

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Thursday December 12th at 7pm Jennings Environmental Education Center, pizza and pop will be provided. (The TMDL Public Meeting will be held prior to our regular meeting. The TMDL Meeting will begin at 6pm) 11/14/02 Meeting Attendance: T. Danehy, M. Dunn, D. Johnson, C. Cooper, V. Kefeli, C. Denholm, D. Treter, C. Treter, W. Taylor, S. Busler, J. Belgredan, K. Kramer, and F. Brenner

TMDL Meeting To Be Held Prior To December SRWC Meeting!!!

The Department of Environmental Protection is holding a public meeting at 6:00 PM on December 12th at Jennings Environmental Education Center prior to the SRWC monthly meeting to discuss the proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Seaton Creek and Blacks Creek. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and accept comments on proposed TMDLs, established in accordance with the requirements of the 1996 Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and learn about this process. The regular SRWC meeting will take place following this public meeting.

To request a copy of the proposed TMDL and an information sheet, contact Timothy Gillen, Knox District Mining Office, P.O. Box 669, Knox, PA 16232, (814) 797-1191. E-mail will be received at jmital@state.pa.us

PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE Highlights Goff Station Bat Hibernaculum

In the November/December 2002 edition of the **Pennsylvania Magazine** there is an article titled, "**Bats Benefit from Reclaimed Mine Site.**" This informative article, with text and photograph by **Michael Dittman**, recognized the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition for its efforts in restoring wildlife habitats. The efforts of the public-private partnership were recognized as well as the following other Goff Station project partners: **Quality Aggregates Inc., Aquascape Inc., DCNR, Will Taylor, and Jennings Environmental Education Center.** It was wonderful to see the article in a magazine dedicated to current achievements of Pennsylvanians and our rich heritage. It means a lot to us that the work we are doing is being recognized state-wide and that the public can learn about the great things being done in their back yard. Thank you **Pennsylvania Magazine** (PaMag@aol.com, 800-537-2624) for recognizing our efforts and those of our partners!!!

Butler Outdoor Club Annual Dinner!!

On Saturday, November 2nd, SRWC participants **Christopher** and **Deanna Treter** attended the Butler Outdoor Club Annual Dinner. Both Stream Restoration Inc. and the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition had posters. (See the photo to the right of Deanna Treter manning the SRWC poster.) The evening included a great buffet dinner and silent auction. The speaker was **Kris Wagner** and his topic was "Biking in Snowy Siberia." It was a very interesting presentation about his adventures on Lake Baikal in Siberia. **The SRWC was honored as a finalist in the Butler Outdoor Club Annual Award.** The other finalists honored included: **Joe Burton, Daniel Dziubek, and Sharon Vogel.** Their year's winner of the Annual Award was **Ronald Rice.** He is president of the Butler chapter of the North Country Trail Association. Congratulations to Ronald and all the finalists!!! Thank you Butler Outdoor Club for inviting us to be a part of this wonderful event!!!



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Cliff Denholm, Margaret Dunn, and Shaun Busler posing by our sign after picking up trash on Nov. 1st!! Photograph by **Tim Danehy**

Shaun Busler Presents at the Annual AWRA Conference in Philadelphia!

The American Water Resources Association held their annual conference in Philadelphia this year. The conference began on November 3 and concluded on November 7. **Shaun Busler** was invited to present a paper that he coauthored with **Dr. Fred Brenner**, Grove City College, titled "Efficiency of Passive Systems in Treating Mine Drainage and Stream Restoration." The paper was presented during the Restoration and Management of Streams Contaminated with Acid Mine Drainage Session. Thanks to EPA Region III's **Bob Runowski** for helping us with the technical presentation and **Bernie Sarnoski** for moderating this session and for graciously extending our allotted time! Some of the topics covered at the conference included: tracking water use and water quality, stream channel and wetland processes, storm water modeling and management, and many more. All of the sessions were pertinent and practical. The conference was an extremely valuable experience, allowing both **Margaret Dunn** and **Shaun Busler** to meet many new people. Thanks to **Sherene Hess**, Project Director of the **League of Women Voters Water Resources Education Network** for a scholarship to help us and other watershed participants attend the conference!

"The ABCs of Our Watershed" is Really Taking Off!!!

As many of you know the SRWC's coloring book "The ABCs of Our Watershed" came out in September on the **Celebrating the Ohio River Watershed** cruise and it was mentioned in the DEP Update on October 25th. Since then we have had orders for more than 2,000 copies. Due to this overwhelming response we had to stop copying the books by hand and take it to someone else for their help. We took this opportunity to change a few things and print it with a color cover. Now these coloring books are going to different states and the requests continue to come in. Thank you **Chris Treter** for sharing your talents in drawing and designing the book. We look forward to seeing what else you can do! We would also like to thank **Quality Aggregates Inc.**, **Aquascape Inc.**, and **Jennings Environmental Education Center** for all your support. If you would like a copy of the coloring book, please contact Deanna Treter: 724-776-0161, sri@salsgiver.com, or 3016 Unionville Rd. Cranberry Twp., PA 16066. Please include your name, address, and the number of copies you require.



