

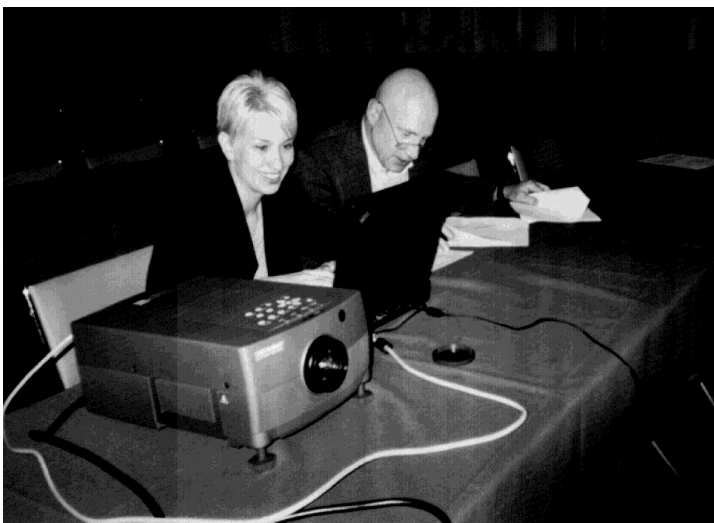
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SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

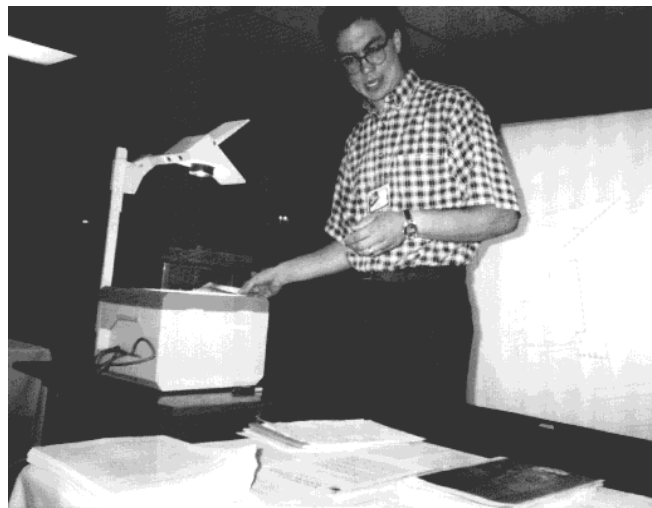
NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 13th @ 7:00 pm, Macoskey Center - Harmony House, Pizza & Pop will be provided!! 9/9/99 meeting attendance: C. Cooper, A. Provost, W. Taylor, F. Brenner, V. Kefeli, M. Dunn, T. Danehy

SRWC participates in NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ABANDONED MINE LAND PROGRAMS conference

DARCY PEART AND TIM DANEHY "MAKE US PROUD"



Darcy Peart and Charlie Cooper review power point for Darcy's well-received(!!!), oral presentation of their paper, "Preliminary Investigation of Influent Distribution in a Vertical Flow System". (Imagine being 17 years old and delivering a paper to reclamation specialists from across the USA!)



Tim Danehy presents paper, "Establishment of Vegetation in Constructed Wetlands Using Biosolids and Quarry Fines" co-authored by Robert Zick(Chester Engineers), Fred Brenner (Grove City College), Jerry Chmielewski (Slippery Rock University), M. Dunn(SRI), and C. Cooper(CDS).

Participants in the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition were thrilled to be included with the 300 abandoned mine reclamation specialists who attended the 1999 NAAML P conference held 8/22 thru 26 at Seven Springs. The theme of this year's conference, "Growing Greener as we Enter the Millennium", well-portrayed the spirit of the attendees. This excitement and enthusiasm regarding the upcoming challenges were captured in the opening remarks by Robert Dolence, Deputy Secretary, PADEP.

In addition to the oral presentations, the SRWC had a display which illustrated the projects accomplished by our public-private partnerships with the PA Bureau of District Mining Operations(Knox) and the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation. Special thanks to Javed Mirza and Sonia Pavlekovsky(Knox DMO) and Ernie Giovannitti(BAMR) for their assistance in making this possible!!

Charlene Wick, a recent graduate of Grove City College who provided valuable data for the paper on biosolids, demonstrated the volunteer spirit by assisting with the power point presentation and display. (Charlene is now pursuing a very rewarding career at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh...congratulations!!)

We also wish to thank the Demuth family, Landscaping & Reclamation Specialists, Inc., for being such "good neighbors" in the exhibit hall and Paul Linnan, Joe Schuck, and Mike Klimkos, PA Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation for their interest, support, and warm welcome.

SRWC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZENS VOLUNTEER MONITORING WORKSHOP

On Friday evening and Saturday, Oct.15 and 16, respectively, a workshop will be held at the Jennings Environmental Education Center. This workshop is the third in a series of seven workshops for volunteer monitors throughout the state which is being held by the DEP's Citizen's Volunteer Monitoring Program in collaboration with the Canaan Valley Institute. The workshop to be conducted at Jennings will include "hands-on" field demonstrations and interaction with participants in the SRWC including Dr. Dean DeNicola, Biologist, (Slippery Rock University), Dr. Fred Brenner, Biologist, (Grove City College), Jo Ann Albert and Will Taylor, Environmental Education Specialists, (Jennings Environmental Education Center), Mark Killar (Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation), and Tim Danehy, Environmental Scientist, and Margaret Dunn, Geologist, (Stream Restoration Inc.). Saturday's activities (in the field) will include "how to's" of monitoring the chemical, biological, and physical characteristics of streams and discharges as well as habitat assessment.

For more details contact Diane Wilson at 717-787-3730 or e-mail: citizens.monitoring@dep.state.pa.us.

REGIONAL WATERSHED COORDINATOR PARTICIPATES IN MEETING!!

Thanks goes out to **Arthur Provost**, Watershed Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Northwest Region, for attending last month's SRWC meeting. We appreciate Mr. Provost's participation and look forward to working with him on current and future projects!!!

Thanks to The William & Frances Aloe Charitable Foundation, Amerikohl Mining, Inc., Quality Aggregates Inc., and Allegheny Mineral Corporation for their support. For more information contact: Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition, c/o Stream Restoration Incorporated (PA non-profit), 338 Glen Eden Road, Rochester PA 15074, (724)776-0161, fax (724)776-0166, sri@ccia.com. October Distribution: 403 copies