

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Due To The Symposium This Month's Meeting Has Been Canceled. We Hope You Will All Be In Attendance. 3/14/02 meeting attendance: C. Cooper, D. Johnson, T. Danehy, V. Kefeli, M. Dunn, W. Taylor, J. Reidenbaugh, D. Funkhouser, C. Treter, S. Busler, J. Belgredan, F. Brenner, & D. DeNicola

***The 7th Annual Symposium
Jennings Environmental Education Center
Friday April 12, 2002
8:30 am to 3:30 pm***

The theme for this year's symposium will be ***Public Private Partnerships***. We will begin the day with a Key Note address by **David Hess**, Secretary of the PA DEP. Following his speech we will be going in depth into how the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition has been able to accomplish the reclamation of both the DeSale Phase I and Goff Station sites. We will be explaining the process behind these successful projects. Here are the topics which will be covered as well as individuals scheduled to speak:

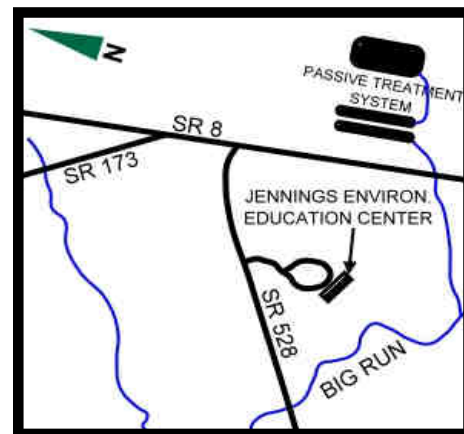
DeSale Phase I

- Concept* - Tim Gillen (PA DEP)
- Design* - Timothy Danehy and Tiff Hilton
- Construction* - Fred Johnson (Amerikohl Mining)
- Results* - Margaret Dunn and (to be announced)
- Future* - Cliff Denholm and Shaun Busler

Goff Station

- Introduction and Construction* - Jeff Ankrom (Quality Aggregates)
- Volunteers* - Sue Daugherty (Butler County Juvenile Court Services)
- Educational Opportunities* - Will Taylor (DCNR)
- Wildlife Habitat* - Bob Beran (Aquascape)

Following these presentations lunch will be provided. After lunch we will go out in the field to view some working passive treatment systems in action! Remember to wear field clothes if you would like to participate in the tour.



The symposium is only a few weeks away and to those of you who have registered, Thank You! Remember the first 50 people to register receive a **Free T-Shirt!!** To register please call Deanna Funkhouser at 724-776-0161 or e-mail sri@salsgiver.com! We would appreciate pre-registration but it is not required.

Don't Miss These Other Exciting Symposium Activities!!!

Sunday April 7th at 2pm Community Watershed Tour

Come one, come all, to Jennings Environmental Education Center for this community day! There will be a virtual tour of the Slippery Rock Creek Watershed. Discuss the history of the area, abandoned mine drainage, and what has been accomplished to solve the problems. After the presentation, view the on-site passive treatment system used for acid mine drainage remediation at Jennings.

The program will surely be very educational. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Thursday April 11th from 6pm to 9pm "Building Partnerships for the Future: An Evening Symposium to Connect Students and Professionals"

Prior to Friday's program we are offering an exciting opportunity for students and professionals alike! Come once more to Jennings Environmental Education Center for this evening symposium. Area college students will make presentations on research they have conducted. Professionals will be on hand for this unique opportunity. Come and make connections that could last a lifetime. Some of the areas of study to be covered include: soil science, ecosystem recovery, ecosystem management, water research, passive treatment research, and more.

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The panel at the SME Convention in Phoenix! Everyone did a great job! Thanks!!!
From left to right: Jay Hawkins, Mike Smith, Cliff Denholm,
Mike Leon, & Margaret Dunn
For more information about the SME Convention see the back page of this Catalyst!!!

**Spring is coming and so are the activities!
Save These Upcoming Dates!!!**

Sat. April 27th
Spring Into Action
9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Jennings Environmental Education Center

Celebrate Earth Week by pitching in at the park. As a special thank you, lunch will be provided and each participant will receive a t-shirt. Come out and help the Jennings Staff get ready for spring!

