

## West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition Meeting Report Tuesday, June 9, 2015

**Opening** 

This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Amy Wolfe. The meeting was held at Curwensville Lake Recreation Area, Pavilion 5. Prior to the meeting a picnic dinner was held.

Present

The meeting was attended by: Rachel Kester, Rebecca Holler, Kelly Williams, Joe Hoy, Ken Undercoffer, Erin Pierce, Kathleen Lavelle, Clayton Good, Cody Anderson, Jake Lemon, Darice Brady-McKee, Ann Donovan, Brad Billotte, Terry O'Connor, Gary Kavala, Gary Harmon, Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy, Amy Wolfe, Jen Graves, Toby Boyer, Ken and Zoey Anderson.

## **Information and Discussion Items**

- Item 1: Introductions: All meeting participants introduced themselves and the group they were representing.
- Item 2: Amy Wolfe, Trout Unlimited gave an update about the President's Power Plus Plan. This plan would allow for \$1 billion from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to be distributed over five years to states still remediating AMD, including PA. This additional funding would be used to remediate AML and bring jobs to the areas impacted by historic mining. This would boost existing restoration efforts in the state. Anyone interested in additional information on this topic or information on what you can do, please contact Amy at <a href="mailto:awolfe@tu.org">awolfe@tu.org</a>.
- Item 3: Jake Lemon, Trout Unlimited told the group about the Coldwater Conservation Corps (CCC) program. This program allows watershed organizations to take part in a citizen science program and collect data on local streams. Anyone interested in learning more or taking part in the CCC program should contact Jake at <a href="mailto:ilemon@tu.org">ilemon@tu.org</a>.
- Item 4: 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="www.wbsrc.com/amdtech.html">www.wbsrc.com/amdtech.html</a>
- Item 5: 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 8, 2015 at the Clinton County Conservation District.