

*Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee
Status Report
Thursday, November 20, 2008*

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

➤ **Implementation Activities**

- East Rockhill has adopted the Pennridge Water Resources Plan as an amendment to their comprehensive plan (Nov 28, 2006). West Rockhill Township Planning Commission voted to recommend adoption of Plan (August 12, 2008).

➤ **Comprehensive Plan Update and the Greening of Bucks County**

- BCPC survey prepared and includes 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.
 - The project is pending but will resume in the near future with PACC members serving as a pilot study prior to county-wide distribution.

➤ **Bucks County Greenway / Natural Resources / Trails / Park & Recreation Plan**

- BCPC environmental staff working on developing a county-wide Greenway plan being funded by a grant from PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR).
- Currently in the process of mapping information on existing resources throughout the county.

➤ **Recycling Technical Assistance Project -Regional Leaf & Yard Waste Management Overview**

- Steve Deasy prepared a Draft Report for PACC members. Handout was distributed at the April meeting.
- On June 30, 2008, the final report was submitted electronically to municipalities.
- Final report distributed at the October PACC meeting and via mail to PACC municipalities not in attendance.
- The Report provides PACC members with various options/strategies.
- PACC members will decide who will participate and at what level.

➤ **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**

○ **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

- BCPC in process of editing documents.
- Upon agreement and final input from consultants and DEP, documents will be edited to incorporate all 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.

○ **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**

- Borton-Lawson has finalized design, basin planting schedule, and cost estimate.
- Exploring potential grant funding sources for actual retrofit implementation
- Educational component
 - In partnership with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and Borton-Lawson, we are finalizing the copy / verbiage for an educational brochure/pamphlet to distribute to PACC municipalities and schools within the Pennridge area. Working to finalize brochure.

➤ **Next Steps: (October-December)**

- 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, January 22, 2009 7:30pm - Bucks County Community College, Perkasie Campus