

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Thursday March 13th at 7pm Jennings Environmental Education Center, pizza and pop will be provided. 2/13/03 Meeting Attendance: D. Johnson, C. Cooper, V. Kefeli, C. Denholm, W. Taylor, S. Busler, T. Danehy, M. Dunn, F. Brenner, J. Hartzell, S. Kelly, C. Treter, and D. Treter

SRWC 8th Annual Symposium Is Next Month!!!

Thursday April 10th from 6 pm to 9 pm

College Night at Grove City College

This evening program is designed to give college students the opportunity to present their research and also network with professionals. The students submit a summary of their research and are chosen to present. This year these presentations will be held in the new academic building at Grove City College. **Everyone** is welcome to attend.

Friday April 11th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

The 8th Annual SRWC Symposium at Jennings Environmental Education Center

This years program will take a practical approach to building a passive treatment system. In order to emphasize this, we will be using a "hands on simulation" to help those in attendance truly understand all that goes into a passive system. Following lunch, which is provided, we will go on a field tour of some of the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition's sites in the area (appropriate field attire recommended). Pre-registration is preferred but not required. Those who pre-register will receive a **free t-shirt!** (See below for registration information.)

Sunday April 13th at 2 pm

Community Day at Jennings Environmental Education Center

"Richard Pawlings 'History Alive' Fire in the Hole!"

Coal was the fuel of America's Industrial Revolution and no one knows the dangers of "life below ground" better than Irish miner, Frank Kehoe. Learn of life in the "patch," the company store, the progression from breaker boy to "miner with papers," the Mollie Maguires and the United Mine Workers Strike of 1902 through the talents of Pennsylvania's national award-winning, living-history performer Rich Pawling. Be sure to join us for this wonderful experience.

For More Information:

If you have questions about any of the events listed above or would like to pre-register for Friday April 11th, please call Deanna Treter at 724-776-0161 or e-mail sri@salsgiver.com. Remember to visit our web site at www.srwc.org! Hope to see you in April!!!!

SRWC Participants Attend PAEP Program The Growing Greener Program: A Pennsylvania Success Story

On Thursday January 9th, **Margaret Dunn** and **Timothy Danehy** attended the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) program at the Crowne Plaza in Coraopolis. The special guest was then PA DEP Secretary **Dave Hess**. Tim Danehy gave an enthusiastic presentation titled, "Environmental Professionals: The Key to Watershed Restoration." A wonderful time was had by all those in attendance. (see photo) Thank you **John Burglund** and the PAEP for inviting us to participate in such a wonderful event!!!



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John Firth and Fran Toohill listen to John Stoops and Margaret Dunn explain the passive treatment system at the Erico Bridge Mine Restoration Project. (Penny Kaercher, Kevin Stiner, and Shaun Busler, not pictured.)

Dominion Tour of Slippery Rock Creek Watershed

John Frith, Fran Toohill, and Penny Kaercher, representatives from **Dominion Peoples**, were GREAT SPORTS as they braved the cold and blustery weather on February 11 to take a whirlwind tour of the Slippery Rock Watershed! After a brief overview of the Coalition's activities at the office of **Stream Restoration**, John, Fran and Penny where whisked away to **Jennings Environmental Education Center**. At Jennings, **Will Taylor**, Program Coordinator, gave a superb tour of the passive treatment system and discussed the on-going educational aspects of the Coalition's efforts. Thanks Will!!! The Dominion Trio them moved to the Erico Bridge Mine Restoration Project currently under construction in the headwaters of Slippery Rock Creek. **John Stoops**, Foreman, and **Kevin Stiner**, Excavator Operator, of **Quality Aggregates** took time out of their busy day building the system to explain the project. Thanks to **John Stoops** and **Kevin Stiner** for doing a great job helping with the tour!!! By this time, the tour group was just about frozen and most certainly hungry. So off to the **Family Tradition** in Harrisville to eat vast quantities of great food!

A THOUSAND THANKS goes out to **Dominion Peoples** for partnering with us and for allowing **John Firth, Fran Toohill** and **Penny Kaercher** to visit our watershed!!! We look forward to having you back in the spring!

Save These Dates

Jennings Spring Into Action April 26th!

At 9:30 am Saturday, April 26th, Jennings staff and volunteers will gather to celebrate Earth Week! Working together they will prepare the park for spring. Attending this event will be a wonderful way to give something back to the community. As a special thank-you, lunch will be provided and each participant will receive a tee-shirt commemorating the event. The popular raffle will also be held! Participants must be age 12 or older and must register for the program by contacting Jennings at 724-794-6011 no later than April 18! We hope to see you there!

I-79 Trash Pick Up March 28th!

On Friday March 28th, we will meet once again to clean up the SRWC's section on I-79 (between miles 100 and 101). As usual at noon we will assemble at the "park 'n ride" off exit 99 (west on US 422) for a quick lunch. Following lunch we will head out together to help keep our highways beautiful. We will provide the safety vests and gloves. If you are planning to join us certainly dress appropriately. If you have any questions, please call Deanna Treter at 724-776-0161. We hope to see a lot of you out there helping to beautify our highway!

The KIDS Catalyst

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Word Search

With spring on its way, it is time to think about volunteering. There are some great ways you can help on the page before! Find all the words from different articles in this Catalyst and send it back to us for a free gift certificate!!

We would like to send a special thank you to Savannah Cofer for her wonderful glow in the dark coloring of a Kids Catalyst! We really enjoyed it and keep up the good work!!!!!!!!!!

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Highlighting Other Partnership Efforts (HOPE!)

Partnering with South Fayette Conservation Group

Bob Beran, of Aquascape Wetland and Environmental Services, had another chance to showcase his public speaking ability on Thursday, February 13, 2003, at the South Fayette Conservation Group's monthly meeting. He had been requested to speak as a result of a cooperative effort between South Fayette Conservation Group (SFCG), Stream Restoration Inc., and Aquascape on a Growing Greener Grant for the Coal Run Watershed. The project began when SFCG members contacted Bob and Margaret about a possible AMD-related project in South Fayette Township. After many twists, turns, unexpected developments, and hours of brainstorming, the partners agreed to focus on the Coal Run Watershed and create a project that would demonstrate the procedure for developing a community-driven watershed restoration/protection plan. With this in mind, Aquascape began writing the grant.

In the end, the Coal Run Watershed Restoration/Protection Plan Development grant developed three major focuses: (1) to educate members of the community in the importance and practice of watershed management, (2) to develop a restoration/protection plan for Coal Run, and (3) to document the entire process and create an audio-visual guide that will be useful to others interested in developing restoration and/or protection plans for their watersheds. With an unusual show of support, members of South Fayette Township pledged an enormous amount in-kind contributions including time and supplies.

Due to the diversity of the audience, mostly members of the newly formed and very enthusiastic SFCG, Bob began his presentation with an introduction to watersheds in general, their importance, possible pollution problems, and solutions. He then focused on the grant itself. The audience was intrigued by the information provided and made use of the opportunity given by Bob to ask questions during the presentation. When it was over, all in attendance agreed it was well worth having seen. The project partners are anxiously awaiting the July awarding of Growing Greener funds to see if others recognize the merit of the proposed project.

We are all in this together! The Groups Involved in This Endeavor: South Fayette Conservation Group, Aquascape, Stream Restoration Inc., Quality Aggregates, Inc. and Environmentally Innovative Solutions, LLC.