

*Pennridge Water Resources Plan
Status Report
Thursday, January 25, 2007*

Project Team:	> Coordination: Bucks County Planning Commission
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➤ **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**

- Refer to *PWPR Implementation Overview Chart* (Refer to handout).
- **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM**
 - Next Steering Committee meeting: February/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 to be grant administrator
 - Match money of \$700 per municipality will need to be provided to West Rockhill
 - BCPC will be working with Brian to assist him in administration of grant, including finalizing scope of work and grant agreement documents
- **MUNICIPAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES**
 - *Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement*: Bedminster, East Rockhill, and West Rockhill have expressed interest in the ICIA. Scheduled to present to Hilltown Board of Supervisors on 2/12/07 and West Rockhill Planning Commission on 2/13/07.
 - *PWRP as comprehensive plan amendment*: East Rockhill adopted on 11/28/06, West Rockhill adopted on 11/29/06. Bedminster considering adoption follow presentation to Planning Commission on 1/17/07.
 - Bedminster and Silverdale are considering adoption
 - Discussion on how to encourage adoption by Perkasio, Sellersville and Dublin
- **WILLIAM PENN FOUNDATION GRANT** — Refer to handout information.
 - Letter of interest submitted 12/11/06
 - 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** — Information from David Nyman and Tom Hough
- **OTHER GRANT SOURCES** - Continue to identify and investigate alternate grant sources (Refer to document being circulated)

➤ Educational

- WREN Grant — March 2007 application date. Topic: Continued promotion of "Implementation Tools" and Intermunicipal cooperation (i.e., PWRP Work Program, ICIA, Model Ordinance, PWRP amendment to municipal Comprehensive Plans). Also, workshops (municipal officials, school students and teachers, public) web pages, and brochures.
 - Discuss proposal to implement a rain garden and wildlife habitat garden on the grounds of the Bucks County Community College (Upper County Campus), which will demonstrate how changes to home and garden management practices not only enhances habitat for wildlife, but also affects non-point source pollution.
 - Initiating outreach process to school district/teachers to solicit their feedback and input on various ideas.
 - Initiating outreach to professionals with experience in creating rain garden and wildlife habitats.
- Presented overview of PACC and PWRP to Quakertown Area Planning Commission 1/9/07
- In development stage of creating Riverfront Area Coordinating Committee for 6 municipalities along Delaware River in Lower Bucks county
- Participating in Schuylkill Watershed Congress on Saturday March 3, 2007 at Montgomery County Community College Campus in Pottstown, PA (Refer to handout being circulated) www.delawareriverkeeper.org/aboutus/events.asp
- PACC-on-the-Web: www.hilltown.org/pacc and <http://www.eastrockhilltownship.org>

➤ Next Steps (January - February)

- Continue municipal adoptions of PWRP as an amendment to Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue Source Water Protection grant work.
- Prepare actual grant application for Wm. Penn Foundation grant if selected
- Continue work on WREN grant application. Review draft application at February PACC following feedback/input meetings from school district.
- Continue to investigate potential funding sources for stream gauge installation.
- Continue to pursue corporate and business donations.
- Continue research on joint municipal composting project (DEP grants, etc.).

Next PACC Meeting:
Thursday, February 22, 2007 7:30pm