



**West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition  
Meeting Report  
Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

**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 at the KCnet Community Board Room in Lock Haven.

**Present** The meeting was attended by: Terry O'Connor, Mark Killar, Scott Koser, Lori O'Connor Dotts, Jamie O'Connor, J.H. Way, Aaron Furgiuele, Kelly Williams, Art Rose, Jen Demchak, Mario Carrello, Bill Brusse, Ken Undercoffer, Tom Clark, Carl Undercoffer, Bill Beacom, Jim Ryan, Lori Smith, Zeb Buck, Mel Zimmerman, Edith Hebel, Lee Hebel, and Amy Wolfe.

**Information and Discussion Items**

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

Item 2: The minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were distributed. The only correction to the minutes was to add Art Rose to list of attendees.

Item 3: Tom Clark, Susquehanna River Basin Commission and Evergreen Conservancy, gave a powerpoint presentation on the Bear Run AMD Watershed Renaissance Project.

Item 4: DEP Growing Greener - Mario Carrello made the Growing Greener grant application packets available and discussed some of the requirements for this grant round, due July 17<sup>th</sup>. Mario mentioned that the watershed managers would not see the grant applications until mid-August and grant reviews won't be completed until October.

Item 5: West Branch Recovery Benchmark Project – Amy Wolfe announced that all benthic and stream habitat data have been collected and thanked WBSRC members Carl Undercoffer and Kelly Williams. The first round of flow and chemistry data was collected the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> and the final round for low flow sampling is scheduled for the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>. TU, SRBC, and the PFBC will be conducting fish surveys beginning the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> on twelve river sites from headwaters to Lock Haven. WBSRC members are to contact TU with suggestions for AMD-impacted tributaries that are have seen improvement or have anecdotal evidence of fish.

Item 7: West Branch Stewardship Trail – Amy Wolfe briefly outline the West Branch Stewardship Trail draft report by the Northcentral PA Conservancy and announced that anyone interested to provide comments should go to the Conservancy's website.

Item 8: Economic Benefit Analysis Summary Report – Amy Wolfe announced that TU is finalizing an 8-page summary of its Economic Benefit Analysis for AMD Remediation in the West Branch and will have printed copies available (and online) in mid-July

Item 9: West Branch Environmental Education Tours – The list of education sessions/tours is finalized and information is available on the newsletter and will be shown on the WBSRC website.

Item 10: WBSRC website – Amy Wolfe stated that Becky Dunlap is working with KCnet to make changes to the website to make it more appealing and useful. Any volunteers willing to help with providing additional information, working with KCnet, and providing general feedback would be greatly appreciated and should contact Becky.

Item 11: 'Round-the-Table Watershed Updates provided by everyone present on behalf of the organization(s) each person represents

Item 12: The possibility for holding a meeting in the headwaters region/Cambria County area was discussed and it was decided by everyone to keep the meetings alternating between Clearfield and Lock Haven.

Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 8 at the Clearfield County Conservation District building.