

*Pennridge Water Resources Plan
Status Report
Thursday, June 28, 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 Speaker - Michael Frank, Director Community Planning
- 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. Municipal officials from all the participating municipalities would be encouraged to attend.
 - Roundtable on Pennridge Area Water Resources Sustainability to discuss the interrelationships among comprehensive planning, wastewater facilities planning and land use. Fostering water resources sustainability involves water supply, water treatment and stormwater management.
 - 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**
 - Met with municipal water authorities - North Penn & Bedminster Municipal Authority - on May 21 to review draft
 - Currently editing documents to make available for remaining municipal authorities, PACC members, and public review and comment
 - CDs and/or hard copies of the documents will be mailed out July 2.
 - Final date to receive Steering Committee comment, water authority comment, and PACC member comment will be August 3, 2007
 - Documents will be 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
 - 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).
- We will have a 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.
- Attended WREN Conference June 21-22, 2007, which was held in Camp Hill, PA

➤ 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 and subtasks in order to become more "Green."

➤ 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
- Will post Status Reports to PACC website

➤ Next Steps: (July-August)

- Continue to work with the Heritage Conservancy in implementing three-part project utilizing William Penn Foundation funding.
- Continue to pursue Penridge 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, July 26, 2007 7:30pm