

***Pennridge Water Resources Plan
Status Report
Thursday, April 26, 2007***

Project Team:	> Coordination: Bucks County Planning Commission
	> Lead Consultant: Borton-Lawson Engineering, Paul DeBarry, P.E., Project Mgr
	> Subconsultants: Hazlett-Kincaid + Spotts, Stevens, McCoy + Boucher & James

➤ **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**

- Refer to *PWPR Implementation Overview Chart* (Refer to handout).
- **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM**
 - Consultant planning meeting was held April 10
 - Next Steering Committee meeting: May 21
 - Draft Plan for Water Supplier & PACC review: June
- **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**
 - Growing Greener Grant received for \$18,150
 - Currently securing signatures on a Memorandum of Understanding relative to the presence of representatives from Borton-Lawson, Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, and BCPC on school property. (Refer to handout)
 - Tentative plans call for involving Pennridge High School E.A.R.T.H. club in the design of the basin. Have provided overview of project and education ideas to Richard McLaughlin - faculty advisor to E.A.R.T.H. club and Principal Creeden of Pennridge H.S. Targeting a May meeting date to finalize plans and details.
- **MUNICIPAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES**
 - *Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement:* Bedminster, East Rockhill, and West Rockhill have expressed interest in the ICIA.
 - BCPC presented to West Rockhill Planning Commission on 4/10/07.
 - *PWPR as comprehensive plan amendment:*
 - East Rockhill held public Board of Supervisors meeting on 11/28/06 to consider adoption
 - West Rockhill considering adoption
 - Bedminster and Silverdale considering adoption.
 - *Model Water Resources Ordinance adoption:*
 - BCPC staff continuing to compare the language of the Pennridge Area Model Water Resources Management and Protection Ordinance to current Zoning, SALDO, Stormwater Protection, and Comprehensive Plan language to identify areas for improving current documents without having to adopt an entirely new ordinance.
 - Objective is to strengthen the linkage between land use planning and water quantity
- **MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPOSTING**
 - East Rockhill agreed to be the lead agency for this project.
 - Application submitted by East Rockhill this week.

- Technical Assistance up to a value of \$7500. There is no local match required, no contract, no disbursement requests, etc. No funds are transferred between the PADEP and the applicant.
- SWANA will be assigning consultant
- EXPLORING POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH HERITAGE CONSERVANCY
- OTHER GRANT SOURCES - Continue to identify and investigate alternate grant sources

➤ **Educational**

- WREN Grant — Submitted April 2, 2007. We should know by the beginning of June whether or not we have been awarded the grant.
 - The goal of the Bucks County Watershed Protection Education and Community Awareness Project is to bring awareness to the Bucks County community about Best Management Practices (BMPs), which can be used to effectively manage stormwater and protect local watersheds. The Partners involved with this Project propose to educate municipal officials, municipal engineers, planning commission members, and the public about nonpoint source pollution using a multimedia approach.
 - Guided bus tour which will showcase several Bucks County properties utilizing innovative stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

➤ **American Planning Association (APA) National Conference**

- Philadelphia Convention Center April 14-18, 2007.
- Many events, seminars, workshops/mobile workshops, tours and sessions were conducted throughout the conference.
- Several BCPC staff assisted with planning of the conference or conducted a mobile workshop.
- Lynn Bush was Co-Chair of the Program Board for the Local Host Committee.
- David Zipf was a member of the Local Host Committee. Assisted with organization of the conference and selling of conference merchandise.
- Dennis Livrone conducted a mobile workshop entitled Rediscovering the Small Town's Potential.
 - Attendees met in Philadelphia and took the train to Doylestown where they visited the Mercer and James A. Michener museums and Doyle Square, ate lunch at historic Maxwell's, and explored Lantern Hill.
- Matt Walters conducted a mobile workshop entitled Revitalizing Historic Bristol Borough.
 - Attendees learned how the borough has transitioned from a market town to a resort town and from a manufacturing center to a residential community.

➤ **Multimunicipal Wastewater Facilities Planning - Act 537**

- Please refer to the March 29, 2007 Status Report.

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- You can also access information related to Act 537 planning on the DEP website @ <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/dep/site/default.asp>

➤ **Topics:**

- **PACC materials on the web**
 - Exploring possibility of including PACC materials on Bucks County website
 - Currently investigating issue with PACC link on newly updated Hilltown website not functioning. Hilltown recently changed carriers. Ken Bennington, Township Manager, will look into the matter.

➤ **Next Steps: (May-June)**

- Continue ordinance language comparison for all Pennridge municipalities
- Meet with Pennridge E.A.R.T.H. science club advisor and Pennridge H.S. principal relative to education component of *Growing Greener* basin retrofit design project
- Continue to pursue municipal adoptions of PWRP as an amendment to Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue Source Water Protection grant work.
- If awarded WREN grant, move forward with project planning and coordination.
- Continue to investigate potential funding sources for ongoing implementation activities.

Next PACC Meeting:
Thursday, May 31, 2007 7:30pm