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*"The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land."
Aldo Leopold*

WATERSHED CONTACTS

COUNTY PLANNING – (717) 771-9870

ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES –
(800) 541-4741

- Chemical and oil spills from transport trucks, trains and industrial facilities

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION –
(877) 333-1904

- Air Pollution – Burning materials other than household garbage
- Illegal dumping of wastes
- Encroachment on surface waters and floodways
- Groundwater Contamination and
- Industrial sewage problems
- Mining/quarrying operational problems (800) 541-2050
- Pollution of water supply wells
- Underground storage tank failures

FISHERIES PROTECTION –
(800) 541-2050

- Wildlife (fish, reptiles, amphibians) nuisance problems or to report violations

GAME & WILDLIFE – (888) 742-8001

- Wildlife (mammals or birds) to report violations or nuisance problems

ILLEGAL DUMPING – (877) 772-3673

- Illegal dumping on state forest and park lands

MUNICIPAL (Phonebook Blue Pages) –

- Air Pollution – Burning household garbage
- Dumping waste in surface waters*
- Floodplain disturbance
- Municipal and residential septic/sewage problems
- Stormwater management

NOXIOUS PLANTS – (717) 772-5209

RECYCLING – (717) 845-1066

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
(717) 840-7430

- Agricultural operations
- Erosion & sediment control
- Stormwater complaints
- Watershed protection

WETLANDS PROTECTION –
(717) 249-2522

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WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM) – www.dickinson.edu/allarm

<> Jinnie Woodward, Assistant Director, woodwarj@dickinson.edu or 717.245.1021. ALLARM Phone: 717.245.1135 fax: 717.245.1971

Carroll Citizens for Sensible Growth - <http://carrollcitizens.com/>

<> Contact: Deana Weaver at (717) 432-2211 or admin@carrollcitizens.com

Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership – www.codoruscreek.com

• Jan. 31 – Next meeting, 7:00 PM, at 324 W. Market St., York, PA.

<> Contact: Karen Noll, President, Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership, at 324 W. Market St., York PA 17401. Ph: 717-718-5431. E-mail: info@codoruscreek.com

Codorus Creek Watershed Association – www.codoruscreek.net

• Jan. 14, 2008 – CCWA Board of Directors meeting 7:00 PM at York Water Company (Mt. Rose Ave.)

• HELP-Buffers Program accepting applications for 2008 projects

<> Contact: Jim Leaman at 843-2929.

Codorus Implementation Committee

<> Contact: Genevieve Ray, Coordinator, 848-3320 or creekstudy@aol.com

Conewago Canoe Club – www.conewagocanooclub.org

• Jan. 3 – Next meeting of club, 7:00 pm, at Mount Zion United Church of Christ at Ridgewood Road in Pleasureville.

• Check web site for pool schedule and other activities

Deer Creek Watershed Association – ldmcdaniel@aol.com

• Deer Creek Watershed Restoration Action Strategy DRAFT – www.harfordcountymd.gov/PlanningZoning/WRAS.

<> Contact Pat Pudelnkewicz, Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning, Bel Air, MD. Ph: (410) 638-3135.

Friends of Codorus State Park – www.friendsofcodorus.org

<> Contact Codorus State Park, 2600 Smith Station Road, Hanover, PA 17331. (717) 637-2816. Warren Werntz, Manager

Friends of Loch Raven Reservoir – FriendsLochRaven@aol.com

<> Contact: Nate Thompson 410-667-9825 (home) or natect@gmail.com

Greater Hanover Alliance – pwingert@legacycaps.com

<> Contact: G. Paige Wingert, President, Greater Hanover Alliance, Inc., Hanover, PA 17331. Ph :(717) 630-0892.

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy – www.gunpowdervalley.org/

<> Resource: http://www.gunpowderfalls.org/2006/08/sept_16th_join_.html

Izaak Walton League York Chapter- www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/

• Jan. 8 – Board meeting, 7:00 pm, at Clubhouse

• Jan. 16 – Club meeting 7:00 pm, at Clubhouse

<> Contact Lee Irwin 428-9368

Izaak Walton League Pinchot Chapter

• Meets second Tuesday of each month at Clubhouse

<> Contact: Colin L. Wolfe crccwolfe@aol.com

Lancaster-York Heritage Region – www.lyhr.org

<> Contact Mark Platts, Lancaster-York Heritage Region, 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Office: 717-252-0229. E-mail:

info@lyhr.org.

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper – www.LowerSusquehannaRiverkeeper.org

• Jan. 17 – Next meeting of Board of Directors, 6:30 pm at our office, 324 W Market St in York, PA.

<> Contact: Michael Helfrich, Lower Susquehanna RIVERKEEPER®, York, PA. Cell phone: 717-779-7915 E-mail: lawsusriver@hotmail.com.

Maryland's Upper West Shore Trib Team – www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/tribstrat/index.html

• Jan. 7 – Next meeting will be a welcome/orientation for new participants and prospective members. The featured speaker is Frank Dawson, DNR's Assistant Secretary for Aquatic Resources. Frank will talk about overall Bay issues, the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund and the importance of the Tributary Teams. Team members will follow with an overview of team objectives and current projects. The meeting will take place at 5:30 pm at the McFaul Center in Bel Air. Please note that team meetings will now be on the first Mon. of the month.

• Feb. 9 – 2008 Annual Meeting of Maryland's Tributary Teams will be at the Maryland Department of the Environment Montgomery Park Building, 1800 Washington St., Baltimore, MD. Registration information is available on-line at

<http://mddnr.chesapeakebay.net/basin/12thMeetingform.cfm>.

