

# THE CATALYST

## SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:** Thursday December 14 @ 7:00 PM, Jennings Environmental Education Center, Pizza and Pop will be provided!! 11/9/00 meeting attendance: L. Ansell, J. Belgredan, F. Brenner, S. Busler, C. Cooper, T. Danehy, M. Dunn, V. Kefeli, J. Reidenbaugh, and W. Taylor.

### STREAM RELEAF TOUR VISITS SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED

Thanks to all those who visited the Slippery Rock Watershed during the **Stream ReLeaf Tour** sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Over 40 people visited the **Goff Station Restoration Area** and **De Sale Restoration Area**. Participants of the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition presented different aspects of these projects at stations within the construction area. Despite the rain, the tour provided a wonderful forum to discuss the challenges and team effort involved in the restoration project and to exhibit systems in different stages of completion.

**John Stoops** and **Kevin Steiner**, **Quality Aggregates Inc.**, stopped from their busy construction schedule to give a hands on point of view to those at the tour of Goff Station. We are fortunate to have them on our team and appreciate their willingness to share their expertise.



### GIRL SCOUTS PLANT WETLAND AT GOFF STATION

**Junior Girl Scout Troop 653** from West Sunbury came to the Goff Station Restoration Project to participate in a wetland planting on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. On the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup>, **Bob Beran** introduced the troop to the site and discussed the characteristics and functions of wetlands and wetland plants. The troop then harvested some plants from a nearby wetland for the planting the following morning. In addition to Troop 653, employees from **Stream Restoration Inc.**, **Quality Aggregates Inc.**, and **Aquascape** assisted in the harvesting and planting of the wetland plants. This activity is a part of Troop 653's work in attaining a Water Drop Patch, which is an EPA sponsored wetland education program.



#### SRWC WEBSITE ONLINE

**[www.srwc.org](http://www.srwc.org)**

Visit the Coalition's newest website. The Coalition hopes to use the site to facilitate communication with participants and to provide access to information regarding projects within the watershed.

Some of the features of the website include:

- SRWC Event Calender
- **Interactive** Project Location Map
- Project Descriptions
- Catalyst Archive
- Participants within the Coalition
- Relevant Links
- Pictures
- Water Quality Data
- **MORE TO COME!!!**

In the coming months, additional information will be available. Any suggestions or contributions are appreciated. Please contact **Shaun Busler** at Stream Restoration Inc.

The girl scouts plan to continue visiting the Goff Station Restoration Project to install and monitor blue bird boxes, which will provide additional habitat opportunities on the site. **Many thanks to Troop 653 for their help and hard work! And special thanks to Dale Hockenberry of the PA Game Commission for allowing us to harvest some of the plants from State Game Lands No. 95!**

Thanks to **Bob Beran** for contributing this article! For more information on EPA's wetland education program visit the Coalition's website.

#### WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

**[www.epa.gov/OWOW/watershed/wacademy/catalog.html](http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/watershed/wacademy/catalog.html)**

EPA's Watershed Academy was formed as part of the Clean Water Action Plan released by the President in February 1998. Its purpose is to assist in the protection of water quality on a watershed basis by offering training courses and developing educational materials. This web site provides one-page summaries of 180 watershed-related training courses offered by federal, state and local agencies, private organizations and universities. If you have information on a watershed-related training course that is not mentioned, you can submit it by filling out a form obtained from the web site.

Thanks to **Mike Leon**, Harding ESE, for submitting this article! Check out the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition website for the link!

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### **STATEWIDE GROWING GREENER WATERSHED CONFERENCE**

Participants in the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition including **Tim Danehy** and **Valentine Kefeli** (pictured above) presented a poster at the first annual statewide watershed conference. Other attendees include **Jeff Ankrom, Fred Johnson, Galena Kefeli, Jeff Reidenbaugh, Bob Beran, Shaun Busler, and Margaret Dunn**. In addition to the poster, participants gave a power point presentation titled ***The Right Stuff is...The Right Team*** describing the team work effort in two projects within the Slippery Rock Watershed.

**Coming Next Month:** Jennings Environmental Education Center and Grove City College attend 8th annual Monastery Run Project Symposium, and DCNR education coordinator commends Jennings.

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