

*Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee
Status Report
Thursday, February 26, 2009*

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

- **Bucks County Greenway / Natural Resources / Trails / Park & Recreation Plan**
 - BCPC environmental staff working on developing a county-wide Greenway plan being funded by a grant from PA DCNR.
 - In the process of mapping information relative to existing resources.
 - Completed individual municipal maps outlining existing and proposed trails will be provided to the municipalities.

- **Schuylkill Watershed Priority Lands Strategy-Better Decisions for Clean Water and Healthy Habitats**
 - *Diane Rosencrance*, RLA, Conservation Project Manager and Rick Tralies, RLA, ASLA, Community Planner, both from the Natural Lands Trust will provide a brief presentation about the program on Thursday, March 26 @ 7:30PM.
 - Collaborative effort of the DVRPC, the Natural Lands Trust, and the Philadelphia Water Department.
 - The project is an outgrowth of the Land Protection Collaborative of the Schuylkill Action Network (SAN), and it uses GIS modeling to identify areas within the Schuylkill Watershed that are the most important to preserve for both ecological and drinking water source protection, further defined by development threat over the next 20 years. The website for the project is www.schuylkillprioritylands.org
 - Portions of 11 Bucks County municipalities within the Schuylkill watershed - Milford, W. Rockhill, Sellersville, Perkasio, E. Rockhill, Bedminster, Dublin, Hilltown, Silverdale, Telford and Trumbauersville.
 - The project identifies high priority lands within some of these municipalities

- **Recycling Technical Assistance Project -Regional Leaf & Yard Waste Management Overview**
 - Steve Deasy prepared the final report which was distributed at the October PACC meeting and via mail to PACC municipalities not in attendance.
 - The Report provides PACC members with various options/strategies.
 - PACC members will decide who will participate and at what level.

- **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**
 - SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM.
 - BCPC has edited documents, which have been sent to consultants for their review and update.

- Revised documents will be mailed to water authorities and PACC members on 2/26/09 for review.
- Water authority and PACC member comments are to be received by Borton-Lawton no later than 3:00PM Friday, March 13.
- Upon agreement and final input from consultants, documents will be mailed to DEP Norristown and DEP Harrisburg for review.
- Public meeting date for water authorities, steering committee and PACC member comment is scheduled for 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at the West Rockhill Township Building.

○ **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**

- Exploring potential grant funding sources for actual retrofit implementation
- Reviewed final grant fulfillment requirements with Borton-Lawson
- Currently finalizing changes to the draft of the educational brochure.

➤ **Next Steps: (January-March)**

- Continue Source Water Protection grant work.
- Next Steps for Regional Leaf & Yard Waste Management Program
- Continue to investigate funding sources for ongoing implementation activities.

Next PACC Meeting:

Thursday, March 26, 2009 7:30pm - Bucks County Community College, Perkasie Campus