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PA's York Team Wins 2nd Place in International Envirothon Competition

A five-member team of high school students from Northern High School in York County took second place honors at the International [2007 Canon Envirothon](#).

York County also took first place in the Wildlife category and with a perfect score of 100 points and first place in the Forestry category.

The York County Conservation District was the team's sponsoring agency.

The winning teams were announced on August 3 during closing ceremonies of the weeklong North American environmental education competition held at Hobart & William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y., and sponsored by Canon U.S.A., Inc.

Northern High School won both the county competition in April and the State competition in May, earning the right to represent Pennsylvania at Canon U. S. A.

More than 260 teenagers from more than 40 U.S. states and nine Canadian provinces studied environmental issues and resource conservation, while competing for a share of more than \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes.

The first place Connecticut team received a total of \$25,000 in Canon scholarships along with Canon photographic equipment for their advisor and sponsoring agency/organizations to use in science education.

Northern York High School's team from Dillsburg, Pennsylvania won \$20,000 and Canon equipment, and the Charter School of Wilmington, Delaware took third place with \$15,000 and Canon equipment. The fourth place team, Parkway North High School from St. Louis, Missouri, received \$10,000 and Canon equipment. The fifth place team, High Tech High School from North Bergen, New Jersey, received \$7,500 and Canon equipment.

The Canon Envirothon tests teams on their knowledge of soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and an additional current environmental issue. The theme of this year's competition was Alternative/Renewable Energy, an issue that has attracted worldwide attention. The competing teams focused on the efficient use of energy generated from traditional sources and the development of renewable energy resources.



Ben Spaulding, Morgan Deluca, Ben Mummert, Hannah Richwine, Chris Jacobs

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“Canon would like to congratulate all of the teams competing in this year’s competition,” said William Reed, senior vice president and general manager, Corporate Communications, Canon U.S.A. “It has been truly inspiring to witness the commitment demonstrated by the teams, who are so dedicated to helping preserve North America’s most valuable resources for future generations.”

The Canon Envirothon is the culmination of a series of competitions that began during the past school year and involved more than 500,000 teenagers throughout North America. In written tests and oral presentations, starting on the local level, winning five-member teams from schools and organizations competed for the distinction of representing their state or province at the Canon Envirothon.

Each team’s knowledge is tested under the supervision of foresters, soil scientists, wildlife specialists and other natural resource professionals. Teamwork, problem solving and presentation skills are evaluated as each team offers a panel of judges an oral presentation containing recommendations for solving the specific challenge that is presented during the competition.

The 2008 competition will be held at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, July 28-August 3, 2008.

For more information, visit the [PA Envirothon webpage](#).

NewsClip: [Northern York Team Takes Second in National Envirothon](#)

PA Envirothon Alumni? Tell How the Envirothon Helped You!



The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors wants to hear from students who participated in the Envirothon to ask how that experience impacted on your interests, education and career choice.

Go to the [PA Envirothon website](#) and fill out an easy online form to share your thoughts.

The Envirothon, which started with the Fulton, Luzerne and Schuylkill County Conservation Districts in Pennsylvania, was created in 1979. The first statewide competition occurred in 1984 with six teams.

Now the program involves more than 15,000 high school students from each of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties.

In 1988 the Envirothon went national and then international with 44 states and 8 Canadian provinces participating.

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Video Blog Feature

**Buzz at Ag Progress Days Is About New
\$10 Million Farm Conservation Tax
Credits**

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Penn State’s annual [Ag Progress Days](#) this week attracted thousands of people, but the buzz at this year’s event was the new \$10 million farm conservation tax credit program approved in July called REAP.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Farm Bureau and many others were promoting REAP – the [Resource Enhancement and Protection Act](#) – in front of a very interested audience of farmers, equipment dealers and other potential partners.

REAP will provide \$10 million this year to help fund agricultural best management practices in the form of transferable or sponsored tax credits directly to farmers and to the sponsors of projects on farms.

Matt Ehrhart, PA Director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, talked about the partnership that developed and pushed REAP and its bipartisan legislative support in the General Assembly and about conservation funding CBF hopes to see included in the [federal Farm Bill](#) in Congress this Fall.

Video Blog: [Matt Ehrhart on the Partnership that Built REAP and the Farm Bill](#)

Kelly O’Neill, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Virginia Ishler, Penn State University, talked to farmers at Ag Progress Days about their [precision feeding project](#) that hopes to demonstrate how changing what we feed dairy cattle will reduce nutrients in manure.

Video Blog: [What You Feed Cattle Reduces Nutrients in Manure](#)

Lamonte Garber, also with CBF, provides more details on the [REAP program](#) and talks with farmers about how they can apply. CBF collected names and contact information for those interested in getting follow up information when the program becomes effective in October.

Video Blog: [Overview of New REAP Program](#)

CBF has had an information display at Ag Progress Days for the last ten years to help provide information on how farmers can become better stewards of the land. In addition to the REAP Program, CBF also helps farmers install streambank fencing and riparian buffers through the [Crop Reserve Enhancement Program](#).

NewsClip: [Gov. Rendell Highlights Renewable Energy at Ag Progress Days](#)

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The Senate and House will return to voting session September 17.

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On the Hill

On the Senate/House Agenda/Bills Introduced

The Senate and House have no meetings scheduled on environmental topics.

Bills Introduced

TCE Standards: [Senate Bill 1048](#) (Rafferty-R-Montgomery) amending the Air Pollution Control Act to set limits on the emissions of TCE – trichloroethylene from solvent cleaning machines.

Tire Recycling: [Senate Bill 1050](#) (Baker-R-Luzerne) would establish a Used Tire Pile Remediation Restricted Account within the Recycling Fund and transfer \$3 million to the account annually for the cleanup of tire piles.

Environmental Synopsis Newsletter by Joint Conservation Committee Now Online

The [August issue of the Environmental Synopsis](#) newsletter published by the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee is now online.

This month's issue features stories on West Nile Virus, a status report on ethanol and biofuels, rankings on walking and transit riding and the ABCs of recycling electronics.

The [Joint Committee](#) is chaired by Rep. Scott Hutchinson (R-Venango) and Sen. Ray Musto (D-Luzerne) serves of vice-chair.

Other News

Nathan Renaudin Wins PA CleanWays' Sue Wiseman Scholarship

[PA CleanWays](#) announced Nathan David Renaudin from Mapplewood Senior High School, Crawford County is the recipient of the 2007 Sue Wiseman Scholarship.

Nathan received the \$1,000 award for the initiation of a massive tire reclamation project in his community.

The goal of the project was to coordinate a volunteer force to remove over 6,000 tires from a community tire pile and arrange to have them processed into crumb rubber for use in surfaces for playgrounds, tracks, and stadiums.

In preparation for the cleanup, Nathan submitted and received a grant from the Milikin Foundation to cover associated costs and recruited Enviva Materials, a materials recovery and processing company based in Ohio, to haul and process the tires. Enviva donated their services.

On October 6, 2006, Nathan coordinated 200 students and 50 community volunteers and in less than 3 hours the tires were stacked on 4 tractor trailer trucks bound for Youngtown, Ohio.

When asked if this project has changed his environmental views, Nathan responded, "This project did not really change my views on the environment's importance, rather, it amplified the concept that we need to participate and work together in saving our world and that even in a small community large improvements can be made if one person is willing to take the first step."



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Nathan credits his biology instructor for the vision of the project and is quick to give credit to three seniors who helped implement his idea and served as team leaders. Nathan plans to attend Clarion University this fall to major in communications and minor in ecology.

Applicants were judged on initiative and self-motivation, ability to demonstrate leadership, commitment to the environment, use of local resources, partnerships formed, and the project's ability to educate the public.

PA CleanWays extends many thanks to its judging team: Sue Wiseman, founder of PA CleanWays; Lisa Vinkler-Dubich, Derry Area School District science teacher; and Pat Chapaitis, PA CleanWays board member.

