



**West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition
Meeting Report
Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

Morgan Run Passive Treatment System Tour: Prior to the regular business meeting, a group of coalition members, lead by Kelly Williams, traveled to the Morgan Run watershed to view the recently completed MR TUFF and MR FROG passive treatment systems. Michelle Merrow, Project Engineer, explained the components of the system. Participants then had an opportunity to explore each of the systems and ask questions. Present on the tour were: Kelly Williams, Michelle Merrow, Rachel Kester, Lee & Edith Hebel, Shirley Sholtis, Mario Carello, Ann Donovan, Scott Koser, and John & Nancy Potts.

Opening This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:30 pm by Amy Wolfe. The meeting was held at the Clearfield County Conservation District.

Present The meeting was attended by: Aaron Furguele, Rachel Kester, Amy Wolfe, Becky Dunlap, Ken Undercoffer, Kelly Williams, Carl Undercoffer, John Potts, Nancy Potts, Ann Donovan, Shirley Sholtis, Lee Hebel, Edith Hebel, David Liedholm, Scott Koser, Terry O'Connor, Brianna Hutchinson, Kevin Clark, and Mario Carrello.

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 9th, 2009 meeting were distributed. No corrections were needed.

Item 3: Aaron Furguele, Trout Unlimited, presented an overview of the two-year intern project funded by the Old Towns Sportsman's Association: Status of the West Branch between Curwensville and Clearfield. Aaron, Lori Smith, Zack Bassett, and Zeb Buck presented a version of this talk to a group of approximately 60 people and members of the Old Town Sportsman's Association on August 12th, 2009. WBSRC members were directed to the intern-page of the WBSRC site for the final report and media coverage.

Item 4: Mario Carrello, DEP, announced that Growing Greener awards have not been made and presented a synopsis of the grants applied for in the West Branch Susquehanna watershed.

Item 5: Becky Dunlap, Trout Unlimited, presented an update on the work completed to date on the West Branch Susquehanna Recovery Benchmark Project and thanked all project participants. She told the group that preliminary data should be available at the next WBSRC quarterly meeting.

Item 6: Rachel Kester, Trout Unlimited, presented an update on the 2009 West Branch Susquehanna Mini-symposiums and tours. She reported that the first three events, held in the West Branch Headwaters, Anderson Creek and Moshannon Creek watersheds, were a big success, attracting between 40 and 50 people each. She also reminded the group that the Babb Creek tour is coming up on September 12th, 2009 and the Clearfield Creek tour is scheduled for September 19th. A mini-symposium/tour is also scheduled for the Beech Creek watershed in the spring of 2010.

Item 7: "Round-the-table" watershed updates were provided by those present on behalf of each organization(s) that they represent.

Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, at the Trout Unlimited office (KCNet Community Conference Room) in Lock Haven.