Lycoming County Watershed E-Notes

November 12, 2014

Rock Run Watershed Assessment Proposal Topic of TU Meeting

Shawn Rummell, Field and Research Coordinator of Trout Unlimited' s Eastern Abandoned Mine Project will be the featured speaker on **Wednesday Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m**. at the monthly meeting of Susquehanna Chapter TU in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, E. 3rd and Mulberry Sts., Williamsport. Rock Run, tributary of Lycoming Creek at Ralston, is well known as one of the most scenic mountain streams in PA as well as a favorite and historic trout stream. However, legacy coal mining, acid rain deposition, acidic headwaters bogs, and geology lacking in acid buffering capacity have compromised the watershed's ability to be a productive trout fishery.

Dr. Rummell will present information describing how TU's Eastern Abandoned Mine Project can facilitate the process of obtaining a grant to perform a technical assessment of the Rock Run watershed to determine water quality issues and opportunities to remediate and improve the watershed's aquatic and fishery resources.

All members are encouraged to attend to hear how our chapter can assist and participate in laying the groundwork for potential projects to improve this incredibly important and beautiful natural area.

Muncy Creek Watershed Association Public Meeting

Our association accomplished a significant stream remediation project on Little Muncy Creek at Lairdsville. Corey Richmond managed lots of coordination, and volunteers installed 9 multi-log vanes in the creek bank September 25 with the aid of Brian Smith Excavating. Local watershed members did most of the hard manual work, and we were fortunate to have 4 capable Lycoming College students contribute their help during the afternoon. Grass seeding and mulching was done the following day by Corey Richmond & Carey Entz-Rine. We will appreciate several volunteers to help plant potted trees and shrubs in the disturbed areas of the creek bank.

Corey Richmond will give a talk with photos of the restoration project **Thursday, Nov 13, 7:00 PM.**

Our meeting place will be 547 Woolen Mill Rd, Hughesville. The Hughesville Municipal Treatment facility has a very nice conference room we are permitted to use that evening. Directions: at the Wolf Township building on East side of Route 405, (not far from McDonalds) turn East onto Boak Ave; turn right at T onto Woolen Mill Rd; continue approximately 1/4 mile to the facility.

New River Access Coming Soon! Construction Starts in Jersey Shore

Thanks to the tireless efforts of many partners, donors, and friends who love the Susquehanna River and Greenway, the Borough of Jersey Shore is about to get public access to the West Branch of the Susquehanna!

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 3, 2014 at the access site just off of Front Street. See photos on our Facebook Page.

After over four years of planning and fundraising, the Borough of Jersey Shore awarded the public river access project to Mid-State Paving and they expect to begin Phase I of the construction the beginning of October 2014.

The Borough of Jersey Shore is excited to see this project commence and is thankful to all of the organizations that have provided funding for this project including the National Park Service – Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources – Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, Lycoming County Visitors Bureau, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, Chesapeake Conservancy and *many local individual and business donors who gave nearly $50,000 through their generous donations.*

At SGP we are thrilled to help kickoff this project which will increase public access to the river, improve safe travel along the West Branch Water Trail, and help Jersey Shore become more connected to the river! Learn more about the Jersey Shore Public River Access Project.

For questions regarding the Jersey Shore Public River Access Project, or to get involved with the Jersey Shore Revitalization Team please contact Alice Trowbridge at tbridge@comcast.net or Zach Pyle, River Town Program Coordinator at zpyle@susquehannagreenway.org.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership 2015 Grant Program- Now Open!

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) announces the opening of the 2015 Coldwater Conservation Grants Program. The program provides two grant opportunities, which help to protect and conserve the health of Pennsylvania's coldwater ecosystems. Applications can be found at www.coldwaterheritage.org . Applications will be accepted through **December 19, 2014**. The Coldwater Heritage Partnership(CHP) urges watershed groups, conservation districts, municipalities and local chapters of Trout Unlimited to apply. For more information, contact Samantha Kutskel, Program Director, at (814) 359-5233.

WREN Grant Program 2015

We are pleased to let you know that both WREN NPS Grants and SWP Grant Program will be available for 2015! Application instructions and forms to be available early Jan 2015 at our website - www.waterwisepa.org **Applications due 3/20/15**, project award notification by mid-May 2015; projects leaders must attend WREN Meeting June 9 & 10, 2015 at Dickinson College. Funded Project activities must begin 7/1/15 and end 6/30/16. 15% match required, which can be in-kind match.

Water Resources Webinar Series. Penn State Water Resources Extension webinars are listed here.

- December 17, 2014 – The Development of Sustainable Bioremediation Technologies to Solve Global Water Challenges, Dr. Rachel Brennan, Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering , Penn State University

Web Links…

Lycoming Audubon Society Events

Williamsport Alpine Club Hikes

Consolidated Sportsman of Muncy Creek Website

Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited Website

Northcentral PA Conservancy Website

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

Slate Run Tackle Shop Newsletter

Williamsport Sun Gazette- Outdoor Section

DEP Public Participation Website

PA Trout Unlimited Newsletter

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Many of the Watershed Groups and Organizations can be found on FACEBOOK!

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