

*Pennridge Water Resources Plan
Status Report
Thursday, February 22, 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**
 - Next Steering Committee meeting: March
 - Draft Plan for Water Supplier & PACC review: March/April
- **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**
 - Growing Greener Grant received for \$18,150
 - Brian Shapiro, West Rockhill is grant administrator
 - Scope of work form and budget detail provided to Brian. Currently working on obtaining a memorandum of understanding relative to the presence of representatives from Borton-Lawson, Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, and BCPC on school property
 - Match money of \$700 per municipality (E. Rockhill, W. Rockhill, Bedminster and Pennridge School District) will need to be provided to West Rockhill as grant administrator
 - Meeting held with Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy relative to educational component. Tentative plans call for involving Pennridge High School E.A.R.T.H. club in the design of the basin
- **MUNICIPAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES**
 - *Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement*: Bedminster, East Rockhill, and West Rockhill have expressed interest in the ICIA.
 - Presented to Hilltown Board of Supervisors on 2/12/07. Meeting with West Rockhill Planning Commission rescheduled for 3/13/07.
 - *PWRP as comprehensive plan amendment*: East Rockhill adopted on 11/28/06, West Rockhill adopted on 11/29/06. Bedminster considering adoption.
 - Silverdale is still considering adoption
 - Discussion on how to encourage adoption by Perkaspie, Sellersville and Dublin
- **WILLIAM PENN FOUNDATION GRANT**
 - Letter of interest submitted 12/11/06
 - Follow-up inquiry to William Penn Foundation regarding status has not been responded to.
 - BCPC/PACC expressed interest in funding of \$453,700 to continue with implementation activities E-1 Watershed monitoring programs for water quality, E-2 Watershed monitoring programs for water quantity (Stream Gauges), and F Source Water Protection Program
 - Partnering with Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy
- **MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPOSTING** — Received communication from Dave Nyman to pursue technical assistance for this project.

- The PADEP does not look at this as a 'grant' program. It is for 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.
- The applicant may select one of three firms to do the work: ERA (Environmental Resource Associates, Inc.), Gannett-Flemming, or R.W. Beck, Inc. If no choice is indicated, Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) will assign one of the firms to the project. Examples of the firms' work can be viewed in the reports posted on the DEP website.
- Here is a direct link to the recycling technical assistance page on the PADEP web site. Examples of reports being circulated
http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/Tech_Rpts/Proj_sum.htm
- Application is attached to this status report.
- Task D: Update 537 Plans
 - PACC should consider applying for a LUPTAP grant to do a "multi-municipal wastewater facilities plan" which would assess the need for individual and/or regional Act 537 plan updates under PA DEP's Act 537 program.
 - Issues would include 1) regional public sewerage system (i.e. PWTA); 2) on-lot disposal system (OLDS) management in the individual municipalities.
- OTHER GRANT SOURCES - Continue to identify and investigate alternate grant sources

➤ Educational

- WREN Grant — March 2007 application date April 2, 2007. Several Plans and projects considered for the WREN Grant. See handout.
- Thanks to the generosity of the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce, we will have a display table at the Schuylkill Watershed Congress on Saturday March 3, 2007 at Montgomery County Community College Campus in Pottstown, PA (Refer to handout)
www.delawareriverkeeper.org/aboutus/events.asp
- PACC-on-the-Web: www.hilltown.org/pacc and <http://www.eastrockhilltownship.org>

➤ Next Steps (March-April)

- Continue municipal adoptions of PWRP as an amendment to Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue Source Water Protection grant work.
- Prepare actual grant application for William Penn Foundation grant if selected
- Continue work on WREN grant application.
- Continue to investigate potential funding sources for stream gauge installation including corporate and business donations.

Next PACC Meeting:
Thursday, March 29, 2007 7:30pm