The [Sue Wiseman Scholarship](#) is an annual \$1,000 award that honors youth who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to reducing littering and illegal dumping. The scholarship is open to Pennsylvania youth, ages 16-21, who have initiated and carried out personal project(s) that address littering, illegal dumping, recycling, proper disposal, beautification, or education. An education project must address one of the other topics listed.

Applications and project requirements are due May 1, of each year. Application forms are available electronically at www.pacleanways.org.

The scholarship is named for Sue Wiseman, whose own commitment and dedication to a cleaner environment led to the founding of PA CleanWays, a statewide nonprofit organization that helps people who are ready to take action against littering and illegal dumping in their communities.

Since 1990, PA CleanWays has been dedicated to empowering people to resolve and prevent these destructive problems. PA CleanWays community-based approach has resulted in the removal of over 650 illegal dump sites statewide. More than 35,600 volunteers helped remove and properly dispose of more than 9,900 tons of trash and over 314,700 tires.

For more information, visit the [PA CleanWays website](#).

Nearly 140,000 Volunteers Pick Up Trash in 2007 Great Pa Cleanup



Nearly 140,000 volunteers from every county in Pennsylvania worked together to pick up a record 7.4 million pounds of trash from an unprecedented 4,100 communities between March and May during this year's [Great PA Cleanup](#).

Volunteers removed trash from roads, parks, schools, waterways, wildlife areas and communities across the state.

“The continued growth of the Great Pennsylvania Cleanup, and this year’s incredible turnout, shows that Pennsylvanians are more concerned than ever about protecting our environment,” said DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty. “When people come together in such large numbers, as was the case here, we can achieve a great deal of good for our state. Because of this effort, our environment is cleaner, there are fewer eyesores in our communities, and our children have more areas where they can play safely.”

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The Great PA Cleanup, which included events and organized activities from March 1 through May 31, is a statewide effort to remove litter and trash from the state's neighborhoods and beautify the Commonwealth by planting trees and building playgrounds. The effort's primary participation time coincides with Earth Day, April 22.

The 2007 Great PA Cleanup involved: 4,987 cleanup events; 139,480 volunteers; 372,096 bags of collected trash, weighing 7,441,919 pounds; 41,560 pounds of illegally dumped trash and 870 tires collected by volunteers in DEP's [Clean up Our American Lands and Streams \(COALS\) program](#) from April through May; 13,565 miles of road, railroad track, trails, waterways and shorelines cleaned, and 3,238 acres of park and or wetlands; and 4,124 communities involved, and all 67 counties in Pennsylvania.

In addition, volunteers planted 12,934 trees, bulbs and plants in an effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful.

This year's initiative included a focus on [Litter-Free School Zone](#).

A total of 77 schools joined the new program in which they agreed to remove litter from campus grounds weekly. Schools also agreed to promote each campus event as a litter-free activity.

[Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful](#), which administers the program, provides participating schools with a "[Litter-Free School Zone](#)" sign as a way to encourage students, families and neighbors to help keep their community clean and litter free.

Home Depot donated five \$1,000 gift cards as prizes in a random drawing for schools that registered for the Litter-Free School Zones program during the Great PA Cleanup.

The gift cards were awarded to Cheltenham Elementary School, Montgomery County; Dunbar Township Elementary School, Fayette County; Fairview Elementary School, Luzerne County; Ridgeview Academy Charter School, Westmoreland County; and St. Marys Area Middle School, Elk County.

The Great PA Cleanup is supported and sponsored by the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful alliance, a wide range of businesses, trade organizations, civic and environmental groups, and local and state governments. It is the state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, which was founded in 1953 to promote litter prevention, community revitalization and waste reduction.

The state departments of Community and Economic Development, Conservation and Natural Resources, Education, Environmental Protection and Transportation are members of the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful alliance.

PennDOT supports the cleanup by distributing free gloves, safety vests and trash bags to participants. Its [Adopt-A-Highway program](#) volunteers once again were key to the success of the Great PA Cleanup. Another important partner was the [Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association](#), whose members donated free landfill space for the trash collected.

The following is a list of organizations sponsoring Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and the Great PA Cleanup:

AAA Mid-Atlantic, Audubon Pennsylvania, Best Buy, Cities: Allentown, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources, Education, Environmental Protection and Transportation, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, GreenTreks Network, Home Depot, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Keep Lancaster Beautiful, Keep Philadelphia Beautiful, Keystone Sanitary Landfill, PA CleanWays, Pennsylvania Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus, Pennsylvania Builders Association, Pennsylvania Downtown Center,

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Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, Pennsylvania Horticulture Society, Pennsylvania Host Municipal Inspectors, Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association, Pennsylvania Organization of Watersheds and Rivers, Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, Pennsylvania Resources Council, Pennsylvania Soft Drink Association, Pennsylvania State Association of Borough Managers, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania, Schuylkill Keep It Pretty, Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, The Steel Recycling Institute and Waste Management Inc.

The 2008 Great Pennsylvania Cleanup feature day is scheduled tentatively for the Saturday before Earth Day, April 19.

For more information, visit the [Great PA Cleanuup website.](#)

DEP Declares Drought Watch in 58 Counties, Governor Urges Federal Aid

The Department of Environmental Protection issued a [drought watch](#) for 58 Pennsylvania counties as precipitation deficits continue to mount and groundwater levels fall in many areas of the state. Gov. Rendell this week urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide low-interest emergency loans to farmers in 22 counties suffering crop damage.

“After a fairly wet winter and spring, precipitation levels over the last two months have dropped dramatically resulting in deficits of as much as 4 inches in some counties,” DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty said. “With groundwater and streamflow levels also on the decline, we’re asking everyone to conserve water to get us through the rest of the summer months.”

A drought watch declaration is the first level — and least severe — of the state’s three drought classifications. It calls for a voluntary 5 percent reduction in non-essential water use.

DEP will send letters to all water suppliers in the affected counties, notifying them of the need to monitor their supplies and update their drought contingency plans if necessary.

In addition to precipitation totals, DEP monitors groundwater levels, streamflows, soil moisture and water supply storage.

“Right now, our reservoirs are in good shape but with many water suppliers relying on groundwater wells, it’s imperative to curb consumption in affected areas to ensure an adequate supply,” Secretary McGinty added.

DEP offers the following tips for conserving water:

In the Bathroom:

- Install low-flow plumbing fixtures and aerators on faucets;
- Check for household leaks – a leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day; and
- Take short showers instead of baths.

Kitchen/Laundry Areas:

- Replace older appliances with high efficiency, front loading models that use about 30 percent less water and 40-50 percent less energy;
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads; and
- Keep water in the refrigerator to avoid running water from a faucet until it is cold.

Outdoors:

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- Water outdoors in the early morning or evening hours to cut down on evaporation;
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, steps and sidewalks;
- Use soaker hoses and trickle irrigation systems to reduce water use by 20-50 percent; and
- Cover swimming pools to prevent evaporation.

The counties include: Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming and York.

For more drought information and water conservation tips, visit DEP's [Drought webpage](#).

NewsClips: [Rendell Applies for Federal Crop Damage Aid](#)
[Drought Most Severe in Scattered Areas Due to Unusual Weather](#)
[Carbon County Confronts Drought Alert](#)
[Drying Up – Farmers Expect Smaller Harvests](#)
[Cumberland County Water Consumption Curbed](#)
[Drought Warnings Taken Seriously?](#)
[State Declares Drought](#)

'Project Ripple' Educates Students on the Impact of Water Quality

To help keep water clean and safe, Penn State Public Broadcasting [launched Project Ripple](#) in three central Pennsylvania school districts as part of its educational services.

Ripple focuses on water quality and pollution effects, such as acid mine drainage, and is committed to making a difference in the Chesapeake water system and beyond.

Made possible by a \$12,000 grant from the National Center for Outreach, the goal of Ripple is to use broadcasts to address water issues by partnering with high schools and watershed groups to give students a better understanding of their impact on water quality and by holding community forums at the partnering high schools to continue the conversation within the community.

"The purpose of the grant was to foster community involvement in an issue of local importance through the use of public broadcasting programs," said Jessica Peters, program specialist in PSPB's Educational Services unit. "For our project, we chose to focus on the 'ripple effect' of local actions on the environment having a global impact."

