

*Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee
Status Report
Thursday, October 23, 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.
 - Intent is to distribute survey to PACC members as a pilot study to ascertain your thoughts and input prior to distribution to remaining municipalities.

- **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 gathering information on existing resources throughout the county.
 - The majority of municipalities have been contacted for the purpose of establishing meetings to collect and confirm information relative to local trails and parks, natural areas, and historic sites.

- **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 available for distribution tonight.
 - The Report provides PACC members with various options/strategies.
 - PACC members will decide who will participate and at what level.
 - PACC members met to discuss this project and other potential regional projects and/or concerns.

➤ **Plan Implementation & Grants Status**

○ **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

- **Waiting to receive DEP's comments.**
- **Upon agreement and final input from consultants and DEP, 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.**
- **Received grant extension.**

○ **STORMWATER BASIN RETROFIT PROJECT**

- **Borton-Lawson finalizing design and cost estimate based on feedback received from Pennridge School District.**
- **Exploring potential grant funding sources for actual retrofit implementation**
- **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. 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, November 20, 2008 7:30pm - Bucks County Community College, Perkasie Campus