



Spring Creek Watershed Association Meeting

January 21, 2014

Meeting Summary

Attendees: Kevin Abbey, Paul Bartley, Kristen Saacke Blunk, Bob Carline, Tom Cook, Ann Donovan, Bob Eberhart, Barbara Fisher, Mark Garlicki, Matt Gensor, Dave Gilbert, D.J. Liggett, Jim May, Jennifer Shuey, Judi Sittler, Dave Smith, Lori Smith, and Bob Vierck.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. 7:35 AM to 8:30 AM:

Jim May, Director of the Centre Region Planning Agency gave a presentation on stormwater management goals within the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan. His talk can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYYmLfjJO3E> and Jim's responses to questions that were posed following his presentation can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7bGaom_uw0.

3. 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM: Association Business

a. *CCCD Stormwater Workshop update* –

Ann provided an update and distributed a flyer for the upcoming workshop that will be held on March 19th, 2014 from 9am to 3pm at the Penn State's Visitors and Convention Center Auditorium. Featured speakers include: Charlotte Katzenmoyer, Director of Public Works, City of Lancaster, Dahlia Thompson of Hazen and Sawyer Engineers, and Monica Billig of the Environmental Finance Center, University of Marland. A group of local panelists will include: D.J. Liggett, Centre Region Council of Governments; Larry Fennessey, PSU Physical Plant, and Amy Kerner, State College Borough.

b. *Proposed 2014 Speaker Invites* –

Lori provided a list of potential speakers for 2014 that was developed by her, Bill, Barbara and Kristen. A consensus was made to focus talks on stormwater related topics. Suggestions were made to include Mark Gutshall, Founder and Executive Vice President of LandStudies, Lititz, PA a company that provides stormwater management services, and to invite someone to speak on the Biggert-Waters Act of 2012 (Flood Insurance Reform Act).

c. *Appointment of New Chair* –

Kristen requested nominations for Association chair in 2014. Bob Vierck will be guest chair for the February meeting. Mark Garlicki graciously nominated himself as guest chair until a permanent chair could be identified.



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4. Partner Updates –

Events -

Feb 7th -*ClearWater Conservancy's For the Love of Art and Chocolate*: 7pm to 9:30pm, Ramada Conference Center and Golf Hotel. Tickets are SOLD OUT.

Feb 7th –*Governmental Seminar: Charting a Course for 2014*: 8:30am – 1:30pm, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA. Presented by McNees, Wallace and Nurick, LLC. this is a seminar that will include highlighting challenges in stormwater and sewer regulations. Registration closes on Jan. 31st. More details and registration information can be found at http://d31hzlkh6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20140109/43/ab/1f/df/cdb7abc560bb2009f9658a06/Governmental_Invite.pdf.

Feb 12th –*Water Blues, Green Solutions Premiere*: 7pm, State College Theatre. Presented by PSU Public Broadcasting, this is a film that takes the viewer on a journey to Philadelphia, Portland, OR, San Antonio and the Bronx showcasing communities that are using green infrastructure such as land conservation, green roofs, rain gardens and porous surfaces to offset the challenges of flooding, pollution and scarcity.

Feb 12th –*Medications in the Environment*: 7pm – 9pm, Dreibelbis Auditorium. Presented by the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, Dr. Andrew Peterson will discuss pharmaceuticals in wastewater effluent and its effects on aquatic life. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Feb 14th –*Clean Waters, Healthy Lands Workshop*: 9:30am – 3pm, Centre Hall Lion's Club, Centre Hall, PA. Presented by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation this a one-day Public Workshop about streamside forests, and their value and care. This is a FREE workshop but you must register by Feb. 3rd by calling 570-295-6164 or emailing frohler@cbf.org.

Feb 21st -22nd -*2014 Keystone Coldwater Conference*: Ramada Inn Conference Center, State College, PA. A two day conference focusing on current practices in conservation, protection and restoration of our coldwater resources. For more information: <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/coldwaterconservation/>.

Feb 26th –*Invasive Plant Program*: 7pm – 8:30pm, Foxdale Village Auditorium, State College, PA. Presented by the Woodland Owners Association of Centre county and PSU Extension this program will provide information about invasive plants, how they impact our forests and waterways, and how to select native alternatives.

March 8th –*Woods in Your Backyard*: Geared towards small landowners converting their lawns into woods. More information still to come.



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March 19th – *Stormwater Management: Looking for Innovative Approaches*: 9am – 3pm, Vistors and Convention Center Auditorium, State College, PA. A FREE Public forum that will provide information on ways to improve stormwater management through green infrastructure as well as ways to finance innovative technologies. Registration must be completed by March 12th by calling 814-355-6817 or by going to www.surveymonkey.com/s/StormwaterSpringCreek. The [flyer](#) for this event is also available.

April 10-11th -7th *West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium*: Toftees Resort and Conference Center, State College. Presented by Trout Unlimited and the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition this symposium provides the opportunity share and learn about AMD-related research. A call for abstracts is due by February 14th to Rebecca Holler at rholler@tu.org.

April 26th – *Clear Water Conservancy's 18th Watershed Cleanup Day*: 8am – Noon. Central PA. Presented by ClearWater Conservancy and sponsored by several other local partners this event provides the opportunity for people to help cleanup central Pennsylvania's roadways, streams and natural landscape. For more information contact lori@clearwaterconservancy.org.

Other Updates –

Jim - Cory is setting up meeting to discuss the resignation of Slab Cabin Run. Meeting is planned to take place sometime in February.

Bob V. – Noted Mark Nale's article that can be found at <http://www.centredaily.com/2014/01/19/3992531/woods-and-waters-government-decisions.html>. Spring Creek Chapter TU's annual banquet and fundraiser will take place on April 29th. Jason Detar from PA Fish and Boat Commission will be speaking to Spring Creek Chapter TU on April 3th.

Paul – A complete update of the website has been completed.

Jen – ClearWater's Spring Creek Festival will now be Trick or Trot and will be held in October this year.

Judi – TU's backyard makeover, date TBD but should take place in April or May. Target area will be Pine Grove Mills and Houserville for planting trees and riparian areas.

Dave S. – An agreement on water quality permit and MS permit for stream augmentation project at Kessinger Meadows has been made. Construction is set for this summer and is planned to be finished by October 1st 2014.

5. The next meeting will be February 18, 2014 at 7:30 AM at the Patton Township Municipal Building. Bill Sharp, is scheduled to speak on the topic of Planning our Sustainable Future.