

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

<b>Project Team:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Coordination: Bucks County Planning Commission</li><li>&gt; Lead Consultant: Borton-Lawson Engineering, Paul DeBarry, P.E., Project Mgr</li><li>&gt; Subconsultants: Hazlett-Kincaid + Spotts, Stevens, McCoy + Boucher &amp; James</li></ul>
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➤ **Schuylkill Watershed Priority Lands Strategy-Better Decisions for Clean Water and Healthy Habitats**

- Tonight, Diane Rosencrance, RLA, Conservation Project Manager and Rick Tralies, RLA, ASLA, Community Planner from the Natural Lands Trust, will provide a brief presentation about the Priority Land Strategy and their Growing Greener Conservation by Design programs.
- 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](http://www.schuylkillprioritylands.org)
- Portions of 11 Bucks County municipalities are within the Schuylkill Watershed - Milford, W. Rockhill, Sellersville, Perkasie, E. Rockhill, Bedminster, Dublin, Hilltown, Silverdale, Telford and Trumbauersville.
- The project identifies high priority lands within some of these municipalities

➤ **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**

- **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM.**
  - BCPC edited draft Volume I and Volume II documents, which were sent to consultants for their review and update.
  - Revised Volume I and Volume II documents were downloaded to CD and mailed to water authorities and PACC and steering committee members on 3/3/09 for review.
  - Initially, water authority and PACC and steering committee members were asked to submit comments and revisions to Borton-Lawton by 3:00PM Friday, March 13. The revision period was extended to 4:30PM Friday, March 20. Comments received will be addressed at the public meeting.
  - Public meeting date for public, water authorities, steering committee and PACC member comment is scheduled for 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at the West Rockhill Township Building.
  - Upon agreement and final input from consultants, the final, revised documents will be mailed to DEP Norristown and DEP Harrisburg for review and approval.

○ **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**

- Exploring potential grant funding sources for actual retrofit implementation
- Reviewed final grant fulfillment requirements with Borton-Lawson.
- Educational brochure has received final approval and is scheduled for printing.
- Match funding of \$700 previously committed to from Bedminster, East Rockhill, West Rockhill, and Pennridge School District will be requested soon.

➤ **Next Steps: (April-June)**

- 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, April 23, 2009 7:30pm - Bucks County Community College, Perkasie Campus**