



Spring Creek Watershed Association Meeting

February 18, 2014

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Patton Township Municipal Building
100 Patton Plaza, State College PA 16803

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. 7:35 AM to 8:30 AM: *Planning Our Sustainable Future*
Bill Sharp – Transition Town State College

Bill Sharp spent a career as a planner and project manager with experience in government and business and as professor and administrator in higher education. He has served as manager of a number of projects related to community, economic and human resource development. He has been a board member and officer of a number of non-profit organizations and associations and has helped found several of them.

Bill is co-founder and Director of Transition Centre, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation (www.transitioncentre.org), co-founder of Transition Town State College, a member of the Spring Creek Watershed Association, represents College Township on the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, chair of Garden Starters, a project of ClearWater Conservancy, Board member of the Mid-Atlantic Transition Hub, and board member (2010 – 2013) of Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light.

Bill has a B.S. in Public Management (summa cum laude) with a minor in history, completed two years of pre-engineering, has a M.A. in urban sociology and has done additional graduate work in social psychology.

His presentation will focus on an emerging Centre County Sustainability Master Plan: Centre Sustainability. This will include a look at integrated watershed planning and how it fits into the overall plan.

The presentation will review the roots of the Association's search for a sustainability initiative including the 1996 International Countryside Stewardship Exchange, Sustainable Community of Communities Public Issues Forums, Spring Creek Rivers Conservation Plan, and Vision 2020. These will be brought up to date to the 2009 Spring Creek Sustainability Initiative, the 2013 Spring SCWA Evolve review and to the current year. The focus question is: "What have we been trying to accomplish in regards to Spring Creek communities sustainability?" There are some root issues related to the definition of sustainability that will be addressed.



The Centre Sustainability Master Plan has been evolving as a part of the Transition Town State College initiative. We have been seeking a working model for comprehensive local planning and that involves several innovative ways of looking at the process of not only defining but also achieving real sustainability in our community. There are many important stakeholders and a rich array of resources to draw upon.

There will be a 30-minute presentation followed by questions and discussion of where we go from here.

3. 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM: Association Business
 - a. CCCD Stormwater Workshop update
4. Partner Updates
5. The next meeting will be March 18, 2014 at 7:30 AM at the Patton Township Municipal Building. Bryan Swistock, from PSU extension, is scheduled to speak on Results from Testing Private Water Wells and Roadside Springs in Centre Region.