

*Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee  
Status Report  
Thursday, April 24, 2008*

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

- **Watershed Monitoring Program / Project Headwaters**  
Shandor Szalay of AKRF and Mike Wilson of Trout Unlimited  
Presentation on Project Headwaters which is a program that focuses on the importance of restoring and/or protecting the headwater streams first prior to downstream restoration efforts
  
- **Implementation Activities**
  - East Rockhill is the only municipality that has adopted the Pennridge Water Resources Plan as an amendment to their comprehensive plan (Nov 28, 2006).
  - West Rockhill is in the process of reviewing the PWRP
  
- **Educational**
  - **WREN GRANT**
    - The stormwater management BMP bus tour took place on April 16.
    - Significant turnout with 50+ participants
    - According to survey responses received thus far, the majority of participants rated the sites as good to excellent with regard to educational value and innovative design, and rated the presenters as good to excellent with regard to effectiveness in communicating ideas and concepts.
    - Remaining phases of the project will include 1). Quantify survey responses to determine success of project 2). Review comments and recommendations to help guide future projects 3). Mail revised BMP brochure, which will not include presenter and tour stop information, along with a copy of the StormwaterPA CD, to all 54 municipalities 4). Post brochure information to the BCPC and PACC websites.
  
- **Comprehensive Plan Update and the Greening of Bucks County**
  - BCPC staff has prepared a draft survey to include questions pertaining to sustainable and green technologies and regulations in place within Bucks County municipalities.
    - Goal of survey is to ascertain what BC municipalities are doing to implement sustainable practices.
    - Paul and Rea will interview each Community Planner to gain a greater understanding of the regulations and programs already in place.
    - Will incorporate Community Planners' recommendations regarding which questions to add to survey and/or eliminate.

- PACC pilot study - BCPC staff will distribute updated surveys, based upon input from Community Planners, to PACC members to be completed and returned to Rea via email or mail, or to Paul via a website survey, which will be posted to the new PACC site.
  - Date of PACC Pilot Study TBD- perhaps May PACC meeting.

➤ **Recycling Technical Assistance Project -Regional Leaf & Yard Waste Management Overview**

- Submitted Residential Waste Management & Recycling Survey & the Regional Leaf Waste Management Questionnaire & Checklist surveys to Steve Deasy from Gannett Fleming.
- Steve has prepared a Draft Report for PACC members. \*\*See handout.
- The Report provides PACC members with various options/strategies
- PACC members will decide who will participate and at what level

➤ **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Action Plan Effort**

- The PWC is in the process of establishing a Conservation Action Plan that will guide their efforts and grant requests for the next five years for the 362 square-mile watershed.
- On April 3, the PWC hosted a meeting to present their findings to date regarding regional goals and objectives.
- PWC also requested input about how best to focus PWC's limited funding and personnel resources.
- See handout for a complete listing of the findings from the April 3 meeting.

➤ **PACC materials on the web**

- As a reminder, a new PACC website has been developed.  
<http://pennridgepacc.webs.com>
- Please update any links on your municipal websites to reflect the new website address.

➤ **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**

- **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM.**
  - Have received review comments from PA DEP. Working with Borton-Lawson to update the documents based on PA DEP comments.
  - Upon agreement and final input from consultants, documents will be edited to incorporate feedback, and revised copies made available for public review on PACC and Bucks County website, and a hard copy will be available in the Samuel Pierce (Perkasie) branch of the Bucks County Free Library System
  - Public meeting date, including PACC members, TBD
  - Grant expires 6/30/08.

○ **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**

- Borton-Lawson currently developing a revised design based on feedback received from Pennridge School District.
- Educational component
  - In partnership with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, we have created the draft version of an educational brochure/pamphlet to distribute to PACC municipalities and schools within the Pennridge area.
- Growing Greener Grant
  - Considering submitting a 2008 Growing Greener Grant application for the funding of the actual basin retrofit.
  - Grant requires a 15% match, either via in-kind services or cash. Currently working with Borton-Lawson on final estimate in order to determine potential cash match funding needed.
  - Application deadline is May 16, 2008
  - Letters of support being requested from all municipalities, state representatives, Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, Schuylkill Action Network, Pennridge Chamber of Commerce, Bucks County Community College, Bucks County Conservation District, and Pennridge School District. Please submit letter of support no later than May 12, 2008.

➤ **Next Steps: (May-June)**

- Continue Source Water Protection grant work.
- Continue to work on WREN project.
- Develop Growing Greener Grant application for West Rockhill basin retrofit
- Initiate work on basin retrofit with Upper Bucks Vo Tech
- Continue to investigate funding sources for ongoing implementation activities.

**Next PACC Meeting:**

Thursday, May 29, 2008 7:30pm - Bucks County Community College, Perkasie Campus