She added, "It was great to partner with local high school teachers and their students. It is important for these students to have a hands-on approach to their area's water quality because they are the stakeholders in this project -- today's local actions on our waterways will have a direct impact on this generation."

Ripple's website provides videos of environmental experts and relevant classroom projects. Related broadcasts linked on the site with lesson plans include:

- "Water: An Endangered Resource," a WPSU-produced documentary about acid mine drainage in Pennsylvania;
- "NOVA: The Storm That Drowned a City," NOVA's look at Hurricane Katrina and how the problem was compounded by urban sprawl and poor infrastructure; and

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- "Jean-Michel Cousteau, Ocean Adventure: Voyage to Kure," Cousteau's trip to the Kure Atoll, an unpopulated island in the Pacific Ocean polluted by trash thrown into the ocean.

Three regional high schools (St. John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport, Central High School in Martinsburg and Bucktail High School in Renovo) watched these broadcasts, then paired with a local conservation group to do a community service project focusing on restoring local waterways. The schools then presented their findings in a community forum.

"The Ripple project has been a multi-learning experience for students," said Linda Lightner, a communications/gifted support teacher at Central High School. "Besides learning about conservation of the Chesapeake Watershed, they learned about the life cycles of brown and brook trout, they learned to network with a variety of community members, and they learned to collaborate with other students."

Students at Central chose the Trout in the Classroom project as a way to focus on the importance of a healthy environment, and they plan to continue raising fish next year.

Lightner sought extra funds for the Ripple program not only so students could participate in the Trout in the Classroom project, but as she said, "The program was originally instituted as an enrichment activity for gifted students; however, I want to offer such an exciting learning opportunity to all students."

Mike Makufka, executive director at Juniata Clean Water Partnership said he hopes for a stronger second year with more community involvement. "I think the program worked well for the students and I can see benefits in helping teachers meet state environmental standards. Since Ripple was tied into other school functions, I am not sure the public was totally in step with it."

Ripple partner schools include: ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania Inc. and State College Area High School, Juniata Clean Water Partnership and Central High School, Kettle Creek Watershed Association and Bucktail High School, and Loyalsock Creek Watershed and St. John Neumann Regional Academy.

Video stories of the classroom projects of Central High School and St. John Neumann Regional Academy are available at [Ripple Project website](#) along with more information about the schools, the broadcasts and the Ripple project.

Susquehanna River Symposium, Film Premiere Set for September 28-29

The [Bucknell Environmental Center](#), [Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies](#) and [Geisinger Center for Health Research](#) are sponsoring the second annual Susquehanna River Symposium that will include the premiere of the third in a series of documentaries on the Upper Susquehanna by [WVIA-TV](#).

"Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Drainage Remediation: Seeking Common Ground Along the Susquehanna," is the theme for this year's Symposium which will be held on September 29 from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Bucknell Langone Center in Lewisburg.

The premier of the documentary, "Hope for Polluted Waters," will be held on September 28 at 8 p.m. at the Campus Theatre in Lewisburg.

Anthracite coal mining has a legacy that is both proud and troubling. Anthracite fueled economic growth in this country, and it still provides employment in the Eastern Pennsylvania region. Historically, mining without environmental regulation left a scarred landscape and polluted water, both of which are slowly being healed.

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This symposium aims to bring together citizens whose goals include continuing production of anthracite coal, environmental protection, and healing the land from past scars. It is designed to provide a forum for meaningful communication of concerns and generation of ideas from all stakeholders, with the overall goals of finding common ground and moving forward as partners.

Goals of the Symposium are to provide an overview of mine drainage remediation efforts in Eastern Pennsylvania, provide scientific and technical background on mine drainage and potential treatment methods, provide landowner and watershed group perspectives on mine reclamation efforts and enhance communication among landowners, citizen groups, the scientific community, and regulatory and funding agency personnel

For more information or questions or if you would like to attend contact: Kim DiRocco, Bucknell University, at 570-577-1421 or send email to: dirocco@bucknell.edu or Dione Mercer, Geisinger Center for Health Research, 570-214-9934 or send email to: dgmerc@geisinger.edu.

Links: [Looking to the River Premiers on WVIA](#)
[Susquehanna Expedition Team Concludes Journey](#)

McCoy-Linn Dam Removal Begins on Spring Creek, Centre County

Demolition of the McCoy-Linn Dam, an aging 14-foot high, 150-feet long structure that creates a 16-acre stagnating effect on Spring Creek, began last week near the confluence of Spring Creek and Bald Eagle Creek in Centre County.

This project is the first step in a larger project to restore a section of Spring Creek and create a recreational destination.

The dam is located between the towns of Bellefonte and Milesburg and was one of the first of the dams built at this site probably dating from early in the 19th century as part of Harmony Forge and the Milesburg Iron Works.

Floodwaters breached McCoy-Linn Dam in 1936, but it was rebuilt to generate hydroelectricity for West Penn Power, which closed operations in 1950 and has been idle ever since.

Today the dam serves no functional purpose, is a liability and negatively impacts a world-class coldwater fishery. The dam also blocks boaters from floating downstream to the confluence with Bald Eagle Creek.

The dam and surrounding 25 acres of property are owned by the Fish and Boat Commission. The ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania is acting on the Commission's behalf to manage the project.

"It has been the Commission's desire to remove the dam for nearly two decades. Previously the resources and partnerships were simply not available," said Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director Doug Austen. "By using the same cooperative approach the Commission has been able to successfully pursue on more than 70 similar projects across the state, we're now able to move forward with an effort that will culminate in the creation of a destination fishery similar to the renowned Fishermen's Paradise. Likewise, recreational paddling will be greatly enhanced by the dam's removal."

In addition to ClearWater Conservancy and the PFBC, project partners include American Rivers, Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Centre County Historical Society, Centre County Office of Planning and Community Development, National Fish

and Wildlife Foundation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and The Pennsylvania State University.

"Removing McCoy-Linn Dam will significantly improve the water quality and riparian habitat along this reach of Spring Creek as well as create new recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of Centre County. We are very excited to see the site restored to its natural condition," said Katie Ombalski, ClearWater Conservancy's Conservation Biologist.

"Today, a new chapter on Spring Creek is about to begin, complete with a free-flowing stream, abundant wild trout, and incredible natural beauty. The riverside path will be a wonderful way to reconnect people to their river," said Rebecca Wodder, President of American Rivers, an organization providing significant project funding through a Department of Environmental Protection Growing Greener grant.

Final products of the project include restoration of approximately 0.35 mile of a high quality stream and 0.7 mile of riparian habitat, installation of fish habitat enhancement structures in the newly established stream channel, and development of public access to 1.3 miles of a contiguous Commission-owned section of Spring Creek. Additional grant funding has been applied for to support access development and educational signage.

For more information, visit the [ClearWater Conservancy webpage](#).

Attorney General Distributes More Than \$25,000 to Benefit Environmental Projects

Four non-profit organizations received contributions totaling \$25,000 as part of a settlement negotiated by the Attorney General's Environmental Crimes Section to help support environmental programs and services in Northumberland County.

Attorney General Tom Corbett was joined by representatives from non-profit organizations and local officials to explain how this money will make an impact locally.



On July 31, 2006, Martin Winnick, owner of Winnick's Auto Sales and Parts Recycling in Coal Township, was charged with illegally dumping and burying approximately 4,400 tons of solid waste on his business property and on adjoining property belonging to the Susquehanna Coal Co.

General Corbett said that on February 28, Winnick entered a negotiated guilty plea to three counts of unlawfully dumping solid waste and operating a solid waste disposal facility without a permit. Winnick was ordered to pay a \$75,000 fine - \$25,000 for each criminal violation - to the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Solid Waste Abatement Fund.

In addition, General Corbett said the court ordered Winnick to make a \$25,000 contribution to non-profit organizations.

