

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

NEXT MEETING: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!

Prior Meeting (7/14/99) attendees: Janice Belgredan, Steve Smith, Tim Gillen, Elea Kalevitch, Fred Brenner, Charlie Cooper, Valentin Kefeli, Tim Danehy, Margaret Dunn (The special treat was a "yummy" dish made with organically-grown veggies by **Galina Kefeli**.)

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JENNINGS WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COALITION
 PARTICIPATE IN
PA'S FIRST STATE-WIDE WATERSHED CONFERENCE ON
ABANDONED MINE DRAINAGE & ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION
 June 18 & 19, 1999

Poster

Participants from both Coalitions were gratified to experience the warm and positive response by the attendees at the Conference to the newly-revamped poster presentation (complete with lighting). The "new-and-improved" display could not have been possible without the creative talents of Will Taylor, Jennings Environmental Education Center, and Tim Danehy, Stream Restoration Inc. As usual we were having so much fun that some of us forgot to enjoy the food!!!

Conversation

Stimulating discussions with Coalition supporters, Bob Hedin (Hedin Environmental), Dean DeNicola (SRU), Jeff Allio (PADEP), Dave Johnson (JEEC), and Todd Lawton (Scrubgrass Generating Plant) generated new ideas for future projects.

Guest Speakers

Robert C. Dolence, Deputy Secretary of Mineral Resources Management, PADEP and John Oliver, Secretary of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources delivered the Opening Remarks and Keynote Address, respectively. As always, Mr. Dolence provided clear insight and focus to the watershed effort throughout Pennsylvania and his kind remarks and support of our efforts were truly meaningful and encouraging. Mr. Oliver challenged all of us to continue our watershed restoration efforts and graciously acknowledged the value to watershed restoration by the "cutting-edge" passive treatment technology demonstrated at the Jennings Environmental Education Center.

Oral Presentations

At the June 6, 1999 SRWC meeting, attendees Janice Belgredan, Steve Smith, Kitty and Darcy Peart, Will Taylor, Jesse Allen, Charlene Wick, Charles Cooper, Valentin Kefeli, Frank Cetera, and Tim Danehy, "brain stormed" in order to develop an oral presentation on the topic, "Building Local Partnerships" with mining companies, state agencies, and others. From this valuable input, five overheads were developed. Judging by the "standing room only" attendance and response, the presentation was a hit!!!! and no one appeared concerned when Margaret Dunn had to deliver the talk without a microphone. To see **three generations of the Valentin Kefeli family** in the audience provided extremely meaningful encouragement!!!! John Stilley, Amerikohl Mining, Inc. spoke to an even more packed room regarding the industry's perspective on mine drainage prevention and abatement. Besides being an active supporter in both Coalitions, Amerikohl has received over 30 reclamation awards including a Three Rivers Environmental Award in 1995.

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