

*Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee*

*Status Report*

*Thursday, November 29, 2007*

<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

- **Pennridge Area Greenway Plan Roundtable**
  - Outcome/level of satisfaction with event
  - Updates to draft maps distributed at the beginning of the roundtable
  
- **Ongoing partnership with Heritage Conservancy**
  - Roundtable on Pennridge Area Water Resources Sustainability: discuss the interrelationships among comprehensive planning, wastewater facilities planning and land use.
    - Date/time/location - Thursday, January 17, 2008 7:00PM-9:30PM in the Pennridge High School or at Aldie Mansion (offices of Heritage Conservancy)
    - Discuss preference of location
    - Roundtable is open to PACC members, Pennridge Area municipal officials and the general public. Invitations will be sent to each municipality requesting they post information on municipal website and/or newsletter.
    - Press releases advertising event
    - In the process of inviting presenters to speak to the group.
    - Survey responses to email posted to PACC listserv will be given to presenters prior to Roundtable for review.
  
  - Audits of Municipal Ordinances for Water Resource Protection to establish stronger linkage between land use controls and water/natural resource protection. Participating Municipalities include:
    - East Rockhill Township: complete audit
    - West Rockhill Township: Invasive species audit
  
- **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**
  - **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM**
    - Meeting held on October 11 with Bruno Mercuri, Borton-Lawson, Hazlett-Kincaid and DEP
    - Discussions ongoing relative to various aspects of the source water protection plan.
    - Upon agreement and final input from various consultants, documents will be edited to incorporate feedback received, 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
  
  - **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**
    - Growing Greener Grant received for \$18,150
    - Len Smith from Borton-Lawson will present the W. Rockhill Elementary School basin design schematics

- **Change in educational component.**
  - **In partnership with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, we will create a new educational brochure/pamphlet to distribute to PACC municipalities and schools within the Pennridge area.**
  - **We have approached Upper Bucks County Vocational Technical School to gauge their interest in participating in two ways:**
    1. **Horticulture students will be supplied with a plan showing the different components incorporated into the basin retrofit design. The students will develop a suggested planting plan and Borton-Lawson will review their suggestions and provide comment on possible plant substitutions.**
    2. **Graphic Communications students will be given the opportunity to assist in the design and layout of the pamphlet and will be offered the opportunity to bid on the printing of the pamphlet.**

➤ **Educational**

○ **WREN GRANT**

- **BMP site selections for the bus tour have been identified**
- **A location for lunch has been identified. Pickering, Corts and Summerson, Inc. will sponsor the boxed lunches, which will be prepared by Revivals Restaurant and Banquets.**
- **Coordinating guest speakers to present at each stop and while en route on the bus;**
- **Preparing invitations, surveys and registration forms;**
- **Compiling information about each site for inclusion in the brochure**
- **Will have links to the BCPC and PACC websites so visitors to the sites can take a virtual tour of sites included in the bus tour.**

➤ **Topics:**

- **Multi-Municipal Composting**
  - **Steve Deasy, Gannett Fleming, is joining us tonight to gain clarification regarding composting needs in the Pennridge area.**
  - **Lale Byers, BCPC Recycling Coordinator, is joining us to answer questions.**
- **Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Program**
  - **Jon Knauer, Haverford Township DE. County, is working to develop an Action Plan to reduce Haverford Township's greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs. Jon will join PACC members on January 31, 2008 to discuss potential for a partnership with PACC.**

➤ **Next Steps: (December-January)**

- **Continue to work with the Heritage Conservancy**
- **Continue to work on stormwater basin retrofit design project.**
- **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, January 31, 2008 7:30pm - Bucks County Community College, Perkasie Campus**