"My office is committed to investigating and prosecuting violators of our state's environmental laws," Genreal Corbett said. "It is important that we hold all violators - large or small - accountable for their actions, and ensure that settlement funds are

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channeled into conservation, education, and public safety efforts that will benefit all Pennsylvanians."

The money, including interest, is being divided between four organizations and will support various community efforts and environmental projects:

- Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance will receive \$7,500 to help clean up the acid mine drainage that has polluted the Shamokin Creek watershed;
- PA Cleanways of Northumberland County will receive \$7,500 to help eliminate illegal dumping and littering through cleanups, roadway adoptions, and educational programs;
- PA Clean & Beautiful Fund, Inc. will receive \$7,500 to promote a litter-free Pennsylvania; and
- Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project will receive \$2,500 to provide education and training for environmental crimes enforcement.

For more information, visit [Attorney General Tom Corbett's website](#).

Applications to Support Integrated Pest Management Programs Due September 7

The Northeastern IPM Center is launching the [Green-Blue Grants Program](#) to promote clean water through residential integrated pest management and local education programs supported by grants of up to \$2,500.

Grant applications are due September 7.

The Program will fund projects focused on educating residents of the Northeast about how using IPM in residential structures and landscapes can affect water quality. This education can take place through workshops, promotional materials, and other methods. Project ideas should tie to ideas articulated at the July 2007 "Green-Blue Summit."

This program is open to nongovernmental agencies, Cooperative Extension educators or county agents, land grant faculty and staff, eligible government staff, and private citizens who will be in contact with receptive audiences. Applicants must be based in a northeastern state or the District of Columbia.

The total funds available for this grants program are approximately \$10,000.

For details on how to apply, see the Request for Applications at the [Green-Blue Program webpage](#).

Codorus Creek Watershed Project Proposals Are Due September 15

The York County Community Foundation is now accepting grant applications for projects in the Codorus Creek Watershed. Applications are due September 15.

An advised fund of York County Community Foundation, the Codorus Watershed Endowment is a substantial source of charitable support for the stream's improvement and the benefit of the many York Countians who use and enjoy this critical resource for agriculture, industry, recreation and wildlife, and for drinking water and other municipal purposes.

The Endowment was created in December, 2001, with the Foundation's receipt of a \$2 million gift from Glatfelter of Spring Grove, PA., as part of a consent decree settling litigation.

A committee of respected environmental, business and civic leaders has been appointed to lead and advise grants from the Endowment. In addition to its leadership and support of other promising initiatives to protect and improve the watershed over time, the

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Endowment will award grants for WAY-6 projects of local not-for-profit and/or governmental organizations, in response to competitive proposals.

Eligible proposals must advance the Endowment's goals and reflect the guidelines and limitations for grants described. Through 2008, at least \$20,000 annually will be available for such grants.

For more information, visit the [Codorus Creek Watershed Endowment webpage](#).

DEP Invites Information on Stream Redesignation Reviews, Withdraws a TMDL

The Department of Environmental Protection has invited interested watershed groups and others with technical information on water quality in several watersheds across the state for which it is doing a stream redesignation evaluation.

Data should be submitted no later than September 10.

The streams include: [Bear Run](#), Indiana & Jefferson Counties; [Grinnage Run](#), Greene County; [Halter Creek](#), Blair & Bedford Counties; [Hotland Run](#), tributary to Crum Creek Delaware County; and [Sherman Creek](#), Perry County.

Persons who have technical data concerning the water quality, instream habitat or biological condition of this stream section are encouraged to make it available to the Department for consideration in the assessment. This assessment may lead to a recommendation to the Environmental Quality Board for redesignation.

Data should be submitted to Tony Shaw, Division of Water Quality Standards, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, P. O. Box 8467, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8467 or send email to: tshaw@state.pa.us. Questions concerning this evaluation can be directed to Tony Shaw at 717-787-9637.

DEP also published a notice withdrawing the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan for Neshaminy Creek ([Pa Bulletin page 4579](#)). A rationale for the withdrawal is posted on [DEP's TMDL webpage](#).

Reminder: Presentation Proposals Due for 2008 Keystone Coldwater Conference



Proposals are now being accepted for presentations and posters for the [2008 Keystone Coldwater Conference](#) on February 22-23 with the theme, "Headwater Ecosystems: Protection, Management and Research."

Proposals will be accepted until September 1.

This bi-annual conference will be hosted by the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel in State College.

A major goal is to promote the sharing of ideas between these diverse groups that have common interests.

Proposals are welcome on topics related to the protection and management of our headwater ecosystems. Emerging research or successful projects and partnerships that highlight the following topics will be given priority: global warming, fisheries management, habitat management and restoration, mercury emissions, acid deposition woody debris, brook trout genetics, reptiles and amphibians and groundwater withdrawal ecology and preservation of brook trout

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An abstract submission form is available at the [Coldwater Heritage Partnership's website](#)

Water, Wastewater Certification Courses, Water Incident Training Available

Water and wastewater plant operators can take advantage of several upcoming training opportunities from the Penn State Environmental Training Center and the PA Section - American Water Works Association detailed below.

Certification Courses: [A variety of courses](#) are now available from the Penn State Environmental Training Center to water and wastewater plant operators to help meet continuing education requirements by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Courses include: general exam overview, filtration, distribution systems, chemicals and much more. Visit the [Environmental Training Center](#) for more information on these and other courses.

Water Incident Response: A free one-day workshop will be held on September 14 at Harrisburg Area Community College to provide training to water and wastewater plant on [incident command and management](#).

"It is important that water and wastewater personnel become NIMS compliant for two reasons," said Mike Snyder, PA-AWWA, Project/Security Coordinator. "First, FEMA requires NIMS compliance in order to receive Disaster Relief Funds and second, US DHS has determined that water & wastewater personnel responding to an emergency are classified as 'first responders.' All first responders must be NIMS compliant.

"These courses, ICS 100 and NIMS 700, are entry level courses that water and wastewater system personnel need to take in order to begin the process of NIMS compliance. These two courses have been specifically adapted to water and wastewater systems so they are relevant to their professions.

"This training is a great partnership between US EPA, PA Section - American Water Works Association and the South Central PA Counter-Terrorism Task Force. All three agencies are helping sponsor this important training," explained Snyder.

Registration is being handled by Horsley Witten, who is teaching the course for EPA. To register, click on "register for course" on the [Harrisburg course webpage](#). The course is limited to 40 attendees so register early! Questions should be directed to Mike Snyder at 717-774-8870 or send email to: mikesnyder@paawwa.org.

Villanova Hosts 2007 Stormwater Management Symposium in October

Villanova University is again hosting the [2007 Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Symposium](#) on October 17-18.

The purpose of the symposium is to advance the knowledge and understanding of comprehensive stormwater management for those dealing in all aspects planning, design, implementation and regulatory compliance.



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A half-day workshop for non-engineers will be held preceding the symposium. Participants are expected to include engineers, planners, water resource professionals, regional, state and local government representatives, land development professionals and watershed and conservation groups. The main track of the first day of the symposium and the half-day workshop will be broadcasted live over the Internet.

For more details and to register, visit the [2007 Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Symposium webpage](#).

DCNR Opens Applications for Deer Management Program to Save Forests

To more effectively manage Pennsylvania's white-tailed deer population and reduce crop and forestland damage, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has added more than 941,000 acres to Game Commission's [Deer Management Assistance Program](#), or DMAP.

Eighty-three state forest and park areas are now a part of the management program, which means managers will now have the chance to request more, or fewer, antlerless deer permits for hunters.

"There are changes in state forest and park participation in our deer management program this year that reflect the condition of woodland habitat seen by our forest and park managers," said DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardinis.

The number of participating state parks will increase from 12 to 16 this year, and 80,312 coupons, or permits, will be sought for hunters across the state. While more state forest acreage is enrolled in the program, fewer hunters will have the chance to hunt on state forest land because the department is asking for fewer permits.

"Our fine-tuning means hunters will be able to better help Pennsylvania maintain the deer population and curtail deer browsing and habitat damage," DiBerardinis said. "In three state forest districts where foresters noted adequate regeneration, DMAP designations are not being sought for the 2007-08 hunting seasons."