Participants must be age 12 or older and must register for the program by contacting the Center at 724-794-6011 no later than April 21st.

Wed. May 1st
SRWC Annual Get-Together
6 pm to 8 pm

The Get –Together will take place at the Epiphany Catholic Church in Boyers, PA. It is located off Forestville Rd and State Route 308.

The popular piñatas are back!!! So bring the whole family for food, and fun as well as learn what the Coalition is doing in a relaxed atmosphere! We hope to see everyone there for an evening of family fun!

Wetland Plantings

Over the next several months we are going to be conducting wetland plantings at some of our area sites. An early May planting at DeSale Phase II is planned.

All those interested in helping are asked to contact Shaun Busler at 724-776-0161 or e-mail sri@salsgiver.com. All kinds of groups can help, including: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Groups and more! So consider lending a hand.



The KIDS Catalyst

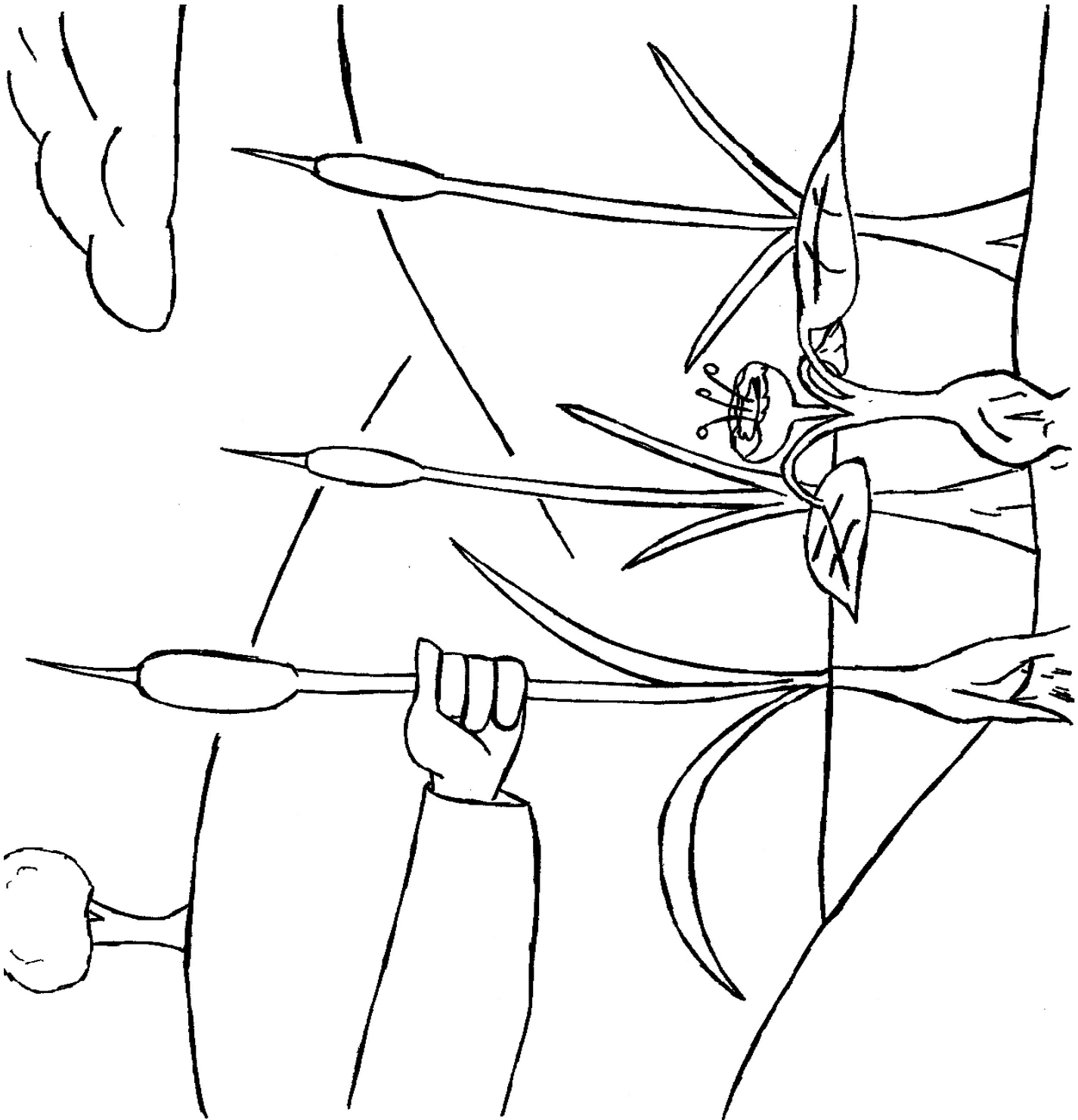
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Wetland Plantings

