

**West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition
Meeting Report
Tuesday, September 4, 2007**

Opening This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Amy Wolfe. The meeting was held in Sullivan Hall at Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA.

Present The meeting was attended by: John Larson, Amy Wolfe, Tom Clark, Andy Gavin, Kevin Clark, Terry O'Connor, Carl Undercofler, Erin Dunleavy, Rachel Kester, Kim Lanich, Becky Dunlap, Geoff Smith, Paul Zeph, Gary Bloss, Art Rose, Allison Fang, Mike Smith, Mario Carello, Edith Hebel, Lee Hebel, Shirley Sholtis, Mel Zimmerman

Information and Discussion Items

Item 1: Introductions: All meeting participants identified themselves and the group they were representing.

Item 2: The minutes of the June 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. No changes were required.

Item 3: OSM VISTA positions: Rachel Kester provided an overview of Grady Luzier's work this summer with the WBSRC as an OSM Americorps*VISTA Summer Associate.

The group decided to continue to pursue a long-term OSM Americorps*VISTA. An updated job description will be distributed to the ad-hoc recruiting and review committee for distribution. The closing date for the new round of applications will be September 20th in order to meet the September 30th deadline for paperwork submittal.

It was announced that the Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team (a partner in the OSM Americorps*VISTA program) will be holding a fall training October 26th – 28th at Twin Falls State Park in Mullen WV. AACCWV has requested that two WBSRC members attend. Members will contact Becky if they are interested.

Item 4: WBSRC outreach: The group selected one of the three logos drafted by Xtreme Wear and offered suggestions for incorporation into the final version. The next version of the logo will be distributed via e-mail so that the logo can be finalized prior to the next meeting.

Outreach grant: The DANSKO grant awards have been pushed-back until mid-September

Website: The education sub-committee will continue to pursue a website.

Roundtable Interview: Mel Zimmerman provided an update on the round-table interview with Mark Lawrence of WKOK. Mel also updated the group on Mark's Hellbender award from the Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies.

Item 5: West Branch Susquehanna Remediation Strategy. Andy Gavin and Tom Clark provided an update on the draft West Branch Susquehanna Remediation Strategy. Comments are due to Tom Clark by Thursday September 6th.

Item 6: Watershed updates: Attending members updated the group on events occurring locally.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Every-other Friday – West Branch sampling with Allison Fang (acf5000@psu.edu)
- September 9th – Conservation Celebration at Curwensville Lake (Clearfield County Conservation District)
- September 12th – DEP Town Hall Meeting. Lock Haven University Clearfield Campus
- September 13th – DEP Town Hall Meeting. Indiana University of Pennsylvania]

For more information on the DEP Town Hall Meeting: /www.depweb.state.pa.us/abandonedminerec/
Next Meeting: December 11, 2007 in Clearfield