

Pennridge Water Resources Plan
Status Report
Thursday, March 29, 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
 - Consultant Planning meeting: April 10
 - Next Steering Committee meeting: May
 - Draft Plan for Water Supplier & PACC review: May
- STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT
 - Growing Greener Grant received for \$18,150
 - Brian Shapiro, West Rockhill to be grant administrator
 - 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. (Refer to handout)
 - 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
 - Tentative plans call for involving Pennridge High School E.A.R.T.H. club in the design of the basin. Currently working to set up meeting with Richard McLaughlin - faculty advisor to E.A.R.T.H. club.
- MUNICIPAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
 - *Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement:* Bedminster, East Rockhill, and West Rockhill have expressed interest in the ICIA.
 - BCPC presentation to West Rockhill Planning Commission rescheduled for 4/10/07.
 - *PWRP as comprehensive plan amendment:*
 - East Rockhill held public Board of Supervisors meeting on 11/28/06 to consider adoption
 - West Rockhill recommended adoption on 11/28/06.
 - Bedminster and Silverdale considering adoption.
 - Discussion on how to encourage adoption of PWRP by Perkasio, Sellersville and Dublin
 - *Model Water Resources Ordinance adoption:*
 - Challenging to gain full adoption of Model Water Resources Management and Protection Ordinance
 - Recognize that it might be easier to compare Model Ordinance to current Zoning, SALDO, Stormwater Protection, and Comprehensive Plan language to identify areas for improving current documents without having to adopt an entirely new ordinance.

- BCPC staff working on prototype of ordinance language comparison to serve as model for all eight Pennridge municipalities. (Refer to handout being circulated)
- Objective is to strengthen the linkage between land use planning and water quantity
- **MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPOSTING**
 - Received request 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.
 - BCPC assisted East Rockhill Township with application. (See handout)
- **WILLIAM PENN FOUNDATION GRANT**
 - Letter received February 26, 2007 indicating that we not be invited to submit a full grant application. Reasons given included:
 - Limited connection to policy or system changes
 - Lack of public funding for construction of the best management practices
 - Limited information on other activities being coordinated as part of the plan implementation
- **EXPLORING POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH HERITAGE CONSERVANCY**
- **OTHER GRANT SOURCES** - Continue to identify and investigate alternate grant sources

➤ **Educational**

- **WREN Grant** — April 2, 2007 application due date. The goal of the Bucks County Watershed Protection Education and Community Awareness Project is to bring awareness to the Bucks County community about Best Management Practices (BMPs), which can be used to effectively manage stormwater and protect local watersheds. The Partners involved with this Project propose to educate municipal officials, municipal engineers, planning commission members, and the public about nonpoint source pollution using a multimedia approach.
 - Guided bus tour which will showcase several Bucks County properties utilizing innovative stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

➤ **Multimunicipal Wastewater Facilities Planning - Act 537**

- Any municipality can participate either individually or on a multimunicipal basis.
- Individual municipalities receive a 50% reimbursement for the plan. PADEP does not reimburse for construction costs.
- The Pennridge Wastewater Authority prepared the region-wide plan for East Rockhill, West Rockhill and Hilltown Townships, and Sellersville, Telford and Perkasio Boroughs. The same municipalities can again, enlist the help of the Authority.
- If the PACC is looking outside of the sewer needs of the Pennridge Authority, the PACC can hire a consultant who will act on behalf of the PACC.

- Each municipality will be required to assess their individual needs prior to the preparation of the Act 537 plan. LUPTAP funding could be used to conduct individual assessments for each municipality.
- Because the Bucks County Health Dept. has been involved with ongoing multimunicipal sewage management planning, Bucks County municipalities planning jointly, who adopt ordinances to incorporate sewage management plan for OLDS, will receive an 85% reimbursement for the establishment of the plan.
- The entity/entities undertaking the Act 537 plan should contact Clinton Cleaver directly to review the process, requirements, etc. ** Refer to handout
- You can also access information relating to Act 537 planning on the DEP website @ <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/dep/site/default.asp>

➤ **Topics:**

- Thanks to the generosity of the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce, we had a display table at the Schuylkill Watershed Congress on Saturday March 3, 2007 at Montgomery County Community College Campus in Pottstown, PA
- Investigating possibility of including PACC materials on Bucks County website

➤ **Next Steps: (April-May)**

- Continue ordinance language comparison for all Pennridge municipalities
- Continue municipal adoptions of PWRP as an amendment to Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue Source Water Protection grant work.
- Continue to investigate potential funding sources for stream gauge installation including corporate and business donations.

Next PACC Meeting:
Thursday, April 26, 2007 7:30pm