

Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program November 2008 Progress Report

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Capacity Building:

- Received \$500 funding from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority's 2008 educational mini-grant project stream; funded project will involve using dried iron oxide powder, collected by EPCAMR staff from tested mine drainage discharges, to help students create iron oxide chalk to be used in their classrooms as well as distributed along with letters to schools in Afghanistan; wrote and submitted press release.
- Helped organize, and then attended, EPCAMR quarterly board meeting.

Watershed Projects & Monitoring:

• Processed and packaged 8.5 oz iron oxide for future projects.

Education & Outreach:

- Contacted Alexandra Ash, Woodland Community Land Trust OSM/VISTA, regarding local arts festival she is organizing with youth in Clairfield, TN; shared experience from own OSM/VISTA projects.
- Distributed press release on October's Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable training at Canaan Valley in West Virginia.
- Collaborated with Kathryn Krulack, Jeddo/Nescopeck OSM/VISTA on potential projects for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday service project in January.
- Met with Barbara of "Costumes by Barbara;" explained requirements for "AMD Avengers vs. the Pollution Posse" skit costumes.
- Contacted Dale Freudenberger and the Anthracite Heritage Alliance seeking Anthracite Team OSM/VISTA input on the 2009 AMR Conference planning boards.
- Attended meeting of Nanticoke Historical Society; solicited input on 2009 AMR Conference speakers.
- Assisted Mike with EPCAMR website volunteer page.
- Toured McGlynn Center in Boulevard Townhomes, Wilkes-Barre; met with Sisters to discuss service projects for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday in January.
- Helped prepare materials for upcoming meeting with Montessori school in Kingston.

Community Arts & Culture:

- Prepared flyer for Nanticoke Historical Society Open House.
- Researched and consolidated information on paver stones for Huber Breaker Preservation Society parkbuilding fundraising; prepared packets for consideration by membership.
- Wrote letter of support on behalf of the Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team for Luzerne County's Huber Breaker brownfields grant proposal.
- Requested assistance from Aaron Stredney, Luzerne Conservation District Resource Conservationist, in locating sources of surplus filter fence for garden site at lower Avondale.
- Took photos at lower Avondale site for documentation with garden donation request letters.

Networking:

• Attended Lackawanna County Conservation District open house in Mayfield.