

## West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition Meeting Report Tuesday, June 11, 2013

- **Tour** The meeting was preceded by a tour of the Muddy Run passive treatment systems in the Tangascootack Creek watershed. The tour was led by Neil Wolfe of Hedin Environmental.
- **Opening** This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Rachel Kester. The meeting was held at the Clinton County Resource & Education Center.
- **Present** The meeting was attended by: Rachel Kester, Nicole Callahan, Tyler Hileman, Terry O'Connor, Buddy Thomas, Roger Thomas, Bob Deitrich, Mary Ann Bower, Lauren McGarvey, Brendan Donaghy, Kathleen LaForce, Shawn Rummel, and Ann Donovan.

## Information and Discussion Items

- Item 1: Introductions: All meeting participants introduced themselves and the group they were representing.
- Item 2: The minutes of the March 2013 meeting were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted.
- Item 3: Shawn Rummel, Trout Unlimited, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the work of TU's Eastern Abandoned Mine Program and the PA Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Initiative. He introduced the interns for this summer and pointed out the key watersheds that they will be working in for the Unassessed Waters Initiative.
- Item 4: Rachel Kester provided an update about the River Researchers Teen Camp that is scheduled for August 4-8. Ten students have been selected to attend the camp this year and will learn about AMD, coldwater conservation, and brook trout biology through a series of classroom and hands-on lessons.
- Item 5: Rachel Kester, Trout Unlimited, updated the group about upcoming grant deadlines. Anyone wishing for assistance developing a grant proposal can contact Rachel at <a href="mailto:rkester@tu.org">rkester@tu.org</a>. The group is reminded that funding opportunities are posted on the WBSRC website at <a href="mailto:www.wbsrc.com/amdtech.html">www.wbsrc.com/amdtech.html</a>.
- Item 6: Watershed updates were provided by those present on behalf of the organization(s) that they represent.

The next meeting of the WBSRC will be September 10, 2013 in Clearfield County.