Birds, bugs, deer, turtles, frogs, and salamanders love to play in wetlands. It is important to plant wetlands. It is a way to make a place a good home for animals and to remove pollutants in water. All ages are encouraged to come out and help at this years plantings.

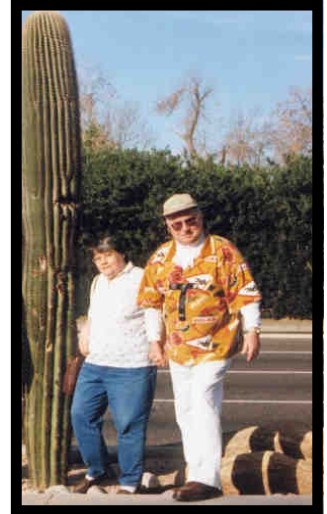
Color in this picture and when you are done send it back to us to receive a free gift certificate. Remember we will be hanging up some of the Kids Catalysts at the symposium!



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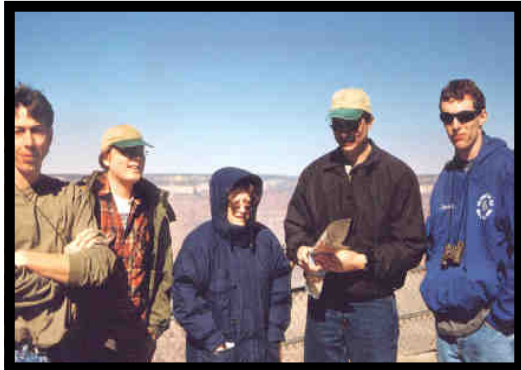
The SRWC Travels to Phoenix, AZ for SME Convention

The Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition traveled to Phoenix Arizona for the annual meeting of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME). We were asked to attend by **Mike Leon**, from Harding ESE. Thank you Mike for inviting us to speak and having us there. On Sunday February 24th we traveled to the Grand Canyon (see picture below). The weather was awesome and it was great to get to see such an amazing natural landmark. Valentine Kefeli and Galina Mzhen really enjoyed all the scenery and plant life (see picture to the right).



The conference began on Monday and on Tuesday we ran a program titled, "Conquering AML Issues With Public-Private Partnerships." The program was given in two parts. One half in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Many people helped us by being part of the panel (see the photo of the month). Those who spoke included: **Jay Hawkins** (OSM), **Mike Smith** (PA DEP), **Cliff Denholm** (SRI), **Mike Leon** (Harding ESE), **Margaret Dunn** (SRI), **Valentine Kefeli** (SRWC), **Bernie Sarnoski** (EPA), **Fred Brenner** (GCC) and **Will Taylor** (DCNR).

The presentations were well received. We handed out many copies of *Accepting The Challenge* and hats. **Steven Botts**, chairman of the Environmental Committee for SME and Vice President of a large mining company in Peru, was in attendance and took copies of the book back with him. He wants to show the Peruvian people the successful accomplishments of a public-private partnership effort. Thank you Mr. Botts, for your interest! We will assist you in anyway possible in your endeavors. In addition both Cliff Denholm and Will Taylor were contacted by Bernie Sarnoski for copies of their power point presentations. Mr. Sarnoski works with the EPA and wanted to include information from the Coalitions activities as an example resource for the agency!



We all had a great time and had difficulty coming back to the cold weather! Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the conference!!! For all those SME enthusiasts, next years convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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