

EPCAMR



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December 2011 Progress Report

Education & Outreach

- EPCAMR Staff upon invitation attended PennFuture's NE Office Open House at the Main Street Gallery, Kingston, and talked with several artists who were interested in utilizing our iron oxide in their artwork, as well as talked with PennFuture Staff about future collaborative efforts in the region
- Provided some advice to Andrew Heath, Executive Director of the Renew Growing Greener Coalition on compromises that may need to be made in the legislative process as it related to the Environmental Stewardship Fund and the Marcellus Shale Impact Fee structure
- Informed Faith Zerbe, Delaware River Keeper, that EPCAMR would like to sign on to the letter to Upgrade Status to the Upper and Middle Sections of the Delaware River
- Provided comments and reviewed Mike's 2 page EPCAMR Prospectus Sheet that EPCAMR will be utilizing to assist with marketing our technical services to our partners and to private entities and consultants in the region

Technical Assistance

- Provided Sean Kinney, Managing Partner with C & S Carbon Resources, a Carbon Trading company from Gahanna, OH with a regional AMD Tour of the Southern Wyoming Valley to discuss future possibilities of working with him on marketing and future resource recovery efforts in the iron oxide arena
- Provided a watershed tour and stream sampling reconnaissance survey to Skelly & Loy, Inc. partners, Terry Schmidt and Brad Schultz, who are working with EPCAMR and the Catawissa Creek Restoration Association (CCRA) on developing a Qualified Hydrologic Unit Plan for the Catawissa Creek, under a Trout Unlimited AMD Technical Assistance Grant and a Rivers Conservation Plan (RCP) mini-grant from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, NE Office
- Worked with RETTEW, Skelly & Loy, Inc., and Borton-Lawson Engineering on putting together an **OSM-RFP 119-006** Request for Professional Services (RFP) to assist the PA DEP BAMR on AMD, AML, and reclamation projects throughout PA
- Provided Jeff McNelly, ARIPPA, with a summary of all projects funded under the EPCAMR/ARIPPA Mini-Grant Program made available through donations from the ARIPPA organization over the last two years

Conference Coordination

- EPCAMR has once again become a partner in the **2012 Schuylkill Watershed Congress** event, which is in its' 15th Anniversary; With a focus on networking across disciplines and a goal of presenting new information about watershed restoration, the Congress has become a highly anticipated event for watershed citizens interested in understanding, protecting and restoring their local streams in the Schuylkill River Watershed; EPCAMR will help share news about the Congress with our members, our website, and our FaceBook site; Chari Towne is looking for a few good facilitators for some of the sessions

Project Coordination

- Prepared a Summary Report of Wren Dugan's OSM/VISTA work in the EPCAMR region and her collaborative efforts with the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission in order to receive our **\$2000** cost-share payment and submitted it to Dale Freudenberger
- EPCAMR has recently received our final reimbursement from the Commonwealth of PA after a complete review and final closeout letter from the PA DEP Growing Greener Grants Center of all the deliverables and reports for the **Mine Pool Mapping Project**; We had included the **\$5258.00** for the Dauphin County Conservation District in that request and paid them in full; EPCAMR also provided a copy of the Amended MOA for Independent Services that Ronald Kopp had signed back in February of 2010 that needed an original signature from our Board President Bernie McGurl that should be with the DCCD files
- Informed by Bernie McGurl, LRCA that the data from the pressure transducers were recoverable by the data technicians at In-Situ, however, the units were damaged due to the violent nature of the underground mine water pressure and flows at the Old Forge AMD Borehole, and one of the cables has to be cut, spliced and replaced related to the **Old Forge AMD Borehole Monitoring and Mine Pool Mapping Project**
- EPCAMR Staff finished up some work on the **Jeddo Highland #5 Mine Pool Hydrogeological Investigation** for James Pagnotti, Pagnotti Enterprises, and will be coordinating a January 2012 meeting with him and his staff to review the data compiled and the recommendations on how to proceed forward with the remaining of this particular basin in the Eastern Middle Anthracite Coal Fields that will eventually reduce a significant volume of AMD to the Jeddo Mine Tunnel
- Ricky Ruggerrio, a Hazleton Area High School senior approached EPCAMR about performing 30 hours of community service for his senior project; Ricky will collect, harvest, dry, process, and package EPCAMR Iron Oxide in the Spring 2012 and will take pictures within the Solomon Creek Watershed along the major transportation corridors within the watershed as a part of the **Solomon Creek Coldwater Heritage Conservation Plan**

EPCAMR Program Administration

- Completed the November 2011 EPCAMR 319 Reimbursement & Progress Report; Reviewed Mike's and Justyna's monthly Board Report prior to sending to the PA DEP
- Updated EPCAMR Staff Job Descriptions for the Executive Director, Program Manager, OSM/VISTA Watershed Development Coordinator, Intern, and Community Volunteers