

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Cancelled. Please attend one of the Slippery Rock Creek Conservation Plan Informational Meetings. 1/13/11 meeting attendance: W. Taylor, V. Kefeli, M. Dunn, C. Denholm, P. Maynard, E. Bailey

2010 Year in Review: Achieving Our Goals Through Partnerships!

Education/Outreach Activities

- Cherry Pie Hike, North Country Trail—2/20
- Cliff Denholm guest lectures at Don Hopey's Water Issues class, University of Pittsburgh—2/23
- Bat tracking expedition with PA Game Commission, Kittanning area—April 2010
- Willow and Poplar Tree Cuttings with Rotary Club of Slippery Rock—April 2010
- Lake Arthur Regatta—8/7-8
- Passive Treatment Tour for Brazilian and South African Delegations, Montour Run, Raccoon Creek, Chartiers Creek, and Slippery Rock Watersheds—8/30-31
- Port-of-Pittsburgh Ohio River Watershed Celebration—9/15
- Biomass and Native Grasses Field Meeting, Clearfield County—10/15
- Erico Bridge PTS Tour for students from Lock Haven University—10/15
- PA Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation Fall Meeting, Mercer PA—11/6
- De Sale Phase I PTS Tour for students from Allegheny College—11/17
- Student Symposium on the Environment, Westminster College—12/2
- "Adopt-a-Highway" Program, clean-up effort for Interstate 79 mile markers 100-101

Conferences

- West Virginia Mine Drainage Task Force Symposium, Morgantown, WV—3/30-31
- National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Annual Conference, Philadelphia—3/31-4/3
- International Biomass Conference & Expo, Minneapolis—5/4-6
- PA Watershed Summit, State College—4/30-5/1
- 27th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation, Pittsburgh—6/5-10
- National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Conference, Scranton PA—9/19-22
- NW PA GIS Conference, Clarion University—10/14-15
- PA GIS Day, Harrisburg—11/17

Recognition

- The book Mechanisms of Landscape Rehabilitation and Sustainability by Valentin Kefeli and Winfried Blum is published
- Dashed article featured in ASMR's *Reclamation Matters* publication-Autumn Edition
- Dr. Helen Boylan (Westminster College) is published in *The Journal for Civic Commitment*
- Proclamation by Washington County Commissioners for "America Recycles Day" to Washington County Affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful—11/15

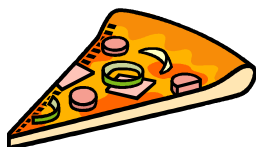
Restoration Projects

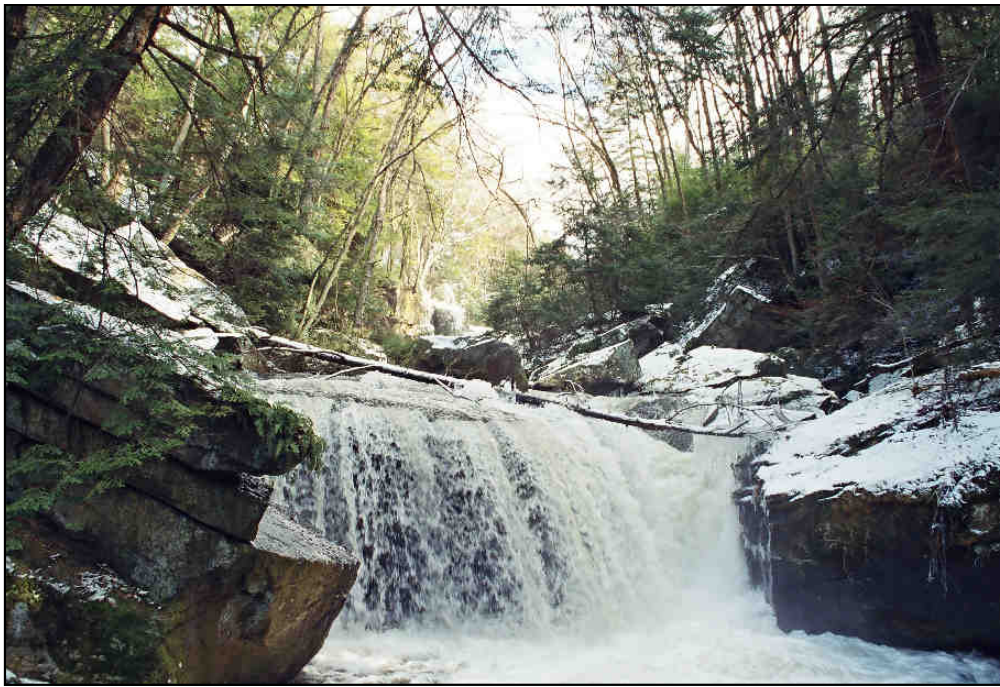
- Water quality "Snapshots" of over 200 publicly-funded Passive Treatment Systems located throughout PA were conducted by a partnership effort coordinated by Stream Restoration Inc.
- Work continues on Slippery Rock Creek Watershed Conservation Draft Plan
- McIntyre site bid drawings and specifications completed

To learn more about the SRWC, why not join us at one of our monthly meetings? We meet every second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at Jennings Environmental Education Center in Slippery Rock, PA. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we'll even feed you free pizza and pop!



