. Clean Water Act's list of impaired waters.

The agriculture industry is a driving force in Pennsylvania's economy. We need to continue looking for ways to help farmers maintain profitable businesses as we ask them to meet increasing standards in environmental and conservation practices. The REAP Tax Credit will provide this necessary support for agriculture producers, and in turn make Pennsylvania a cleaner and greener place to work and live.

**Senator Noah W. Wenger** represents the 30th Senatorial District in Lancaster and Chester counties. He can be contact [through his website](#).

**Note:** Rep. Stern and Sen. Wenger introduced [House Bill 2878](#) (Stern R-Blair, Hershey-R-Chester, Daley D-Washington) and [Senate Bill 1286](#) (Wenger R-Lancaster, Waugh R-York, O’Pake D-Berks), the Pennsylvania Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Tax Credit Program.

## **Quick Clips**

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Here’s a selection of NewsClips on environmental topics from around the state.

[Pine Creek Trail Extends Additional 8 Miles South](#)  
[Panel Set to Study Plans for Canyon](#)  
[Editorial: Conservation Awards Well Deserved](#)  
[Water Authority Says It’s All Downhill for New Energy Source](#)  
[Editorial: Wind Power Contributes to Nation’s Energy Future](#)  
[Increased Cooperation May Help Curb Massive Blackouts](#)  
[Rising Natural Gas Prices a Boon for Western PA Companies](#)  
[Ex-Industrial Site in Lebanon May Get Homes](#)  
[Carbon County Municipalities Partner in Mapping Blueprint for Growth](#)  
[Building Fees Could Add \\$13,000 to Home Cost](#)  
[Report Describes Transportation Crisis in PA](#)  
[Mine Rescue Competitions Help Teams Prepare](#)

## **Watershed NewsClips**

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Read a sampling of NewsClips on watershed topics from around Pennsylvania.

[Volunteers Clean Up Dunbar Creek](#)  
[Shrimp Found in Monongahela River](#)  
[\\$200K Slated for Wyoming County Streambank Work](#)  
[Area Fish Get Helping Hand in Schuylkill County](#)  
[Wyoming County Plans Major Project to Clean, Stabilize Creek Beds](#)  
[Redevelopment Authority OKs Two Reclamation Agreements](#)  
[Clinton County Hears Requests for Growing Greener II Money](#)  
[Fishing Notebook: Ceremony Marks Completion of Nine Mile Run Restoration](#)  
[Taking the Plunge at Ohiopyle](#)  
[Project Begins to Restore Fishing Spot](#)  
[Bedford Springs Golf Course to be Restored Using Natural Stream Design](#)  
[Get Involved, Rivers Conservation Plan Being Finalized](#)  
[Bucks Officials Call for Increase Funding for Flood Elevation Projects](#)  
[River Revived After Fly-Ash Spill](#)  
[Editorial: Floods Show Need for River Agency Funding](#)  
[Outdoor: Fallingwater Goes Hand in Hand with Bear Run](#)  
[Fishing: Tilapia Far From Greatest Invasive Threat](#)  
[Invasive Plant Plagues Landowners, But It Can Be Managed](#)  
  
[Call for Presenters at 2007 Schuylkill River Congress](#)

**Big Money for Small Organizations**

**Regulations**

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The Delaware River Basin Commission [published notice](#) proposing to extend the Lower Delaware Special Protection Water area and make other changes to its water quality regulations.

[Pennsylvania Bulletin – August 26, 2006](#)

Comment Deadlines: [Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

[Copies of Proposed Regulations \(DEP website\)](#)

[Status of Regulations, 6-Month Calendar \(DEP website\)](#)

**Technical Guidance & Permits**

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The Department of Environmental Protection published draft guidance on applying for [2007 Environmental Education Grants](#).

DRAFT: DEP ID: 012-5500-001. 2007 Environmental Education Grants Program Manual and Forms. The 2007 Environmental Education Grants Program Manual and Forms is a guide for eligible organizations interested in applying for the Department's Environmental Education grants program. Comments due: September 25.

[For copies of Draft Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

[For copies of Final Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

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Upcoming conferences, meetings, workshops, plus links to other online calendars. Meetings are in Harrisburg unless otherwise noted. [Go To: PA Environment Digest Calendar Page](#)

- [August 29 – State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators conference call](#).
- [August 29 – DEP Small Systems Technical Assistance Center Advisory Board](#) work group meeting on emergency notification. 12th Floor Conference Room, Rachel Carson Building. 9:00.
- [August 29 – DEP Stormwater Manual Oversight Committee](#). Room 105 Rachel Carson Building. 10:00.
- [August 30 – Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee informational meeting on Senate Bill 1286 \(Wenger-R-Lancaster\) Resource Enhancement Tax Credit](#)

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Program and conservation districts. Manchester Twp. Building, 3200 Farmtrail Road, York. 10:00.

- **August 31** – [Joint DEP Citizens Advisory Council, Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, Mercury Work Group meeting](#) to review preliminary summary of public comments, outline of final mercury rule. Room 105 Rachel Carson Building. Harrisburg. 9:00.
- **September 6** – DEP [Section 111\(d\) hearing on plan to control mercury emissions](#) from power plants in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Norristown.
- **September 12** – House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee informational meeting on reducing mercury emissions from power plants. Room 205 Ryan Building. 11:00.
- **September 12** – Joint Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee first meeting of the Sewage Management and Treatment Task Force pursuant to House Resolution 88. Empire A Room, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. 12:30.
- **September 13** – **CANCELLED.** [DEP Water Resources Advisory Committee](#) meeting. Room 105 Rachel Carson Building. 9:30.
- **September 15** - DEP [Small Systems Technical Assistance Center Advisory Board](#) work group meeting on emergency notification. 10th Floor Conference Room, Rachel Carson Building. 9:00.
- **September 19-20** – [State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators](#). 10th Floor Rachel Carson Building. 10:00 and 8:30 respectively.
- **September 28** – Joint Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee meeting of Legislative Forestry Task Force. Senate Room, Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College. 10:00.
- **October 13** - [DEP Water Resources Advisory Committee](#) meeting. Room 105 Rachel Carson Building. 9:30.
- **October 17** –[RESCHEDULED to a Conference Call. State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators](#).
- **October 31-November 5** – [National Historic Preservation Conference](#). National Trust for Historic Preservation. Pittsburgh.
- **November 20** – Environmental Issues Forum, Joint Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee featuring J. Kent Crawford, USGS, to discuss the emerging contaminants project. Room 205 Ryan Building. Noon.
- **December 12** – **CANCELLED.** [Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence Insurance Board meeting](#).
- **December 14** – [Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence Insurance Board meeting](#). 14th Floor Conference Room, Rachel Carson Building, Harrisburg. 10:00.

### **DEP Calendar of Events**

[Watershed Events](#) (*courtesy PA Organizations for Watersheds & Rivers*)

[Environmental Education Workshop/Training Calendar](#)  
(*courtesy PA Center for Environmental Education*)

[Senate Committee Schedule](#) [House Committee Schedule](#)

## **Helpful Web Links**

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[Daily NewsClips](#) [Daily DEP Update](#) [GreenTreks Network](#) [Watershed Weekly](#)

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[DCNR Resource Magazine](#) [DCNR Press Releases](#)

[Fish & Boat Commission Press Releases](#) [Game Commission Press Releases](#)

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