- Nominate an outstanding Maryland Tributary Team member for the Bernie Fowler Award. Contact Claudia H. Donegan, Tributary Team Coordinator, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Ave. E2, Annapolis, MD 21401. 410-260-8768, fax: 410-260-8709.
 - BayStat Website - www.baystat.maryland.gov
 - "Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Statewide Implementation Plan" - www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/tribstrat/implementation_plan.html
- <> Contact: Patty Larson, Tributary Strategies Program Coordinator, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Ave E-2, Annapolis, MD 21401. Phone: 410-260-8723.

Mid-Atlantic Ecological Landscapes Partnership [MAEscapes] - <http://york.extension.psu.edu/Horticulture/events.html>

- Jan. 25 - Strategic Planning Retreat from 9am to 3pm, snow date, Feb. 1. Location - Judy Bono has graciously volunteered to host the retreat at her home. Please mark your calendars now for this important MAEscapes meeting. We will assess what we have done and create a strategy for the next few years. There will be lots of opportunity for discussion in a relaxed atmosphere. And what could be more inspiring than looking out on the Bono's woodland landscape in winter! Lunch will be a potluck. Please let me know by the first of the year if you will be attending the retreat and if you can bring a dish to share. Thanks to all of you for everything you have done for MAEscapes. Best wishes for the holidays, Connie.
- <> Contact: 717-840-7408 or Connie Schmotzer at cxs51@psu.edu

Prettyboy Watershed Alliance - www.prettyboywatershed.org

- <> Contact: Nancy Shaper at nshaper@jhmi.edu

Shank's Mare "Go Play Outside" - www.shanksmare.com

- Check our calendar of events link to our Website at for more information or call us toll free at 877-554-5080. All programs require advance registration and payment. "Member" rates are offered to our Adventure Club participants (\$25/year/household dues give a 10% in-shop discount, 5% additional discount on sale items, and "Member" rates on all programs).

Spoutwood Farm CSA - www.spoutwood.com

- Calling all volunteers! - We want to build next year's 2008 Mother Earth Harvest Fair soon. One of the first things to do is rally the troops. In order to do that we need to know who the troops are. So we're selecting some troops and want to give others the ability to self-select. If you would like on the committee (notification of meetings and new developments, untold benefits, etc.), please respond.
- <> Contact: www.spoutwood.com or contact: Rob Wood, 717-235-6610, Spoutwood@supernet.com

Sierra Club - Gov. Pinchot Group of PA - <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/pinchot/>

- <> Kim Anderson at sgfornyc@aol.com.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission - www.srbcc.net

Trout Unlimited Codorus Chapter #558 - www.codorustu.org

- Jan. 9 - Chapter meeting, 7:00 pm, Porters Sawmill, Spring Grove.
- <> Contact: Tom Finenze at 840-1372 or tom@codorustu.org

Trout Unlimited Muddy Creek Chapter #575 - <http://muddycreektu.org/>

- Jan. 9 - General Meeting 7:00pm at the Collinsville F&G Club.
- <> Contact: Ron Heuston, President MCTU, 244-1851 or Heuy1955@aol.com

Watershed Alliance of Adams County - www.adamswatersheds.org/pages/5/index.htm

- Jan. 9 - Members meet, 4:30 pm. at the Adams County Ag Center, Gettysburg
- <> Contact: Michelle Kirk 717-677-4628 or email at: mkirk@adamswatersheds.org

Watershed Alliance of York - www.watershedsyork.org

- DONATE - GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter WAY as the charity you want to support. WAY earned \$10.32 in 2007, let's make it \$1,032 in 2008!
 - Jan 9 - Next Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, at CCIP (324 W. Market St., York, PA).
 - WAY E-News is published by the Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. to inform the public about news and information that affect York County watersheds and beyond. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND E-MAIL LIST. Contributions of news, events and information relating to watershed education, funding, planning, restoration, protection, and stewardship welcome. Send contribution to and contact us for mailing list additions/changes to the e-mail address below. Distribution: electronic (1,000+). Frequency: bi-weekly. Subscription: No charge. Editor: Gary R. Peacock.
- <> Contact: Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. (WAY), C/o York County Conservation District, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402. Phone: (717) 840-7430. Facsimile: (717) 755-0301. E-mail: gpeacock@yorkccd.org

Yellow Breeches Watershed Association - www.ybwa.org

- Next Meeting: YBWA meetings listed on web site.
- <> Contact Bob Edwards, Secretary, at redwa218@comcast.net or (717) 761-2756

York Audubon Society - www.audubon.org/bird/cbc

- <> Contact 717-428-3673; iriodendron@netzero.net

York County - www.york-county.org

<> Contact the Board of Commissioners, Administrative Center, 28 East Market St. York, PA 17401-1588. Phone: 717-771-9964.

York County Agriculture Land Preserve - www.york-county.gov

<> Contact Patricia McCandless, Director, 118 Pleasant Acres Road (Suite F), York, PA 17402. Hours of Operation (for business office): 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Phone: 717-840-7400. E-mail: PMcCandless@york-county.org

York County Community Foundation - www.yccf.org

<> Contact Jane Sload at 717.848.3733 or jsload@yccf.org.