DCNR is requesting that the Game Commission issue 17,541 permits for hunting on 67 state forest sites spanning 861,415 acres, and 1,595 permits in 16 state park sites covering 80,312 acres. In 2006, DCNR sought 17,642 permits for hunting in 63 state forest DMAP tracts totaling 802,346 acres.

The Buchanan and Cornplanter state forest districts in southern and northwest Pennsylvania, respectively, will not enroll land in the DMAP program and Tuscarora, just west of Harrisburg, is not enrolling for the second consecutive year. Managers of these three districts said there is no need for DMAP participation because of factors like reduced pressure from deer browsing and improved forest regeneration.

"Where the general state forest conditions appear to be improving, but specific problem areas remain, statewide browse-study results helped shape our approach," said Bureau of Forestry Wildlife Biologist Merlin Benner. "Use of DMAP still is expanding among state parks, where browsing survey data now is being collected in a more uniform and widespread manner."

DCNR first used DMAP in 2003 within its state forest system only, enrolling 38 tracts and 446,821 acres in 11 of its 20 state forest districts.

Some of the Bureau of State Parks' 16 sites are surrounded by state forestland. Enrolled state park areas include: Bald Eagle, Canoe Creek, Codorus, Cook Forest,

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Hickory Run, Kings Gap, Moraine, Nescopeck, Ohiopyle, Oil Creek, Presque Isle, Prince Gallitzin, Ricketts Glen, Ryerson Station, Shawnee and Tobyhanna.

On August 20 DCNR will begin accepting applications from walk-ins, as well as by mail, telephone and online.

Applications, maps and others details are available at DCNR's [DMAP webpage](#).

For more DMAP details contact Merlin Benner, wildlife specialist, Bureau of Forestry at 570-724-8140 or jobenner@state.pa.us.

Ducks Unlimited Holds Waterfowl & Outdoor Expo September 15-16



Looking for something exciting for the entire family to do in September? The 26th Annual [Ducks Unlimited](#) Waterfowl & Outdoor Expo will be held in Linesville, Pennsylvania, September 15-16.

The 2007 event has been revamped to include even more hunting equipment, wildlife artwork, and outdoor equipment. Join us for a newly created seminar series with topics like using whitetail scents, decoy tactics, duck calling secrets, as well as others.

In beautiful downtown Linesville you will be able to enjoy arts and craft vendors, food, downtown shops, demonstrations such as cider pressing, and much, much more! Whether you are into hunting, wildlife, conservation, or good old family fun this year's festival will be something the whole family can enjoy!

This two-day event will kick off with the annual Expo Parade, sponsored by Linesville Chamber of Commerce, at 10 am on Saturday. Throughout the weekend you will enjoy numerous hunting & fishing related vendors, the Pennsylvania Duck Stamp competition, artwork by local and nationally renowned artists along with some of the regions best waterfowl carvers.

Visitors are invited to compete in the annual Expo Trap Shoot at the Pymatuning Sportsmen's Club, and enjoy hands on children's activities at the Linesville State Fish Hatchery. On Sunday, some of the regions best waterfowl callers will compete in the Expo Duck & Goose Calling Competition; the competition is open to both junior and senior divisions. In addition to these events the Expo will also include retriever dog demonstrations.

This year's events will be located at Linesville High School, the Linesville State Fish Hatchery, Pymatuning Wildlife Learning Center, throughout downtown Linesville, and the Pymatuning Sportsman's club. Don't forget to visit the newly renovated Linesville Spillway "Where the ducks walk on the fish." This local attraction has had a major overhaul. If you have not seen it since it was renovated you won't want to miss it!

Proceeds from the event will help Ducks Unlimited in its mission to conserve critically important wetlands and waterfowl habitat.

With more than a million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest and most effective wetland and waterfowl conservation group. The United States alone has lost more than half of its original wetlands – some of nature's most productive ecosystems – and continues to lose more than 100,000 wetland acres every year.

For more information about the Ducks Unlimited Pymatuning Waterfowl and Outdoor Expo, contact Lew Walker, Regional Director for Ducks Unlimited at 814-382-

8551 or e-mail lwalker@ducks.org . Also check out the [Linesville website](#) for more event information.

Wild Resource Conservation Program Celebrates 25th Anniversary With Symposium

The Wild Resource Conservation Program will hold a [special Symposium](#) to celebrate the program’s 25th Anniversary at the Indiantown Gap Community Club in Annville on September 27-28.

Researchers, policy makers, media, students and anyone interested in conserving biodiversity and shaping conservation for the next 25 years are encouraged to attend.

“This event will offer attendees an opportunity to celebrate 25 years of protecting Pennsylvania’s native wild flora, fauna and their habitats through research, restoration and education,” stated DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardinis, who will deliver the symposium’s opening address on Thursday afternoon.

While featuring a mountain hawk watch and regal fritillary and native grassland tour, the symposium will also include seminars, like “Inventorying Our Native Biodiversity,” “Connecting People With Science,” “Bringing Back Missing Pieces of Our Natural Heritage” and “Identifying Important Places.”

There will be several guest speakers, including Pulitzer Prize-nominated author Scott Weidensaul. In addition, there will be a facilitated discussion regarding the future of the Wild Resource Conservation Program.

The cost of the symposium is \$30 for students and \$40 for other registrants. Registration includes conference programs and breaks and a complimentary Thursday night dinner. Breakfast and lunch buffets will be available on both days for a small fee.

For more information about the Wild Resource Conservation Program or to register for the event, [download the Symposium brochure](#). (Reprinted from [DCNR Resource newsletter](#).)



Czarnecki Appointed Director of the Wild Resource Conservation Program

Gregory J. Czarnecki, the former director of the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program, has been named executive director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ [Wild Resource Conservation Program](#).

“I am extremely pleased to have Greg move into this position within the Office of Conservation Science,” said DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardinis. “He brings the expertise and the right skills to tackle the complexities of the program, and the vision to continue to lead the program to address today’s emerging conservation challenges.”

“The Wild Resources Conservation Program is emerging as a champion of habitat, non-game species and native wild plants,” Secretary DiBerardinis said, “and Greg has the education and employment background to propel the program to new frontiers.”

Czarnecki succeeds Sara J. Nicholas, who was named senior policy analyst at DCNR.

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While serving as the director of the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program within DCNR, Czarnecki helped lead a complete reorganization of efforts to provide current, reliable and objective information to help shape statewide environmental decisions.

He served as the U.S. Section Council representative for NatureServe and helped to develop annual operating and 5-year strategic plans for this international network of natural heritage programs that gathers and provides information on location and status of important ecological resources.

Czarnecki also chaired the science committee of the Pennsylvania Wind and Wildlife Collaborative. For his efforts, he was honored in May with DCNR's Secretary's Achievement Award for "skillful leadership of a very worthwhile and groundbreaking effort to ensure progress in a cutting-edge approach to harnessing wind power."

Prior to working with DCNR, Czarnecki was the director of the Pennsylvania Science Office at The Nature Conservancy, where he was a key player in a comprehensive internal and external evaluation of the program's structure, strengths and challenges. Previously, Czarnecki had been senior project manager at Eastern Research Group Inc, where he managed multi-faceted communication and educational projects for federal and non-profit clients. He is a former biologist and adjunct biology professor at Pennsylvania State and Gannon universities.

Czarnecki, 47, earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Gannon University and a master's degree in biology from Edinboro State University of Pennsylvania. A native of Erie, Czarnecki and his wife live with their daughter in Hummelstown, Dauphin County.

\$214,000 to Improve Recreational Opportunities in Clarion River Corridor

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced \$214,000 in grants to support the Clarion River Recreation Assessment -- a partnership project in Elk, Forest, Jefferson and Clarion counties.

The group responds to recreational opportunities and challenges facing the Clarion River and other natural resources gracing the southwestern corner of the Pennsylvania Wilds.

Besides the four counties and their municipalities, the partnership includes the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Allegheny National Forest.

