

*Pennridge Water Resources Plan
Status Report
Thursday, July 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

➤ **Partnership with Heritage Conservancy**

- Guest - Marian Sumner, V.P. of Planning and Implementation
- Three-part project for consideration by PACC members: **See handouts
 - Roundtable on the Pennridge Area Greenway Plan to reenergize interest in the implementation of the greenway plan before development eliminates opportunities.
 - Roundtable on Pennridge Area Water Resources Sustainability to discuss the interrelationships among comprehensive planning, wastewater facilities planning and land use.
 - Audits of Municipal Ordinances for Water Resource Protection to establish stronger linkage between land use controls and water/natural resource protection. West Rockhill model used.
- Partnership would require a 15% cash match from the municipalities

➤ **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**

- **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM**
 - CDs and/or hard copies of the documents were mailed out the week of July 2.
 - Final date to receive Steering Committee comment, water authority comment, and PACC member comment will be August 3, 2007
 - Documents will be edited to incorporate feedback received and revised copies made available for public review on PACC website, 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, including PACC members, to be scheduled for mid-September
- **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**
 - Growing Greener Grant received for \$18,150
 - Field survey work scheduled for week of July 30, 2007
 - Will contact Deborah Cotner-Davis with start of new school year to determine if a new faculty advisor has been identified and/or to discuss other ideas.

➤ **Educational**

- **WREN GRANT**
 - BCPC, on behalf of the PACC and BCCD, has been awarded \$5,000.00 for a WREN grant. Grant period July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

- Guided bus tour which will showcase several Bucks County properties utilizing innovative stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Link to the BCPC and PACC websites for download of the BMP brochure and so visitors to the site can take a virtual tour of the sites included in the bus tour.
- 11th annual Delaware Estuary Watershed Workshop for Teachers (Aug. 6 - 10)
 - Rea will be presenting at the Watershed Workshop for Teachers, which is sponsored by the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, PA DCNR's Bureau of State Parks and the Bucks County Conservation District.
 - Focus of the presentation will be on Stormwater Best Management Practices, Environmental and Ecology Education standards, in particular Environmental Laws and Regulations and environmental health issues of proper stormwater controls and the human impact on water and soil quality.

➤ BEGIN

- BUCKS EMPLOYEES GREEN INITIATIVE
 - A Greener Bucks County Report (August 2006 report by the BCPC). Recommendations to Commissioners.
 - Discuss what Bucks County government is presently doing; what other counties are doing and what the County should be doing.
 - Committee formed and has been meeting on a monthly basis since May.
 - Established Categories to include tasks, subtasks, and work plans in order to become more "Green."
 - Draft report to be presented to Commissioners on July 31.

➤ Topics:

- PACC materials on the web
 - Currently working with the Hilltown website supplier to gain access to PACC folder to enable us to make updates
 - Will post Source Water Protection Documents to PACC website
 - Will post WREN grant project on PACC and BCPC websites

➤ Next Steps: (August - September)

- Continue to work with the Heritage Conservancy in implementing three-part project utilizing William Penn Foundation funding.
- Continue to pursue Pennridge E.A.R.T.H. club partnership.
- Continue to pursue municipal adoptions of PWRP as an amendment to Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue with BEGIN.
- Continue Source Water Protection grant work.
- Continue to investigate potential funding sources for ongoing implementation activities.

Next PACC Meeting:
Thursday, August 30, 2007 7:30pm