York County Conservation Alliance - NEW

- Fellow York County conservation minded citizens, the steering committee for the York County Conservation Alliance is providing for your review our initial ideas on starting a county alliance of conservation, preservation, environmental, and recreation groups, working together to conserve and preserve our wonderful green spaces including: farmland, our streams, creeks and rivers, our recreational trails and our historic sites.
 - Jan 29 – NEXT MEETING (SNOW DATE, JANUARY 31, 7PM) will be at PENN STATE-YORK CAMPUS. Please RSVP by January 22nd to let us know if you, or someone representing your group, will be attending this meeting.
- <> Contact: Jane Heller at hssmdpets@aol.com or 717-845-3797, - please contact us with email addresses if you are not already listed With the steering committee. Or mail to YCCA - 543 Dupont Ave, York, Pa. 17403

York County Conservation District - www.yorkccd.org

- What has 50,000 arms and legs and depends on forests, soils and clean water to survive? The York County Envirothon, grades 3-12 is accepting donations for 2008. Contact Kim Young at 717-840-7430.
 - Annual Tree Sale - Beginning in January 2008 our annual tree seedling sale information, pricing and order forms will be posted on our web site.
 - Jan 11 - Next meeting of District Board, 11:30 am, at ANNEX
- <> Contact Mark Kimmel, District Manager, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402. Phone: 717-840-7430. E-mail Yorkccd@yorkccd.org. Office hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM weekdays.

York County Planning Commission - www.ycpc.org

- New York County GIS website is up and running, URL: www.yorkgis.org
 - Jan 8 - Next Meeting of Planning Commission, 7:30 pm, York County Administrative Center, City of York, PA
- <> Contact: 717-771-9870 or e-mail planner@ycpc.org

York County PSU Cooperative Extension - <http://york.extension.psu.edu/>

<> Contact Jeff Myers, Director, 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402-9041. Phone: 717-840-7408. Office Hours: 8:00 to 4:30. County Email: YorkExt@psu.edu.

York County Senior Environment Corps - www.watershedalliance.org

<> Contact: Barry Stump. Ph: 244-2089.



WATERSHED EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Building Stronger Board/Staff Partnerships Seminar - Jan 15

Lunch and Learn Seminar 15 January 2008 12:00:00 PM. Location: Bon-Ton Corporate Center, 2801 East Market Street, York, PA. Presenters: Larry Richardson, President and CEO of YMCA of York and Dale Voorheis, CEO of the Stewart Companies. Fee: \$25, includes lunch and materials. To register, contact Leadership York at 39 East King St., York, PA 17401. Phone: 717-846-5323. Fax: 717-846-5353. E-mail: info@leadershipyork.org.

<> Resource: www.leadershipyork.org

Chesapeake Bay Foundation, VoiCeS Course, Jan. 24-Mar.13, 2008 in LaPlata, MD - Jan 23

VoiCeS is an adult training course that runs once per week for about 7 weeks. Basically it's a Bay 101 course, with classes on bay ecology, history, fisheries, wetlands, agriculture, land use, and advocacy, taught by experts in the field. Everyone who takes the course commits to doing 40 hours of volunteer time on a project or multiple projects of their choice that benefit the Chesapeake Bay or local watersheds within the next year. There is a materials fee of \$25 but no tuition fee. Space is limited so early registration is recommended. For more information and a registration form, go to web site below. Another concurrent course is being held in Cambridge, MD, starting Jan. 23.

<> Resource: www.cbf.org/voices

Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network (ssbn) Gathering - Jan 29

Join us for an evening of networking, refreshments, and a panel discussion with Sean Cavanaugh and Peter Barber on the great balancing act of being an environmentally and socially conscious employer. When: January 29, 7 PM. Where: Two Dudes Painting Company, 750 Poplar St, Lancaster. Suggested donation: \$5. In Collaboration with: Two Dudes, John J. Jeffries Restaurant, and Conestoga dpi. More info at ssbn@embargmail.com or 717-368-0704. Please see attached invite, and distribute prolifically!

World Wetlands Day – Feb 2

Wet Your Appetite – Cuisine for Critters Recipe Contest! Learn how to apply below.

<> Resource: www.wetland.org/education_wetland_day.htm

EPA Announces Regulatory Priorities

EPA released its Regulatory Plan, which describes 30 of the most significant regulations it plans to issue by next October. EPA also released its Semiannual Regulatory Agenda, which describes over 300 actions under development or review, as well as those completed or withdrawn since the Spring 2007 agenda was published.

<> Resource:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/3881d73f4d4aaa0b85257359003f5348/ed7d78ec6bf21d69852573ad0068321c!OpenDocument>

EPA, Army Corps Extend Comment Period for Rapanos Guidance – Jan 21

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently announced a 45-day extension for public comments on guidance issued in June 2007 following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Rapanos v. United States. The guidance seeks to set a nationwide framework for identifying wetlands, streams and rivers subject to the Clean Water Act (CWA) in accordance with the Supreme Court decision. Comments should focus on case studies and experiences in determining jurisdictional waters related to CWA Section 404 permits. Conservation districts with similar experiences are encouraged to comment. With the extended deadline, comments are now due by January 21, 2008, and can be submitted to docket EPA-HQ-OW-2007-0282 through <http://www.regulations.gov>. More information on the guidance, the Rapanos case and the "waters of the United States" definition can be at web site below.

<> Resource: www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/guidance/CWAwaters.html.

UIC Website Updated

EPA has revised its website for the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program. This program regulates injection activities to prevent contamination of underground drinking water resources. The new website has basic information about each of the types of wells that are regulated under the program; videos, posters and other publications that show how the wells are constructed and managed; and compliance assistance information for well-owners. The site also has background on EPA's current effort to develop a proposed regulation for the underground injection of carbon dioxide as part of a larger carbon capture and storage effort to stabilize atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations. The website is given below.