Funding for the five grants through the DCNR Community Partnerships Program comes from Growing Greener II, a voter-approved, \$625 million bond issue, and the Keystone Fund, a DCNR fund generated from a portion of the realty transfer tax.

"These grants support many of the recommendations of the Clarion River Recreation Assessment report released last week during a meeting with project partners at Cook Forest State Park," said DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardinis. "The assessment involved a six-month evaluation of recreation along the river and it included a series of local stakeholder meetings.

"Among the recommendations outlined were to: improve river access and visitor amenities; establish a coordinated signage program; and explore options for



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intergovernmental cooperation along the corridor, all of which are reflected in the grants we are awarding," Secretary DiBerardinis said.

A list of [grants awarded is available online](#).

The 101-mile Clarion River has its headwaters in northern Elk County; it ends in Clarion County where it flows into the Allegheny River. Almost 52 miles of the river are designated scenic and recreational under the federal National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The [Clarion River Assessment Report](#) is available online.

More information is available on financial assistance on [DCNR's Grants webpage](#).

Submit a Presentation Proposal for the 2008 PA Land Conservation Conference

Proposals are now being accepted for workshops and roundtables for the [2008 PA Land Conservation Conference](#) which will be held March 4-5 in Malvern, Chester County.

Proposals are due by October 31.

Proposals are welcome on land conservation and organizational development basics, advanced topics, and novel subjects.

In recognition of their efforts, conference presenters are eligible for a free basic registration (limit of one per organization per workshop), conditioned on submitting requested materials including the conference registration form on time.

The Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference is Pennsylvania's annual training, networking and inspirational event for those involved with private and public land conservation. PALTA anticipates over 300 people will attend the conference.

Submit your proposal through the [2008 PA Land Conservation Conference](#) webpage.

1st Annual Susquehanna Greenways and Trails Workshop September 12

Join the [Susquehanna Greenway Partnership](#) for its first Greenways and Trails Workshop on September 12.

The workshop will be held at the [PPL Montour Preserve](#) Environmental Education Center Auditorium, Danville.

Seminars will include: a multi-municipal trail success story; successful regional approaches to trail management; a model for trail easements; designing environmentally sensitive trails; and tips from the field for trail operations and management.

For more information, [download the workshop brochure](#).

50 Farms, 5,000 Acres Added to Farmland Preservation Program

The [Farmland Preservation Board](#) approved the investment of \$18.6 million to preserve 4,934 acres of farmland in 17 counties, including two farms in Lancaster County – the first to be preserved under a unique county-and-non-profit partnership.

"By investing in new partnerships and working together to protect valuable farmland, we are ensuring a strong future for production agriculture in Pennsylvania," said Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff. "As the state's number one industry, every measure must be taken to keep agriculture growing for the benefit of our producers and consumers."

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Included in the announcement were the preservation of the King family farms in Lancaster County; the first two county-and-non-profit easement purchases between Lancaster County and the Lancaster Farmland Trust.

Pennsylvania continues to lead the nation in the number of farms and acres preserved. Since the program began in 1988, 365,553 acres on 3,273 farms have been protected.

The farms preserved as a result of this action are located in 17 counties: Adams, Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Erie, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton, Mifflin, Schuylkill, Somerset, Wayne and York.

Currently, 57 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties are participating in the program.

The Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program was developed 18 years ago to help slow the loss of prime farmland to non-agricultural uses. The program enables state, county and local governments to purchase conservation easements, also called development rights, from owners of quality farmland.

For more information, visit the [Farmland Preservation Program webpage](#).

Electricity Savings Set New Record During Heat Wave in PJM Interconnection

Consumer reductions in the use of electricity, known as demand response, set a record in [PJM Interconnection](#) during a power supply emergency the week of August 6.

PJM reported that 1,945 megawatts of consumer use of electricity were voluntarily reduced on August 8, the day PJM ordered voltage reductions in its Mid-Atlantic Region. The demand response amount is similar to the amount of power used by a mid-sized city. By comparison, the 5 percent voltage reduction lowered use by about 1,000 MW.

"This was the largest amount of demand response we've ever had on one day, and it's an encouraging milestone," said Andrew L. Ott, PJM's vice president - Markets. "Participating consumers responded to price signals in the wholesale electricity market and to system needs. We continue working with state regulators and stakeholders to make demand response a larger resource to draw on. We're working with stakeholders to advance recommendations from our May symposium on demand response."

In PJM's wholesale electricity markets, consumers can be paid the same amount for reducing demand for electricity as generators are paid for supplying electricity.

On August 8, consumers participated in demand response in several ways: through the Day-Ahead Market, PJM real-time dispatch, self-scheduled, PJM's call for emergency load response and PJM members' "interruptible" rates.

Demand response can help maintain reliability by reducing the demands on the power supply system. It also can reduce wholesale prices for electricity by eliminating the need to run more expensive generating units.

NewsClips: [Electric Demand Short of All-Time Records, Says PECO](#)
[Call for Electricity Cuts Was Answered on Blistering Hot Day](#)
[Big Electricity Users Step Up to Ease Peak Load](#)

Electric Power Generation Association Hires Terrance Fitzpatrick

The [Electric Power Generation Association](#) announced that Public Utility Commissioner Terrance J. Fitzpatrick will be joining the Association as General Counsel effective September 4.

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“Terry has extensive experience with electricity competition and restructuring as a utility regulator, a legislative staffer, and an attorney representing power companies. I look forward to working with him because he understands the importance of moving forward with bringing the benefits of a competitive electric market to consumers,” said Jim Locher, Vice President, Operations of Reliant Energy and EPGA Board Chairman.

“With twenty-five years of experience as an attorney, policymaker and adjudicator in the fields of public utility and environmental regulation, Terry will be a very welcome addition to our team,” said EPGA President Doug Biden. “He will be able to help guide our industry as we continue to meet our commitments under the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards law and challenges from ever increasing environmental regulation.”

Prior to joining EPGA, Mr. Fitzpatrick served as one of five members of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission from 1999 to 2007, serving as the Commission’s Chairman in 2003-2004. In addition to other positions, he also practiced public utility and environmental law with the firm of Ryan, Russel, Ogden & Seltzer, was Counsel to the Pennsylvania Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, and served as an Administrative Law Judge and Member of the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has a law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from East Stroudsburg State College.

“EPGA is in the forefront of many challenging energy and environmental policy issues. I look forward to helping them meet those challenges,” Mr. Fitzpatrick said. EPGA is a trade association of electric generating companies with headquarters in Harrisburg, Pa.

Its members include AES Beaver Valley, LLC, Allegheny Energy Supply, Cogentrix Energy Inc., Edison Mission Group, Exelon Generation, FirstEnergy Generation Corp, Mirant Corporation, PPL Generation, Reliant Energy, Sunbury Generation LP and UGI Development Company.

These companies own and operate more than 122,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity, more than half of which is located in the mid-Atlantic region.

For more information visit the [Electric Power Generation Association website](#) or call 717-909-EPGA.

PUC Releases Summer Edition of the ‘Keystone Connection’ Report

The Public Utility Commission released the summer edition of the [Keystone Connection](#) report. The quarterly report provides information about important developments in the electric, natural gas, transportation, telecommunications and water markets under the PUC’s jurisdiction.

The publication's format contains coverage of all utilities under the PUC’s jurisdiction, including news on consumer issues and general information on Commission happenings.

A copy of [Keystone Connection](#) is available online.

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Wins 2007 Excellence Award

The [Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority](#) was awarded the [Solid Waste Association of North America](#) Bronze Excellence in Solid Waste Management Award in the Special Waste division for the success of its Household Hazardous Waste program.

In March 2006, the new convenient drive-through HHW facility opened at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster providing County residents a state-of-the-art building with regular business hours for proper disposal and recycling of computers, paints, cleaners, fluorescent bulbs, and other items.

LCSWMA began its free HHW program in 1991 and over the past 16 years, more than 2,400 tons of materials that should not be placed in the trash have been delivered by residents to the facility.