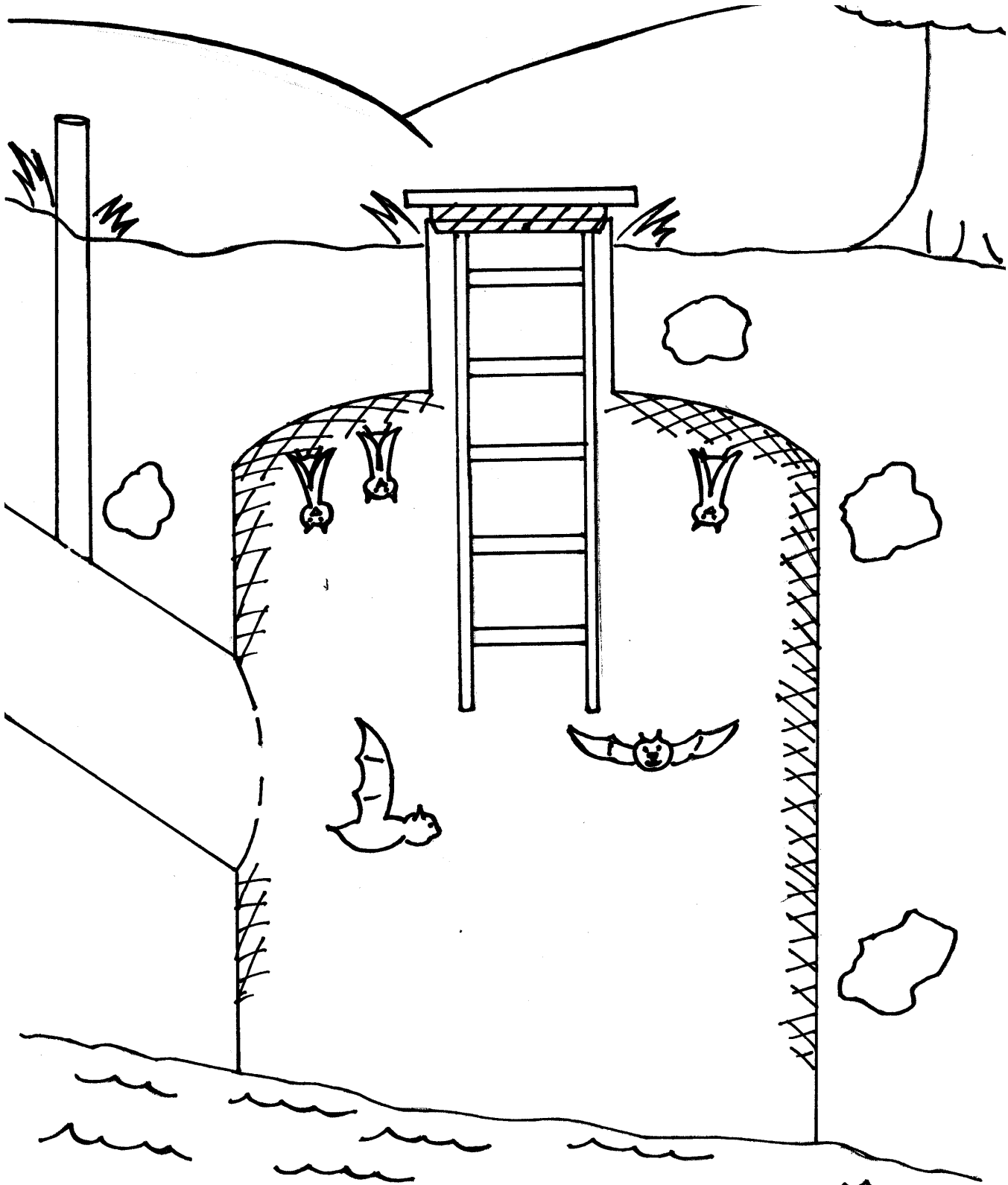
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Inside the Bat Hibernaculum

As you can read on the front of this month's Catalyst. The Bat Hibernaculum is ready for its visitors. It is the right time of year for the bats to need a nice warm place to stay during these cold winter months. Color in this picture of bats hibernating and send it back to us for a gift certificate.



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The Cold & Snow Could Not Stop Us—We Picked Up Trash!!



On Friday November 1st at noon we met again at the park n' ride near Exit 99 of I-79. Our section on I-79 between mile markers 100 and 101 was in need of it's quarterly cleaning! We had a quick picnic lunch and then headed out on the road. Those hearty souls who helped were: **Tim Danehy, Margaret Dunn, Cliff Denholm, and Shaun Busler**. They worked really hard and made that place look down right spiffy! They had a great time and even

took time to pose for the camera. You may recall we had a highway cleanup on August 16th. That was our first time out there to pick up trash. On that day we were very hot and picked up a lot of bags of trash. We had approximately 40 bags on that day.

Now since August we found that the highway was not nearly as dirty. We had about 20 bags of trash this time around. We hope that this means people are holding onto their trash. It will be interesting to see how much we pick up in March.



To the upper left is a photo of Margaret Dunn and Cliff Denholm. And to the lower left is a photo of Tim Danehy posing by his truck with a magnetic sign they found while cleaning. On the right is a photo of Shaun Busler picking up a line of trash. You really do find some interesting things when picking up trash on an interstate. Thank you guys



for getting out there on such a cold day to help keep our little stretch of highway clean and thanks to all motorists who provided "honks" for encouragement. The next clean up will be March 28th 2003!!!