<> Resource: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic>

DEP Publishes Schedule of Board and Advisory Committee Meetings for 2008

The Department of Environmental Protection this week published a schedule of meetings by its boards and advisory committees for 2008. The schedule is available online.

<> Resource: <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol37/37-51/2363.html>

Dept. of Agriculture Announces New Invasive Species Council Website

Producers and consumers can learn how Pennsylvania is protecting against invasive plants, animals and insects by logging on to the new Invasive Species Council website, the Department of Agriculture announced. Since Gov. Rendell created the Pennsylvania Invasive Species Council in 2004, the inter-agency panel has worked cooperatively to develop and implement invasive species management plans for the Commonwealth. Chaired by Secretary Wolff, the council is made up of agency heads responsible for the conservation of agriculture and natural resources, and the protection of public health. The council also includes public members representing agriculture and natural resource organizations, and educational institutions conducting invasive species research and outreach. Visitors to the 2008 Pennsylvania Farm Show, scheduled for January 5-12, can learn more about the Pennsylvania Invasive Species Council by stopping at the Department of Agriculture exhibit in the Main Hall of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center. For more information on the Pennsylvania Invasive Species Council, contact Melissa Bravo at 717-787-7204 or send email to: mbravo@state.pa.us.

<> Resource: <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/PISC/site/default.asp>

Joint Conservation Committee Environmental Synopsis Now Online

The December issue of the Environmental Synopsis published by the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee highlights the economic contributions of Pennsylvania's Christmas tree growers to the state. The Synopsis articles also cover the costs of limiting greenhouse gases, checking water well quality, a critique of Maryland's Smart Growth Law and how green are hybrid vehicles. The next Environmental Issues Forum sponsored by the Joint Committee will be held January 14 and will feature a presentation by Kathleen Cowles Paul, Director of the PA Center for Environmental Education.

<> Resource: <http://jcc.legis.state.pa.us/>

PA Clean Water Campaign Newsletter Fall 2007

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PA_clean_water/

River Connections Newsletter

Earlier a press event was held to announce the preservation of 3,500 acres along Susquehanna River in York and Lancaster County. For the full story and news on other activities along the Susquehanna Greenway please click on linkr below.

<> Resource: www.susquehannagreenway.org/greenway/lib/greenway/winter_07_sgp_newsletter2.pdf

"What's Wet" newsletter Winter 2008

PA Lakes Management Society is requesting lake and pond related articles from our partners on lake and pond management, lake related success stories, water quality information related to lakes and ponds, human interest stories (ice fishing, fishing, boating, etc), and pond habitat improvement, grant opportunities and funding sources, and other appropriate lake and pond related articles. To submit an article

contact our newsletter editor Gretchen Schatschnider at Gretchenschats@bucksccd.org Articles for the Winter 2008 Newsletter are due by December 21, 2007. For more information on what PALMS is doing for you please check out our web site.

<> Resource: www.palakes.org

Well...What's All That Drilling About?

This children's storybook is designed as a step towards providing information to help homeowners and communities recognize the importance of ground water and wells and is a first introduction to questions such as "Where does our water come from?" or "What is a well?" By purchasing this book you can directly increase water awareness education in your community. Reading Level: Grades 3-6 Water Well Awareness: K Thru Congress. This 31 page storybook is a full-color illustrated narrative about two children watching the drilling of a home's water well and the installation of a water pump. A glossary of 28 water well drilling words is included. We believe that we have made a technically difficult and somewhat obscure process interesting and easy to comprehend. To order copies today, go to web site below.

<> Resource: www.agwt.org



WATERSHED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

York County Community Foundation E-News

If you wish to apply for a grant in 2008, plan to attend one of our GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS:

- Tuesday, January 15, 8:30 a.m., York County Community Foundation, William T. Wolf Center for Philanthropy
14 West Market Street
- Thursday, January 17, 9 a.m., Guthrie Memorial Library - Hanover's Public Library, 2 Library Place, Hanover

Check us out at your Center for Philanthropy on the web.

<> Resource: www.yccf.org

U.S. Senate Passes Farm Bill with Millions for Chesapeake Bay Conservation

By a vote of 79-14, the United States Senate has approved a farm bill that includes unprecedented levels of new conservation funding to help the region's farmers to improve water quality in local streams, rivers, and the Bay. The legislation includes more than \$200 million in additional financial and technical assistance funding for farmers to establish conservation buffers, plant cover crops, manage animal waste and implement other conservation on their land. The additional funding for Chesapeake Bay region farmers came in large part as Bay state Senators received thousands of calls, letters, postcards, and emails from CBF members asking them to take the opportunity to help the Bay.

<> Resource: www.cbf.org

U.S. Senate Votes Permanent Extension of Conservation Tax Incentive

The Farm Bill passed by the Senate on December 14 included a permanent extension of the tax incentive for conservation easement donations. This is a significant milestone, but final approval will likely not occur until early next year. The provision increases the charitable deduction limit from 30% to 50% of adjusted gross income (AGI) for donations of qualified conservation contributions. In addition, the charitable deduction limit will be increased to 100% of AGI for eligible farmers and ranchers.

Details here.

<> Resource: http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cdl.cfm?content_item_id=22050&folder_id=2205

Flood Prevention Fund Set Up

SB 1157 establishes a Flood Prevention and Remediation Fund from a portion of the liquor tax fund. The legislation is meant to be a proactive approach by taking steps to prevent future flooding. The intent is to establish an ongoing unified program on a large-scale, regional basis to identify and complete projects that will reduce the Commonwealth's annual exposure to flooding emergencies. Read more...

