

*Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee  
Status Report  
Thursday, May 29, 2008*

<b>Project Team:</b>	> Coordination: Bucks County Planning Commission
	> Lead Consultant: Borton-Lawson Engineering, Paul DeBarry, P.E., Project Mgr
	> Subconsultants: Hazlett-Kincaid + Spotts, Stevens, McCoy + Boucher & James

- **Watershed Monitoring Program / Project Headwaters**
  - On April 24, Shandor Szalay of AKRF and Mike Wilson of Trout Unlimited presented on Project Headwaters which is a program that focuses on the importance of restoring and/or protecting the headwater streams first prior to downstream restoration efforts.
  - Feedback and interest in working with Shandor and Mike on a restoration and/or protection project?
  
- **Implementation Activities**
  - East Rockhill is the only municipality that has adopted the Pennridge Water Resources Plan as an amendment to their comprehensive plan (Nov 28, 2006).
  - West Rockhill is in the process of reviewing the PWRP. BCPC staff will be meeting with the West Rockhill PC at their July meeting.
  
- **Educational**
  - **WREN GRANT**
    - The stormwater management BMP bus tour took place on April 16.
    - Second phase of the project includes:
      - 1) Quantifying survey responses to determine success of project.
      - 2) Review comments and recommendations to help guide future projects.
      - 3) Mail an introductory letter, a revised BMP brochure, a copy of the StormwaterPA DVD, and a survey to all 54 municipalities and PACC members. The survey will ask municipal and PACC representatives to rate the educational value and practicality of the brochure and DVD.
      - 4) Post brochure and project information to the BCPC and PACC websites.
      - 5) Present at WREN Wrap Up Conference June 17 - 18.
      - 6) Working on final report and compiling copies of all letters, correspondence and educational materials, etc. produced for grant.
  
- **Comprehensive Plan Update and the Greening of Bucks County**
  - BCPC staff has prepared a draft survey to include questions pertaining to sustainable and green technologies and regulations in place within Bucks County municipalities.
    - Goal of survey is to ascertain what BC municipalities are doing to implement sustainable practices.
    - Paul and Rea will interview each Community Planner to gain a greater understanding of the regulations and programs already in place.

- Will incorporate Community Planners' recommendations regarding which questions to add to survey and/or eliminate.
  - PACC pilot study - BCPC staff will distribute updated surveys, based upon input from Community Planners, to PACC members to be completed and returned to Rea via email or mail, or to Paul via a website survey, which will be posted to the new PACC site.
    - Date of PACC Pilot Study TBD
  
- **Bucks County Greenway / Natural Resources / Trails / Park & Recreation Plan**
  - The environmental staff at the Planning Commission has recently be put in charge of developing a county-wide Greenway plan being funded by a grant from PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR).
  - Currently in the process of gathering information on existing resources throughout the county.
  - Municipalities will be contacted for the purpose of establishing meetings to collect and confirm information relative to local trails and parks, natural areas, and historic sites. Maps and park resources inventory matrix will be provided for use in the meetings. Meetings should be attended by township/borough manager, as well as individuals involved with parks & recreation and open space within the municipality.
  
- **Recycling Technical Assistance Project -Regional Leaf & Yard Waste Management Overview**
  - Submitted Residential Waste Management & Recycling Survey & the Regional Leaf Waste Management Questionnaire & Checklist surveys to Steve Deasy from Gannett Fleming.
  - Steve has prepared a Draft Report for PACC members. Handout was distributed at the April meeting.
  - The Report provides PACC members with various options/strategies
  - PACC members will decide who will participate and at what level
  - Meeting for municipal and elected officials to discuss this project and other potential regional projects and/or concerns
  
- **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**
  - **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM.**
    - Have received review comments from PA DEP. Working with Borton-Lawson to update the documents based on PA DEP comments.
    - Upon agreement and final input from consultants, documents will be edited to incorporate feedback, and revised copies made available for public review on PACC and 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 date, including PACC members, TBD. Currently exploring the possibility of having the regular PACC meeting on June 26 be the public meeting, if this meets the grant requirements definition of a public meeting.

- Grant expires 6/30/08.

- **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**

- Borton-Lawson developed a revised design based on feedback received from Pennridge School District.
- Educational component
  - In partnership with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and Borton-Lawson, we have created the draft version of an educational brochure/pamphlet to distribute to PACC municipalities and schools within the Pennridge area.
  - Due to scheduling challenges, we will no longer be partnering with Upper Bucks Vocational Technical Institute on this project.
- Growing Greener Grant (felt the need to explanation why we did not submit)
  - Considered submitting a 2008 Growing Greener Grant application for the funding of the actual basin retrofit.
  - However, due to short deadlines and outstanding questions on the basin retrofit design, the application deadline did not allow us sufficient time to identify grant applicant, solicit letters of support, and identify sources for 15% match.
  - Will work to identify other potential funding sources

- **Miscellaneous**

- Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's Environmental Awards
  - Awards banquet scheduled for October 23, 2008 at the Lakeside Inn
  - Seven different awards categories including Municipal, Land Use, Corporate, Protectors of the Watershed, Friends of the Watershed, Kids Making a Difference, and Teaching Excellence
  - Deadline for submission is July 31, 2008 - See attached form or visit Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy website [www.perkiomenwatershed.org](http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org) for more details.

- **Next Steps: (May-June)**

- Continue Source Water Protection grant work.
- Continue to work on WREN project.
- Continue to investigate funding sources for ongoing implementation activities.

**Next PACC Meeting:**

Thursday, June 26, 2008 7:30pm - Bucks County Community College, Perkasi Campus