Within these 16 years, over 83,000 customer visits to the HHW facility have been recorded, with more than 16,400 so far in 2007. Lancaster County's HHW program is the only one of its type in Pennsylvania, providing residents a permanent facility for delivery of household hazardous wastes as they are generated, instead of having to store materials in the home until a specific date is scheduled.

"SWANA is pleased to honor the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority for the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved over the past year. Their commitment to advancing solid waste management is resulting in a cleaner environment and improved public health. We are very proud of their efforts." said Dr. John Skinner, Executive Director and CEO of the Solid Waste Association of North America.

"We are proud of Lancaster County's HHW program and believe it is one of the best in the nation, and are pleased that our solid waste peers have recognized it as such with this award. The positive customer feedback we have received since opening the new HHW facility at the Transfer Station complex affirms this achievement," commented Jim Warner, LCSWMA Executive Director.

SWANA's Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that promote socially, environmentally and economically sound management of solid waste. Award winners demonstrated their commitment to environmental regulation compliance, program efficiency, safety and progress.

Precoat Metals Commits to Reduce Waste and Chemical Use

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mid-Atlantic region recognized Precoat Metals in McKeesport, Pa., for committing to reduce waste and manufacture more environmentally-sound products.

"Precoat Metals is joining companies across the country in meeting EPA's Resource Conservation Challenge to find flexible, yet more protective ways, to conserve our natural resources through waste reduction," said Abraham Ferdas, director of the region's Waste and Chemicals Management Division. "Today, Precoat Metals committed to reducing the priority chemical naphthalene in its manufacturing processes by reformulating or redesigning its products. These efforts will help protect public health and the environment."

Under the EPA partnership, Precoat Metals, which used approximately 20,000 pounds of naphthalene in 2005 in the manufacture of its organic coatings, has committed to

reducing that number by 2,000 pounds. As a result, the total amount of naphthalene stored at and disposed of from the facility will be reduced.

Precoat Metals is one of the largest coil coaters in the world, and the largest coater of building products in the U.S. The company applies protective and decorative coatings to coils of steel and aluminum, servicing customers in the building, container and manufactured product markets.

EPA created the [National Partnership for Environmental Priorities program](#), one of several voluntary partnership programs to reduce 31 highly toxic, priority chemicals found in our nation's waste. The agency's goal is to work with industry and the public to reduce the presence of these chemicals in waste by 10 percent by the year 2008, compared to amounts generated in 2001.

\$1 Million Available for Small Businesses Energy Efficiency, Pollution Prevention

The Department of Environmental Protection announced it is now accepting applications for \$1 million to fund energy efficiency and pollution prevention projects under the [Small Business Advantage Grant Program](#).

Applications are due by September 28.

The Small Business Advantage Grant Program provides a 50 percent matching grant -- up to \$7,500 -- to help defray the costs of purchasing new equipment or implementing new processes that reduce energy consumption and prevent pollution, while helping to increase profitability.

The grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, and interested parties are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a for-profit corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity with no more than 100 full-time employees. The entity must be a separate legal business at the time the application is submitted, and located within the Commonwealth.

Applicants may be manufacturers, retailers, service providers, mining operators or agricultural businesses. The grant-supported project must be located within a Pennsylvania facility belonging to the applicant, and must save the business at least 10 percent in energy or pollution-related expenses annually.

Applications can be found on DEP's [Small Business Advantage webpage](#)

NewsClip: [Loan Program Help Dentist Reduce Pollution](#)

\$6 Million in Recycling Performance Grants Awarded, New Applications Due Oct. 1



The Department of Environmental Protection this week awarded \$6 million in 2005 recycling performance grants to 285 municipalities and counties. DEP also announced applications for 2006 recycling performance grants are due October 1.

“When we recycle, our economy grows,” said Gov. Rendell. “With every item we recycle, we’re providing an additional piece of material that manufacturers can use to create something else. This supply chain produces jobs and environmentally friendly products without the need to disturb and consume more of our natural resources.”

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“This latest round of grants also shows that Pennsylvania’s citizens and communities recognize the importance of recycling, and are doing more to keep items like aluminum cans, newspapers and glass jars out of landfills. We recycled a record amount in 2005, which means a greater investment in those communities working to protect our environment.”

DEP has approved 285 of the 800 performance grant applications received for calendar year 2005 recycling. The remaining applications are being reviewed and additional grant awards may be announced in the coming months.

[A list of grant awards is available online.](#)

Applications for calendar year 2006 recycling performance grants are now available on DEP’s [Recycling Grant Program webpage](#).

Philadelphia Eagles Partner With Recycled Paper Products Firm

The Philadelphia Eagles announced a new corporate partnership with paper-products manufacturer SCA Americas that provides paper products made from 100 percent recycled fibers that are EcoLogo certified.

The towel, tissue and napkin products are being used in the restrooms and all public areas of Lincoln Financial Field.

"We warmly welcome SCA as our corporate partner," said Joe Banner, President and COO of the Philadelphia Eagles. "The synergy of our own Go Green environmental program and the green practices of SCA make a powerful statement that we both are committed to championship performance on the field and in our communities."

For more information, visit the Eagles’ [Go Green webpage](#).



New Director, Federal Office of Surface Mining, Hails from Pittsburgh

Brent Wahlquist was recently confirmed as Director of the [federal Office of Surface Mining](#), who served as director of OSM’s Appalachian Region in Pittsburgh overseeing the agency’s programs in a seven-state area since 2002.

Wahlquist has served as OSM’s Acting Director since December 20, 2005 replacing former OSM Director Jeff Jarrett, who served as Deputy for Mineral Resource Management in DEP.

Bruce Golden, [Western Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation](#)’s Regional Coordinator, said “Brent Wahlquist is a very fitting choice for the Director’s position. He knows OSM and knows the issues as well as anyone. He is very thoughtful, experienced and forward looking. I expect he will continue to serve the position well as he leads OSM through the substantial changes to SMCRA instituted last December.”

John Dawes, Chairman of the PA AML Campaign, noted, “The AML Campaign has met with Dr. Wahlquist and found him to be very forthcoming. We look forward to a constructive relationship with as reclamation projects are implemented throughout the coal communities of Pennsylvania.”

Wahlquist is a 24-year veteran of OSM and previously served as director of the agency’s Mid-Continent Region and also its Western Region. Dr. Wahlquist has also

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worked as OSM's Assistant Director in Washington, DC. Before joining OSM, he served as deputy director of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

He was confirmed on August 3, the 30th anniversary of the creation of the Office of Surface Mining. (Courtesy [Abandoned Mine Posts](#))

Help Wanted -- PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture

The [Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture](#) seeks a director of Southeast Programs. Interviews will start September 7.

Qualifications include a bachelor's degree (higher strongly preferred), experience in organizational development, office administration, fundraising and/or direct marketing of farm products would be a plus. Computer and e-mail proficiency a must.

PASA's mission is to establish a viable Regional Marketing Program office in Southeastern Pennsylvania that addresses the needs of sustainable farmers and interested consumers in this part of the commonwealth in an effective and measurable way.

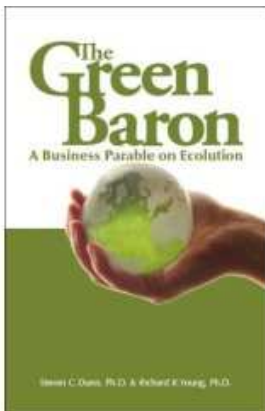
Candidates must live in, or agree to relocate to the region being served. The office will be located at the building maintained by the CCEDC in Exton, and attendance there on a daily basis will be expected. Salary and comprehensive benefits package available.

To apply, send cover letter indicating understanding/acceptance of mission/objectives of the position and resume to PASA, Southeast Director Search, P O Box 419, Millheim, PA 16854, or to jobsearch@pasafarming.org. Applications will be accepted continuously until the position is filled.

A more complete [job description is available online](#).

Book Review

Penn State Professor Focuses on 'Ecolution' and 'Ecolutionaries'



A Penn State Harrisburg faculty member has not only co-authored a book tying sound environmental decisions to business profitability, he's also had a hand in creating new words to describe the effort and those who embrace it.