<> Resource: www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?year=2007&sind=0&body=S&type=B&BN=1157

Gov. Rendell awards \$39.4 million for recreation, conservation projects

Pennsylvania residents will benefit from a \$39.4 million investment in land protection, conservation and recreation projects designed to help revitalize communities and protect natural resources, Governor Edward G. Rendell said recently. York County projects are:

- Logan Park Authority, \$32,000, further development of Logan Park to include construction of a walking path; installation of play equipment, safety surfacing, ADA access, sign and related site improvements. Dianne Price, 717-432-4951.
- Nature Conservancy, \$82,500, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 12 acres off Sunset Court in Carroll Township for environmental education, open space and habitat protection. Lynn J. Wodell, 717-232-6001.
- York City, \$200,000, development of Odeon Park to include construction of two Little League baseball fields, dugouts, restroom/concession building and parking lot; installation of utilities, fencing, bleachers, batting cage, ADA access, sign and related site improvements. James E. Gross, 717-849-2302.
- York County, \$200,000, further development of Rocky Ridge Park to include the construction of a comfort station, parking area, upgrades to the roadway access, ADA access, trail extension, signage and related site improvements. Tammy Klunk, 717-840-7227.
- York County Rail Trail Authority, \$70,000, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 18 acres off Route 30 in Springettsbury Township to expand trails of the Northern Extension of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park and provide a location for a parking lot and trailhead. Gwen Loose, 717-428-0999.
- York County Rail Trail Authority, \$100,000, further development of the HRTCP- Northern Extension to include construction of 1,600 ft. of multi-use trail, linking Phase 1 with Phase 2, across the Pleasureville Boys Club- Crist Field property, pedestrian bridge; installation of stormwater management measures, ADA access, sign and other related site improvements. Gwen Loose, 717-428-0999.
- York Township, \$40,000, prepare a Greenway/ Trail Feasibility Study for approximately 12.4 miles along an abandoned Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad line from Spring Garden Township to Chanceford Township. Debra Hatley, 717-741-3861.
- Lancaster-York Heritage Region, \$240,000, for the following sub elements:

- o \$100,000, management grant to cover the costs of operating and managing the Lancaster-York Heritage Region;
- o \$60,000, to acquire paintings from Visions of the Susquehanna Art Exhibit and consolidate two "Along the Susquehanna" heritage exhibits into a semi-permanent interpretive exhibit;
- o \$30,000, to improve the Heritage Region's website, create and package heritage products and tours, sponsor and promote cultural heritage events and traditions, and spotlight preservation issues in the Region;
- o \$50,000, to complete the design development and construction documents to restore period lighting for the historic bridge connecting Lancaster and York counties, as recommended in the completed Bridge Lighting Feasibility Study. Mark N. Platts, 717-252-0229.

Resource Enhancement and Protection Act (REAP) farm conservation tax credit – Jan 2

The Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission approved the guidelines and applications needed to apply for the Resource Enhancement and Protection Act (REAP) farm conservation tax credit. The Commission will begin accepting applications January 2. The REAP Program provides \$10 million this fiscal year for agricultural Best Management Practices in the form of transferable or sponsored tax credits. Personal and business state tax credits ranging from 50 to 75 percent of the cost to install conservation practices like barnyard improvements, riparian buffers, no-till planting equipment, stream fencing and other practices will be available. Each farm enrolled in the program is eligible for up to \$150,000 in transferable tax credits that can be used over a 15-year period or sold to other taxpayers. A business can earn tax credits by sponsoring projects on an eligible farm.

<> Resource: www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=145155

PA Conservation Corps Grants – Jan 4

Applications for Pennsylvania Conservation Corps grants related to conservation, recreation, historical preservation, graffiti removal, and the repair of institutional vandalism are now being accepted by the PA Department of Labor and Industry. Political subdivisions and state agencies are eligible for these grants and applications are due January 4.

<> Resource: www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?a=145&q=194750

Community Conservation Partnership Program Grants Workshop – Feb 5

On Feb. 5, 2008, in Carlisle, Cumberland County, a public meeting has been planned as part of DCNR's annual workshop program, "Developing an Excellent Project.". Registration is free and will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Session will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon at the following workshops: Location is Hotel Carlisle & Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle. Contact telephone number: 717-243-1717.

PennVEST Infrastructure Loans/Grants – Feb 19

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority published revised cutoff dates for submitting applications for water, wastewater, stormwater and other project funding February 19 for the April 15 board meeting.

<> Resource: www.pennvest.state.pa.us/pennvest/cwp/browse.asp?A=4

USDA Invites Sign-Up for \$20 Million in Conservation Innovation Grants – Feb 20

Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Arlen Lancaster this week invited project sponsors to reply to the request for proposals for Conservation Innovation Grants in 2008. Proposals are due February 20. The CIG program is designed to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. For fiscal year 2008, up to \$20 million is available for the National CIG competition. Funds for single- or multi-year projects, not to exceed three years, will be awarded through a nationwide competitive grants process with applications accepted from all 50 States, the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) and the Pacific Basin Area (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) from all eligible non-federal government or non-government organizations or individuals, including federally recognized tribes. There are three CIG categories available in FY 2008:

- Natural Resource Concerns Category- Up to \$10 million available for proposals addressing one or more of the CIG natural resource concerns.
- Technology Category- Up to \$5 million available for proposals addressing one or more of the CIG technology categories.
- Chesapeake Bay Watershed Category- Up to \$5 million available for proposals addressing one or more of the CIG natural resource concerns in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will be accepting and reviewing the applications for this category. For more information, visit the [Chesapeake Bay Watershed Category webpage](#).