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The Slippery Rock Creek Watershed has many beautiful waterfalls and other scenic sites. Learn more about the natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources in the watershed at Slippery Rock Creek Watershed Conservation Plan Informational Meetings!

Slippery Rock Creek Watershed Conservation Plan Informational Meetings

Stream Restoration Incorporated (SRI) has received grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to write a Watershed Conservation Plan (WCP) for the Slippery Rock Creek Watershed. The purpose of the WCP is to provide the general public, municipalities, watershed community, and government agencies with a concise, easily read and used repository of the natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources while emphasizing opportunities for stewardship and economic growth within the Slippery Rock Creek Watershed.

All residents of the Slippery Rock Creek Watershed (which covers portions of Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer, and Venango Counties) are invited and encouraged to participate in the upcoming public meetings. In order to help identify and integrate the diverse interests relating to watershed stewardship, SRI will hold four (4) public informational meetings that will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Plain Grove Twp. Municipal Building, 1029 Plain Grove Rd., Volant, PA 16156

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Grove City High School Auditorium, 511 Highland Avenue, Grove City, PA 16127

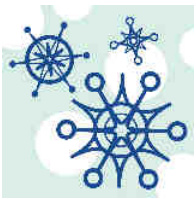
Thursday, February 10, 2011

Slippery Rock Twp. Municipal Bldg., 203 Branchton Rd., Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Boyers Sportsmen's Association, 1103 Boyers Road, Boyers, PA 16020

For additional information, please contact Laurie Popeck, SRCWCP Project Facilitator by calling 724-776-0150 or emailing at laurie@streamrestorationinc.org



The KIDS Catalyst

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION FUN ACTIVITY



Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow

February can be one of the snowiest months of the year! In honor of winter and lots of snow, we have some fun snow trivia to share with you below. The answers can be found using the symbols in the key. If you send us your completed paper, we'll mail you a free gift certificate!

\$ = 1	+ = 6
@ = 2	< = 7
% = 3	* = 8
? = 4	{ = 9
! = 5	/ = 0

- On average, 1 inch of rain is equal to this amount of snow: _____ inches
\$ /
- The largest snowflake ever recorded fell in Montana and was _____ inches in diameter.
\$!
- Stampede Pass in the state of Washington is the snow capital of the USA. It averages _____ inches of snow per year!
? % /
- Every year, this many snow-producing storms occur in the continental US: _____
\$ / !
- Scientists believe there are _____ different shapes of snow crystals.
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- About _____ percent of Earth's land surface is covered in permanent snow and ice.
\$ @
- In 2008, the community of Bethel, Maine, built the world's tallest snowman (actually a snow-woman), and it was over _____ feet tall!
\$ @ @
- The average snowflake falls at a speed of _____ miles per hour.
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- Large slabs of snow falling down a hillside during an avalanche can reach speeds of _____ miles per hour
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Name _____ Age _____

Address _____



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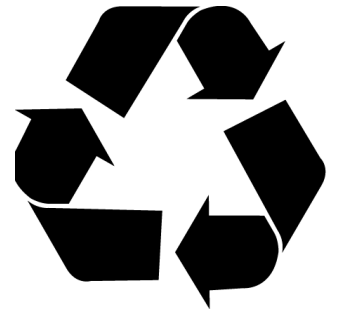
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Take Advantage of Phone Book Recycling!

Is your pile of telephone directory books growing larger and larger like ours? Make a New Year's resolution to do some recycling and get those phone books under control! The Butler County Department of Recycling and Waste Management has announced their annual telephone book recycling campaign. **Sheryl Kelly**, Environmental Specialist and Recycling & Waste Management Coordinator, is working to get the word out to citizens looking to recycle those big, bulky, yellow books!

Telephone book recycling bins are now available for the collection of old phone books until mid-February. Bins will be at the following locations, the same as in past years:

- Slippery Rock Community Park - office parking lot off N. Main St.
- East Butler Vol. Fire Dept. - rear parking lot
- Friedman's Freshmarket - Point Plaza Shopping Center parking lot
- Friedman's Freshmarket - Greater Butler Mart parking lot
- Sam's Club - Moraine Point Plaza parking lot near entrance drive



Phonebook papers are 100 percent recyclable and are used primarily to—you guessed it—make new phonebooks! Old phonebooks are also sometimes recycled into building materials and products you use in your home. However, many recyclers won't accept telephone books because the fibers used to make the books' lightweight pages are too short to be reformulated into new paper. In fact, mixing old phonebooks in with other waste paper can even contaminate the batch, hindering the recyclability of the other paper fibers.



Don't wait, drop your out-dated books off soon! And for more information on recycling in Butler County, check out the county's Department of Recycling and Waste Management web site at **www.recyclebutler.us**. You can learn a lot of helpful and interesting recycling facts, including that Butler County has the distinction of being the very first County in Pennsylvania (1992) with residential curbside recycling offered county-wide! And if you don't live in Butler County, contact your local municipality or recycling center to find out where and how you can recycle your old phone books!