The newly coined words are "ecolution" and "ecolutionaries."

"[The Green Baron: A Business Parable on Ecolution](#)," by Richard R. Young and Steven C. Dunn, is a parable of how a business leader transforms his thinking about the natural environment, works to radically change the thinking of everyone in his organization, and increases profitability in the process.

Young is professor of supply chain management at Penn State Harrisburg and Dunn is associate professor of supply chain and operations at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

"Supply chain theory is based on total cost," Young pointed out. "Most firms, because of their accounting systems, are too often remiss in collecting all of the pertinent costs required. These are the same problems that logistics and supply chain managers have faced for years," he added. "So to us, the environmental issue was being addressed from the same paradigm."

An expert in supply chain management and logistics, Young's interest in responsible environmental decisions and profitability stretches back to his doctoral dissertation, which "highlighted a lot of value in being green," he recalled. Stressing that neither he nor Dunn could be described as "tree-huggers," Young added that they both "see sustainable processes and environmentally responsible actions as a clear source of competitive advantage."

In the book published by Trafford, "Baron" is the chief executive officer of a manufacturing firm who never thought of himself as an environmentalist, but rather a captain of industry.

Several events that hit close to home are the catalysts that cause Baron to look at his own actions through a different lens. It is only then that his disappointment grows at why things are no longer the way he remembers. This is compounded by his chagrin over the pervasive belief of his management team that short-term gains trump long-term benefits.

He asks, "Why can't others see what I'm seeing?" The reader soon joins Baron on a journey through the organization, meeting key managers, hearing how they conduct their areas of business. The reader ultimately witnesses their paradigm shifts that occur as a result of the "green" journey.

"Baron, the CEO (aka The Green Baron), is a visionary in many ways, but perhaps most compelling is how his story will inspire readers to start their own 'ecolution,'" the publisher says. "It's not about shooting down armed opponents -- that was the Red Baron. Rather it is how managers need to be shooting down the way companies think about the environment and profitability. These managers are 'ecolutionaries.'"

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Opinion

More Than One Option for Funding Hazardous Sites Cleanup

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The fact that the general public doesn't know much about the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program speaks to its success. The fact that the program's funding is about to run out should be alarming.

When the governor and General Assembly return to work on legislation in mid-September, they'll only have a few days to find a solution to the problem of how to fund the critical Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program before its money runs out in October.

A last-minute proposal to take money away from the Keystone Recreation, Parks and Conservation Fund was wisely shot down by a bipartisan group of legislators before the final budget was adopted in July. However, the question of how to provide dedicated, long-term funding for the valuable Hazardous Sites Program was left hanging.

Established in 1988, the program provides the resources needed to respond to and eliminate immediate threats to public health and safety from toxic substances found on industrial sites or spilled in accidents.

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The Department of Environmental Protection has a list of nearly 150 sites, including 45 in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties, that have been cleaned up under the program or still need to be cleaned up. These sites threaten the water we drink, the air we breathe, and undermine economic revitalization.

But the program does more:

- It helps finance cleanup projects at abandoned industrial facilities and contaminated sites;
- It supports Pennsylvania's nationally recognized land recycling and brownfield redevelopment efforts; and
- And it provides nonhazardous environmental response funding, such as cleanup activities after floods.

Everyone in Harrisburg agrees the program is important. What they cannot agree on is how to put together the approximately \$40 million needed annually to fund the program.

A proposed \$2.25 fee on municipal waste disposed in the state was proposed by Gov. Rendell as part of the budget in February. Other legislators have suggested earmarking part of the corporate net income tax or the capital stock and franchise tax to support the program. The \$650 million budget surplus for this year or a portion of the state's Rainy Day Fund could also be used.

One creative solution might be to use some of the \$360 million legislators set aside for their own projects - called WAMs, or "walking-around money" - in this year's budget. What better way to make an impact on your community than to clean up a toxic-waste site? And taking a small amount from each caucus in the Senate and House would make it a refreshingly bipartisan initiative.

Pennsylvanians need to know there are creative options for funding the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program that do not involve taking money from existing programs.

But time is running out, and legislators and the governor need to act.

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Founded in 1970, the Council serves the entire state through offices in Meadville, Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

Quick Clips

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Regulations

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission published comments on the Environmental Quality Board [proposed Interstate Clean Air Rule](#).

[Pennsylvania Bulletin – August 18, 2007](#)

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Comment Deadlines: [Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

[Copies of Proposed Regulations \(DEP website\)](#)

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Technical Guidance & Permits

The Department of Environmental Protection published a revised list of companies certified to perform radon-related activities ([Pa Bulletin page 4487](#)) and a final guidance on [coal and mineral mining inspections](#).

Final. DEP ID: 562-3000-102. Coal and Industrial Mineral Mining Inspections. This guidance document (formerly titled "Inspection") defines the content and frequency of inspections of coal and industrial minerals mining activities by inspectors of the Department's Bureau of District Mining Operations.

[For copies of Draft Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

[For copies of Final Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Upcoming conferences, meetings, workshops, plus links to other online calendars. Meetings are in Harrisburg unless otherwise noted. [Go To: PA Environment Digest Calendar Page](#)

- **August 21** – **CANCELLED**. Environmental Quality Board meeting. Next scheduled meeting is September 18.
- **August 21** – DEP Radiation Protection Advisory Committee special meeting. 14th Floor Conference Room, Rachel Carson Building. 9:00.
- **August 22** – DCNR [Wild Resource Conservation Program](#) meeting. Room 14, East Wing, Capitol. 1:00.
- **August 29** – House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee hearing on [House Bill 1304](#) (Fairchild-R-Union) establishing a PA Geospatial Coordinating Council. Room 140. 12:00.
- **August 29** – DEP [Delaware Regional Water Resources Committee](#) meeting. Lake Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center, Route 6. (*Notice*)
- **August 30** – House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee public hearing on [House Bill 1735](#) (Yewcic-D-Cambria) related to the rights of surface property rights owners related to drilling for coal bed methane. Living-Learning Center, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown. 1:00.
- **September 5** – **NEW**. DEP [Chesapeake Bay Advisory Committee](#) meeting. Room 105 Rachel Carson Building. 9:00.
- **September 19** – Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee public hearing on proposed alternative fuels mandate included in [House Bill 1202](#) (Gerber-D-Montgomery) and [Senate Bill 789](#) (Dinniman-D-Chester). Hearing Room 1, Capitol North Office Building. 9:00.
- **September 25** – Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee public hearing on proposed alternative fuels mandate included in [House Bill 1202](#) (Gerber-D-Montgomery) and [Senate Bill 789](#) (Dinniman-D-Chester). Room 8 E-B, Capitol East Wing. 9:30.

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- **October 13** – Schuylkill River Festival. Pottstown. Contact: Carolyn Brunschwylar, Montgomery County Community College, 610-718-1847, or send email to: cbrunsch@mc3.edu
- **October 23** – DEP [Nonpoint Source Liaison Workshop](#) meeting. Room 105 Rachel Carson Building, Harrisburg. 10:00. Contact: Steven Lathrop, 717-772-5618 or send email to: slathrop@state.pa.us .
- **October 10-11** -- [DEP Citizens Advisory Council](#) meeting on on October 10 from 7-9 p.m. and October 11 from 9:30 to 12 p.m. at the Best Western Inn.
- **October 16** – **CANCELLED-RESCHEDULED**. [DEP Citizens Advisory Council](#) meeting on October 16 was cancelled in favor of a regional meeting in Bedford on October 10 from 7-9 p.m. and October 11 from 9:30 to 12 p.m. at the Best Western Inn.
- **October 25** – **NEW LOCATION**. [DEP Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board](#) meeting. DEP Cambria District Mining Office, Ebensburg.
- **October 27** – [Global Warming: Rising to the Challenge by Acting Locally](#). Gwynedd Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, Montgomery County. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **November 1** –DEP [Low-Level Waste Advisory Committee](#) meeting. Room 105 Rachel Carson Building. 10:00.
- **February 22-23** – 2008 [Keystone Coldwater Conference](#). State College.

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