Applicants should explain how large a geographic area that the project would benefit. Projects may be watershed-based, regional, multi-State, or nationwide in scope. Applications should describe the use of innovative technologies or approaches, or both, to address a natural resource conservation concern(s). Funding for CIG is made available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. All proposed CIG projects must involve EQIP-eligible producers. CIG funds that are used to provide direct or indirect payments to individuals or entities to implement structural, vegetative or management practices are subject to the \$450,000 EQIP payment limitation. CIG is not a research program, but rather a tool to stimulate the adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been studied sufficiently to indicate a high likelihood of success, and are likely candidates for eventual technology transfer. CIG will fund projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. Technologies and approaches that are commonly used in the geographic area covered by the application, and which are eligible for funding through EQIP, are not eligible for funding through CIG. Proposed projects must conform to the description of innovative conservation projects or activities published in the Announcement of Program Funding. CIG funds pilot projects and conservation field trials that can last from one to three years. Grants for approved projects cannot exceed 50 percent of the total project cost. The federal contribution for a single project cannot exceed \$1 million. At least 50 percent of the total cost of the project must come from non-Federal matching funds (cash and in-kind contributions) provided by the grantee. While NRCS will provide technical oversight for each project receiving an award, the grantee is responsible for providing the technical assistance required to successfully complete the project. Applications should be sent to: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Conservation Innovation Grants Program; Financial Assistance Programs Division, Room 5239-S; 1400 Independence Ave, SW.; Washington, DC 20250.

For more information, visit the Conservation Innovation Grants webpage.

<> Resource: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/>

2008 Request for Proposals: Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants – Feb 29

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation currently is soliciting proposals under its Chesapeake Bay Small Watersheds Grant Program. The Program provides grants of up to \$200,000 to organizations and local governments working on a local level to protect and improve watershed health in the Chesapeake Bay basin, while building citizen-based resource stewardship. The Program is managed in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Forest Service and other partners. **Proposals are due Friday, February 29, 2008.** Interested applicants are encouraged to participate in a webcast workshop on Wednesday, January 23. To register for the webcast, and to download the Request for Proposals and Application, visit web site below. For more information, contact Amanda Bassow (amanda.bassow@nfwf.org) or Brian Kittler (brian.kittler@nfwf.org) at (202) 857-0166.

<> Resource: www.nfwf.org/chesapeake



WATERSHED PLANNING & POLICY

Chesapeake Executive Council “Champions” New Efforts to Restore Bay

On Wednesday, December 5, the Chesapeake Executive Council met at Maryland’s historic State House in Annapolis to create history of their own by committing to “champion” specific measures aimed at accelerating Bay cleanup. Read about each state's new and revitalized commitments to restore the Bay.

<> Resource: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/newsec120607.htm>

New Conservation Goals Aim to Protect More Chesapeake Forests

At its annual meeting, the Chesapeake Executive Council signed the Forestry Conservation Initiative, committing the Bay states to permanently conserve an additional 695,000 acres of forested land throughout the watershed by 2020. Learn more about this and other goals to protect more Chesapeake forests.

<> Resource: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/newsforests122607.htm>

Study Shows Urban Sprawl Continues To Gobble Up Land

Despite reports to the contrary, urban sprawl has continued to grow significantly for the past several decades, new research suggests. A study of changing land use patterns in the state of Maryland found substantial and significant increases in sprawl between 1973 and 2000. The results are in contrast to a well-publicized study last year that concluded that the extent of sprawl remained roughly unchanged in the United States between 1976 and 1992. The study looked for evidence of fragmented land use – areas where housing was juxtaposed with agriculture or forested areas, for example. That’s one of the basic hallmarks of sprawl. Results showed the level of peak land-use fragmentation was 60 percent greater in 2000 as it was in 1973, and shifted outward from the central cities to a distance of 55 miles in 2000, up from about 40 miles in 1973. Fragmented land use increased the most in non-urban areas located about 80 miles from the nearest city, the researchers found. The study was published online this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Irwin conducted the study with Nancy Bockstael of the University of Maryland. Read more...

<> Resource: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/12/071217171404.htm>

Center Releases Two Manuals of the Urban Subwatershed Restoration Manual Series for free download

In an effort to ensure that every community is equipped with the tools it needs to get started in watershed restoration, the Center for Watershed Protection is making its first two manuals of the Urban Subwatershed Restoration Manual Series available permanently for free download.

- Manual 1 – An Integrated Framework to Restore Small Urban Watersheds, examines the basic concepts and techniques of urban watershed restoration, and sets forth the overall framework used to evaluate subwatershed restoration potential.
- Manual 2 – Methods to Develop Restoration Plans for Small Urban Watersheds, outlines a practical, step-by-step approach to develop, adopt and implement a subwatershed plan in your community.

Manuals 1 and 2, released in 2005, accompany the latest manual of the series released this summer - Urban Stormwater Retrofit Practices. This 400+ page guidance is also available as a free download on the Center website. Download these three Manuals by visiting the Urban Subwatershed Restoration Manual Series website.

<> Resource: <http://www.cwp.org/PublicationStore/USRM.htm>

Sustainable Sites Initiative

The Sustainable Sites Initiative is creating a comprehensive rating system and guidelines for sustainable site development of all sizes, with or without buildings. Feedback on the preliminary draft is due January 11, 2008.

