

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 13 @ 7:00 pm, Macoskey Center - Harmony House, Pizza & Pop will be provided!! 12/09/99 meeting attendance: C. Cooper, W. Taylor, E. Taylor, J. Taylor, V. Kefeli, M. Dunn, T. Danehy, D. Peart, S. Smith, J. Belgredan, T. Rucosky, T. Consbruck, P. Kramer, F. Brenner

SRWC Get-Together and Symposium

The dates have been decided upon for the Symposium and the Get-Together. The Symposium will be held on April 7 at the Jennings Environmental Education Center. The tentative date for the Get-Together is April 12 (Gloria, we hope this date is acceptable) at the Epiphany Church in Boyers, PA.

Pittsburgh TV Station Highlights "Reclaim PA"

Fox 53 TV ran a segment relating to the De Sale Restoration Project in Venago Twp on October 23. Peter Livingston conducted the interview and made the film which included Robert Dolence Deputy, Secretary for Mineral Resources Management; Jeff Jarret, Director of District Mining Operations; Javed Mirza, Knox District Mining Manager; Tim Danehy; Darcy Peart; and Margaret Dunn, Stream Restoration, Inc. Jennings Environmental Education Center was also included in the film as the Vertical Flow System at Jennings was the model used for the De Sale effort. Thank you Fox for the **excellent** coverage.

Expanded Catalyst Distribution

Recently, the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Cranberry Twp. permitted the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition to display copies of the Catalyst in the entryway of their store. Over twenty copies have been distributed just in December!! Thank you Barnes and Noble!

SRWC Year Book

Through the efforts of Dr. Valentin Kefeli (SRU) and Janice Belgredan, documentation of the first five years of the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition is well underway. Following Janice Belgredan's suggestion, it was unanimously decided to dedicate the year book to the memory of Kitty Peart. The Peart Family wishes to extend their appreciation to the members of the Coalition for the considerate gesture.

Guide Book Final Draft

Work on the final draft of the guide book, authored by Will Taylor, is nearing completion. Various Coalition participants are currently busy contributing comments and collecting photos that can be used in the book. Every historical organization contacted has been extremely helpful and friendly while taking time out of their hectic schedules to locate photos. The Coalition wishes to thank the private supporters who have funded this project.

Slippery Rock High School Contributing to the Watershed Restoration Effort

Slippery Rock High School students are contributing to the effort under the guidance of Tony Consbruck, a biology teacher at Slippery Rock High School, by monitoring a stream impacted by mine drainage. It is truly thrilling to see young people in the field gathering valuable experience and data. More later...



Photo of the Month
De Sale Restoration Area

Construction progresses at the De Sale Restoration Area. Approximately 8 acres of sparsely vegetated and barren ground will be amended with alkaline material and revegetated. A passive treatment system designed to treat a 100 gpm discharge will also be constructed!!!!

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), 3016 Unionville Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066, (724)776-0161, fax (724)776-0166, sri@ccia.com. January Distribution: 414 copies