

***Pennridge Water Resources Plan
Status Report
Thursday, May 31, 2007***

Project Team:	> Coordination: Bucks County Planning Commission
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	> 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**
 - 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
 - Public meeting, including PACC members to be scheduled for mid-September
 - Documents will be available for public review on PACC website, Bucks County website, and a hard copy available in the Samuel Pierce (Perkasie) branch of the Bucks County Free Library System
 - Final date to receive public comment, water authority comment, and PACC member comment to be determined
- **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**
 - *Growing Greener Grant* received for \$18,150
 - Secured signatures needed for Memorandum of Understanding outlining the roles and responsibilities, and procedures to be followed for those entering school grounds.
 - Tentative plans call for involving Pennridge High School E.A.R.T.H. club in the design of the basin. Working to identify new lead within Pennridge High School given that the previous faculty advisor, Richard McLaughlin, has elected not to return for the next school year. Have contacted Deborah Cotner-Davis to determine if a new faculty advisor has been identified and/or to discuss other ideas.
- **MUNICIPAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES**
 - *Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement*: Bedminster, East Rockhill, and West Rockhill have expressed interest in the ICIA.
 - *PWRP as comprehensive plan amendment*:
 - East Rockhill held public Board of Supervisors meeting on 11/28/06 to consider adoption
 - West Rockhill considering adoption
 - Bedminster and Silverdale considering adoption.
 - *Model Water Resources Ordinance adoption*:
 - BCPC staff continuing to compare the language of the Pennridge Area Model Water Resources Management and Protection 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.

- Objective is to strengthen the linkage between land use planning and water quantity
- **MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPOSTING**
 - East Rockhill agreed to be the lead agency for this project and submitted application.
 - Technical Assistance up to a value of \$7500. There is no local match required, no contract, no disbursement requests, etc.
 - SWANA will be assigning consultant
- **EXPLORING POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH HERITAGE CONSERVANCY**
 - Potential ideas being considered: **See handout
 - Regional roundtable discussion to reassess and establish priorities for implementation of Pennridge Greenway Plan
 - Natural Resource / Water Resource Protection audit of ordinance language to establish stronger linkage between land use controls and water/natural resource protection
 - Regional wastewater forum to increase awareness of wastewater treatment alternatives and to establish a connection between wastewater treatment options and water/natural resource protection
 - Partnership would require a 15% cash match from the municipalities
- **OTHER GRANT SOURCES** - Continue to identify and investigate alternate grant sources

➤ **Educational**

- **WREN (Water Resources Education Network) Grant** — the BCPC, on behalf of the PACC, has been awarded \$5,000.00 for grant period July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.
 - 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).
 - We will have a link to the BCPC and PACC websites so anyone can download a copy of the BMP brochure and take a virtual tour of the guided bus tour.
 - The first orientation conference is scheduled for June 21-22. I will attend this conference with Mary Ellen Noonan, BCCD, to present the scope and goals of the project.

Final

➤ **Topics:**

- **PACC materials on the web**
 - Continuing work to include PACC materials on Bucks County website
 - With assistance from Ken Bennington, Township Manager, resolved issue with with PACC link on updated Hilltown website not functioning.
 - Currently working with the Hilltown website supplier to gain access to PACC folder to enable us to make updates

➤ **Next Steps: (June-July)**

- Continue discussions with Heritage Conservancy relative to partnering opportunities
- 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 Source Water Protection grant work.
- Continue to investigate potential funding sources for ongoing implementation activities.

Next PACC Meeting:
Thursday, June 28, 2007 7:30pm