

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Thursday 3/10/11 at Jennings Environmental Education Center, pizza and pop provided.

Slippery Rock Creek Watershed Conservation Plan (SRCWCP) Update

By Laurie Popeck

The latest round of public meetings for the Slippery Rock Creek Watershed Conservation Plan were completed during the second and third weeks of February 2011. Meetings were conducted at four locations: Plain Grove Twp. Municipal Building (2/8/11), Grove City High School Auditorium (2/9/11), Slippery Rock Twp. Municipal Building (2/10/11), and the Boyers Sportmen's Club (2/15/11). Representatives from the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition, the SRCWCP Advisory Council, Stream Restoration Inc., BioMost, Inc., and from the Planning and Economic Development Associates, Inc. presented an overview of the current draft plan. The public provided lively conversation, insights, concerns, and ideas for the SRCWCP. A special thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the meetings and to the municipal



officials of Plain Grove and Slippery Rock Townships; the administration of Grove City High School and the Boyers Sportsmen's Club for graciously allowing us to conduct the meetings at their facilities.

Dave Malarkey of radio station WISR in Butler also conducted an interview with **Laurie Popeck**, SRCWCP Project Facilitator, about the draft plan. The interview led to an informative discussion relating to the land, water, biological, and cultural resources in the watershed. A big THANK YOU to Mr. Malarkey and everyone at WISR/WBUT for the unique opportunity to be "on the air" to share our interest in the watershed.

We encourage all stakeholders in the 408-square mile Slippery Rock Creek Watershed to review the draft and submit written comments. The Draft SRCWCP can be viewed online at: http://www.streamrestorationinc.org/srwcp/srwcp_plan.php. All comments need to be submitted by **March 17, 2011**. Written comments will be included as an attachment to the draft plan, which is to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) for review.

Please send written comments to:

Email — srcwcp@streamrestorationinc.org

Mail — Laurie Popeck, Project Facilitator
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The Final SRCWCP will be presented to the public at the same meeting locations in early June 2011.





Maynard Parker (center) attended the public meeting held at the Plain Grove Twp. Municipal Building (2/8/11) in Lawrence County. Shaun Busler and Margaret Dunn of the SRWC discuss the maps depicting the land, water, and biological resources available in the Slippery Rock Creek Watershed Conservation Plan. (See front page article.)

SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 30, 2011 – FREE PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION

The U.S. Dept. of Justice through the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will hold a nationwide pharmaceutical take-back day on **Saturday, April 30th** from **10:00 am until 2:00 pm**. Nationwide collection site information will soon be released and there are expected to be multiple locations in every county. (As available, the collection locations and dates will be included in the April 2011 issue of *The Catalyst* for the Slippery Rock Creek Watershed and vicinity.)

This “National Take Back Day” is sponsored by the DEA in coordination with local law enforcement agencies and community partners and aims to provide an opportunity for the public to drop off expired, unwanted, or unneeded medications for destruction. Removing these potentially dangerous drugs from our homes reduces risks to public health and safety. According to the DEA, all types of medications will be accepted on Take Back Day, including both prescription and over-the-counter substances.

NOT ACCEPTED at the collection: needles, radioactive medicines, bio-hazardous substances, thermometers or other medical devices.

The DEA advises that prescription drugs should not be flushed down the toilet or washed down the drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so. For more information check out the DEA web site at www.dea.gov.



In a 2002 report published by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), chemicals used by nearly everyone were found in 139 streams and rivers in 30 states, including Pennsylvania. These chemicals include pharmaceuticals, hormones, and insect repellents to name a few and are known collectively as organic wastewater contaminants (OWCs). More information can be found at toxics.usgs.gov.

Thank you to **Sheryl Kelly**, Environmental Specialist and Recycling & Waste Management Coordinator of the Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management, for bringing this collection day to our attention!



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SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION FUN ACTIVITY



Whoooo, Who Likes Owls?!

The Eastern Screech Owl is found in nearly every habitat throughout the eastern United States and southern Canada. It is common in urban as well as rural areas and readily nests in nest boxes. Its body is gray, brownish gray, or reddish-brown in color. Have fun coloring the screech owl below, and if you mail us your finished picture we will send you a free gift certificate! Whoooo wouldn't like that?!



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Hello, Spring! (After 1 Last Glance at Winter)

We recently received a fun poem from a dear friend of the watershed, the 96 years young, **Mrs. Wanda D. Runyon** from West Virginia, which we wanted to share with our readers:

Christmas Aftermath

*It was the day after Christmas and all through the house
Festive papers and ribbons would stop even a mouse.*

*Empty stockings now lay limp on the floor,
A lone survivor—a Christmas wreath on the door.*

*All gift surprises now came to light,
And were met with smiles and cries of delight.*

*The delicious roast turkey will end up as hash,
While the beautiful Christmas tree is destined for trash.*

*At that point Mother came into the room,
took one look around and yelled, "Bring another broom!"*

*With everyone helping, the room was soon clear,
How was your Christmas? And, Happy New Year!*