<> Resource: www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/December_2007/news_dec07.htm

Agricultural Conservation Easements

The American Farmland Trust offers a series of fact sheets on its website, including Agricultural Conservation Easements, a two-page document that provides an overview of conservation easements, with discussion on tax benefits, retaining title rights, and benefits. Conservation easements are flexible documents tailored to each property and the needs of individual landowners. They cover either an entire parcel or portions of a property. The landowner usually works with the prospective grantee to decide which activities should be limited to protect specific resources. Agricultural conservation easements are designed to keep land available for farming. 2 pages; available online as a PDF document at the resource link below.

<> Resource: www.farmlandinfo.org/documents/27762/ACE_06-10.pdf



WATERSHED RESTORATION & PROTECTION

PENNSYLVANIA MAKES PROGRESS; TAKES LEADERSHIP ROLE ON CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION EFFORTS

During the annual Chesapeake Executive Council meeting, Governor Edward G. Rendell outlined how Pennsylvania's combination of mandatory requirements and environmental stewardship has led to sizeable reductions in nutrient and sediment pollution to the Chesapeake Bay since 2004. Through 2006, the state had reduced nitrogen loadings to the bay by 25.8 million pounds and phosphorus loadings by 1.72 million pounds. Additionally, sediment pollution had been cut by nearly 420,000 pounds. The progress has been achieved through a combination of tough new measures designed to reduce point and nonpoint source pollution. Municipal wastewater treatment plants are now operating under mandatory nutrient limits in order to meet federal Clean Water Act requirements, and any new residential and commercial developments projects in Pennsylvania are required to eliminate or offset all nutrient and phosphorous discharges completely. Developers can apply wastewater effluent to crops, recycle or reuse the effluent, create on-lot systems, or purchase nutrient credits among other techniques. Read more...

<> Resource: www.ahs.dep.state.pa.us/newsreleases/default.asp?ID=4867

State of the Bay Report Finds No Improvements in Any Category

With just three years to go before the court-ordered deadline to remove the Chesapeake Bay from the nation's dirty waters list, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's (CBF) 2007 State of the Bay report finds the health of the Bay going in the wrong direction. This year's health index dropped one point to 28, far from our goal of 40 by 2010, and an unacceptable "D" grade. Read more...

<> Resource: www.cbf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=exp_sub_resources_publications_sotb&JServSessionIdr012=z13caekad4.app27a

Public-Private Partnership to Protect More Than 3,500 Acres in South-Central Pennsylvania

A broad coalition of private and public partners, including The Conservation Fund, recently announced the protection of more than 3,500 acres of Pennsylvania forestland across five counties: Bedford, Fulton, Huntingdon, Cumberland and York. The nine protected land parcels extend existing public lands, offering residents and visitors a broader landscape to explore and enjoy. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the counties, and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy identified these parcels as high conservation priorities. The fund purchased the properties from Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co. and will transfer all but one parcel to DCNR's Bureau of Forestry, as additions to existing state forests. York County takes ownership of the remaining parcel, roughly 150 acres along the lower Susquehanna River, to expand Apollo County Park. Like many divesting timber companies, Gladfelter is currently selling much of its holdings, including more than 20,000 acres of land throughout southern Pennsylvania. Funding for the acquisition was supported by a mix of private and public sources. The Conservation Fund raised more than \$3 million in private funds, more than half of which came from the Pittsburgh-based Richard King Mellon Foundation. Pennsylvania DCNR contributed more than \$5.5 million. Additional funding came from York County, Cumberland County and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

DEP Approves American Ash Recycling Process Request

The Department of Environmental Protection has approved the application by American Ash Recycling of Pa. Inc. to process municipal waste incinerator ash for use as cover at landfills. This approval authorizes AAR to remove metal from incinerator ash generated during the burning of municipal waste at the York County Solid Waste and Refuse Authority's facility in West Manchester Township and then send the ash to landfills, where it will be used as daily cover. In October, DEP denied AAR's request to renew its general permit for processing and beneficial use of treated ash, citing problems with the product's performance and application, along with the company's failure to meet the beneficial use standards outlined in DEP's regulations. The approval of the application allows for the recovery of ferrous and non ferrous metals from incinerator ash for recycling. In addition, DEP imposed additional restrictions on the processing operation such as requiring AAR to store all ash within buildings or containers to prevent wind dispersal of the ash and limiting the amount of ash on site to no more than 4,900 tons. AAR is also required to submit an ash control plan and a stormwater management plan within 30 days, and to submit a study evaluating the feasibility of relocating the operation to alternative sites.

Integrating Water and Waste Programs to Restore Watersheds: A Guide for Federal and State Project Managers

EPA has released a manual entitled "Integrating Water and Waste Programs to Restore Watersheds: A Guide for Federal and State Project Managers." This manual is targeted primarily to project managers in water and waste programs who are working on assessment or cleanup projects in watersheds contaminated by hazardous materials or waste. The manual is also a helpful reference document for stakeholders involved in watershed cleanup efforts. The goal of the manual is to enhance coordination across EPA and state waste and water programs by identifying opportunities for streamlining requirements, leveraging resources, and implementing restoration activities more efficiently. This manual provides valuable guidance and information to enable effective use of water and waste program authorities and resources to restore and protect watersheds. The manual is available at web site below.

<> Resource: www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/integrating.htm

Halting the Invasion in the Chesapeake Bay: Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species Introduction through Regional Cooperation

In 2007, ELI published [Halting the Invasion in the Chesapeake Bay: Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species Introduction through Regional Cooperation](#). The report outlines the gaps and conflicts of existing state law pertaining to aquatic invasive species in the Chesapeake Bay and makes several recommendations designed to harmonize inter-state efforts in order to better prevent aquatic invasions. Free download below.

