

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Wednesday, July 12 @ 7:00 PM, Jennings Environmental Education Center, Pizza and Pop will be provided!! 07/07/00 meeting attendance: W. Taylor, F. Cetera, S. Smith, T. Gillen, C. Cooper, V. Kefeli, D. Peart, T. Danehy, M. Dunn, S. Busler, T. Reynolds.

THE JULY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7PM AT THE JENNINGS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER. JENNINGS IS LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE SR 8 AND SR 528 INTERSECTION.

Berm Raised at Biosolids Wetland at Jennings

With the help of the generosity of **Quality Aggregates** and some hard work, **Jason Hicks** raised the berm of the Channel Wetland at the Jennings Environmental Education Center. Exceptional plant growth within the wetland has forced the water to overtop. In order to disturb the wetland as little as possible, Jason raised the berm by hand. He used fill material donated by Quality Aggregates from their limestone quarry at Boyers.

Thank you Jason for all of your hard work!



Margaret Dunn Goes to Washington



On May 17th Margaret Dunn went to Washington D. C. to testify in front of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. A copy of her executive summary is posted on the internet at <http://www.house.gov/resources/106cong/energy/00may17/dunn.htm>. Margaret spoke of the accomplishments within the Slippery Rock Watershed made possible through public-private partnerships. Allocations of existing and future Abandoned Mine Land Funds are necessary to restore the watersheds impacted by old mine lands in Pennsylvania. Tim Danehy, Darcy Peart, and Shaun Busler all helped Margaret prepare for her big day.



Wetland planting at De Sale Phase I



Attendance: **Tim Danehy, Shaun Busler, Jeff Reidenbaugh, Chuck Jr. and Chucky Malinski, Darcy Peart, Margaret Dunn, Bob Beran, Steve Smith, Janice Belgredan, Will Taylor, Charlie Cooper, and Shelby Clark.**

Volunteers from **Stream Restoration, DCNR**, and other supporters of the **Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition** successfully planted the 3/4 acre wetland located at De Sale Phase I. With the help of **Ned Weston, Bob Beran, Chuck Jr. and Chucky Malinski, Jason Hicks, and Jeff Reidenbaugh**, over 20 species of wetland plants, from spatterdock to cranberries, were gathered throughout State Game Lands 95. **Shelby Clark**, a reporter from the Allied News, took some pictures and talked to everyone there. **Tim Danehy** of Stream Restoration, Inc. gave a brief tour and explained how the system works to Shelby and all of the volunteers. **A good time was had by all!**

The two Vertical Flow Ponds at De Sale Phase I recently came online on 5/10/00.



Jeff Raidenbaum, Shaun Busler, Margaret Dunn, Will Taylor, Darcy Peart, and Chuck Malinski listen intently to Bob Beran as he explains the different wetland plants to be established within the 3/4 acre wetland at De Sale Restoration Area Phase I.

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