<> Resource: http://www.elistore.org/reports_detail.asp?ID=11257

Harnessing Farms and Forests in the Low-Carbon Economy

Harnessing Farms and Forests in the Low-Carbon Economy: How to Create, Measure, and Verify Greenhouse Gas Offsets is a comprehensive guide that explains how farmers and foresters can convert their land's carbon dioxide storage capacity, and reduce emissions of potent greenhouse gases such as methane and nitrous oxide, into revenue-generating "offsets" that can be bought and sold in future carbon markets. As the United States moves to a low-carbon economy in order to combat global warming, credits for reducing carbon dioxide emissions will increasingly become a commodity that is bought and sold on the open market. Farmers and other landowners can benefit from this new economy by conducting land management practices that help sequester carbon dioxide, creating credits they can sell to industry to

"offset" industrial emissions of greenhouse gases. This guide is the first comprehensive technical publication providing direction to landowners for sequestering carbon and information for traders and others who will need to verify the sequestration. It will provide invaluable direction to farmers, foresters, land managers, consultants, brokers, investors, regulators, and others interested in creating consistent, credible greenhouse gas offsets as a tradable commodity in the United States. The guide contains a non-technical section detailing methodologies for scoping of the costs and benefits of a proposed project, quantifying offsets of various sorts under a range of situations and conditions, and verifying and registering the offsets. The technical section provides specific information for quantifying, verifying, and regulating offsets from agricultural and forestry practices. 41 pages (1.0mb); available online as a PDF document at the resource link below.

<> Resource: <http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/institute/ghgoffsetsguide/ghgexerpts.pdf>



WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP

Trim Your Watershed Waste-Line

With the holiday season wrapping up, why not start off the New Year on the right foot? Holidays are a time when we fill our bellies with food and our souls with cheer, but we often don't think about all the resources we consume during holiday get-togethers. Consider this: between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, we produce 25 percent more waste than during the rest of the year. Instead of adding to a mountain of trash, consider some simple ways to shed some pounds of "stuff" this season and trim your watershed waste-line.

- Bay Friendly Tips:
 - TreeCycling: Approximately 30 to 35 million Christmas trees are sold in North America during the holiday season. All these trees can be recycled and reused for Bay-friendly projects such as erosion prevention, shoreline stabilization and sedimentation management. To find a recycling program in your neighborhood check out [Earth911](#), simply search for "tree trimming" and enter your zip code.
 - Recycle Your Wrapping Paper: More than 8,000 tons of wrapping paper will be used this holiday season—that's the equivalent of 50,000 trees. Instead of burning or throwing all this paper away, recycle it or reuse it next year.
 - Re-Gifting: This can be taboo, but instead of throwing away those unwanted presents, why not give them to someone who will use them? Consider donating unwanted gifts to your local [Goodwill](#) or [Salvation Army](#). You can also donate your old clothes, toys and other items to make room for new gifts you receive.
- Top 8 Bay Resolutions for 2008
 - Start off the New Year on a Bay-friendly foot by making a commitment to the Bay this year. Here's a great list to start with!
 - Visit the Bay: Enjoy more of this beautiful region by exploring the [Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network](#), which contains parks, museums, water trails and other sights throughout the watershed.
 - Kick the Plastic Habit: Stop using plastic grocery bags and bring your own reusable bag to the store. Plastic bags that find their way into the Bay pose a hazard to fish, birds and mammals that may eat discarded bags.
 - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle: An old mantra, but a good one—increase your commitment to and follow through with reusing and recycling practices.
 - Change Your Light Bulbs: Reduce your energy consumption by making a simple switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs. Join the national [Change a Light, Change the World](#) pledge campaign to track your energy-saving efforts and those of others around the country.
 - Stay Informed: Subscribe to Bay publications like the [Bay Journal](#), [Bay News](#) or [Chesapeake Currents](#) to receive news about the Bay.
 - Volunteer: Join a local initiative like [RestoreCorps](#) to help clean up the Bay. Look for other volunteer opportunities in your local newspaper.
 - Take a pledge for the Bay: Take the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's [Cyclist for the Bay](#) or [Boaters for the Bay](#) pledges to promote Bay-friendly recreation.
 - Buy Local: Buy produce at your local farmer's market to show your support for farms in your area. A listing of farmer's markets can be found at the [USDA](#) website.

WaterSense Labeled Faucets and Aerators on Shelves

Soon consumers can find an easy, new way to save water with WaterSense labeled bathroom sink faucets and faucet accessories. Already more than 30 models have earned the WaterSense label since EPA released the final specification in October, and by early 2008 these water-efficient, high-performing faucets and accessories (such as aerators) should be available in stores. Currently, Americans are wasting 60 billion gallons of water every year with inefficient faucets while simply washing their hands or brushing their teeth. That translates into \$350 million in water utility bills and about \$600 million in energy costs to supply, heat, and treat that water. WaterSense labeled bathroom sink faucets will reduce water flow by 30 percent with no sacrifice in performance or change in routine. Savings could be even greater for households replacing older faucets, which can flow at rates of 3 gallons per minute (gpm) or more. WaterSense labeled faucets are independently certified to perform as well as or better than standard faucets, maintaining good water pressure while not exceeding 1.5 gpm. To learn more about WaterSense labeled faucets and the final specification, please visit web site below.

<> Resource: http://www.epa.gov/watersense/specs/faucet_final.htm

