

## Attachment A: Feedback from recipients of WREN grants, Page 1

The Berks County Conservation District has received or partnered on multiple grants with WREN, and we can't say enough good things about your program! Specifically in regard to the 2007 Best Management Practices Calendar, we were able to create and distribute about 1,000 copies of a quality printed calendar for public outreach and education. Our staff has said that the Orientation and Wrap-Up meetings are among the best conferences we have attended - they are extremely well organized, and the topic sessions are very relevant to issues in the conservation community.

*--Lyn O'Hare, Assistant Manager | Berks County Conservation District*

"The best thing about our garden is that it is a long term project that will continue to educate many people in the community from its opening long into the future."

*-University of the Sciences, Alison Zima*

The WREN grant was the first grant Antietam Watershed Association had received. It was a great way to get introduced to the area of watershed preservation. The program offers a great opportunity to network, get to know what else is going on around the state, etc. also just a great social experience. Since receiving the WREN grant, AWA has received a \$100,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, one of just four grants awarded throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed. We're now applying for a 319 implementation planning grant.

*-Steve Rettig, president, AWA*

Center in the Park received a grant from Growing Greener that was based on this grant. They will be able to continue this project in part for another year. We will continue to seek funding as partners to modify and expand this program to reach other schools.

*-Stroud Water Research Center, Vivian Williams, Project Leader for CEP's WREN Grant*

As a result of the WREN grant process, we were able to apply for and get three additional grants. The largest, a \$51,000 Growing Greener grant will fund a watershed assessment which should form the basis for future cleanup projects. A second Growing Greener grant will purchase audio visual equipment for outreach. The third from the Western Pa. Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation paid for many of our startup costs.

*-Aultman Watershed Association for Restoring the Environment (AWARE),*

The involvement of the community and the University of Sciences in a project for the common good would be something to be proud of. Also, one of the greatest accomplishments is our development of an environmentally sound garden in a place where a vacant lot once was.

*-Allison Zima, Intern, Open Space Garden  
University of the Sciences*

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As part of our SWP project in the Northern York Region we held a Better Site Planning Roundtable process that was very successful. We had good participation by various stakeholders in the community. We would recommend this process for communities experiencing growth and development as a good method for introducing low impact development techniques and strategies for removing impediments to sustainable development.

*-Sally Holbert, Northern York  
Region/Dillsburg Borough*

...because of (the WREN) grant, to date, we still have our programs in use. ...they (WREN) made it possible for this small water system to step up and educate people that otherwise would not have known about the pollution or contamination that happens with source water as well as all water systems.

*Gloria Snow-Lambert  
Executive Director/Business Division  
Buhl Community Water Company*

The WREN grant was such a wonderful program from the beginning to the end. It was relative easy to fill out the grant application and the orientation was very informative and everyone was so nice to work with.

...the middle school in South Middleton School district and ... the high school still use the special displays that we purchased through the WREN Grant in educating our young adults in what impacts our water supply. The community has also moved forward with special groups that are still active in preservation of our natural resources.

The whole process was so worthwhile and we received more help, direction, and wonderful opportunities through the WREN Grant. Our small school district and township would not have been able to do what we have without your grant. The speakers (at the Orientation and Wrap Up meetings) were wonderful and dedicated which sparked our enthusiasm. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be involved in the program.

*- Teresa Shakespeare, South Middleton Bubbler Foundation, 2001 Project Leader*

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As chairman of our Wellhead Protection Committee, I will attest to the value of the materials purchased with the Wren Grant Funds. I have spent many hours manning our "booth" during our annual Arbor Day educational program for elementary school students. I've also spent some time at Titusville's Earth Day and Fall Festival showing our video and talking with students and adults alike, about the need to protect "source water".

City Council, though recognizing the value of protecting our water supply, probably couldn't have justified purchasing the materials we've collected for our "Water Road Show" without the Wren Grants so I thank you for helping make this possible.

*-Brian Sanford, Mayor, City of Titusville*

Thank you. Extensive effort made for an information filled program (Orientation Meeting.) It is not often that there is the opportunity to participate in a conference like this and never have I walked away with so much information. The willingness of WREN et al. to assist in all areas related to projects made very clear and I am excited and inspired and very grateful!

*-Orientation Meeting Attendee*

The 2003-2004 WREN Grant really helped us get our drinking water source program off the ground. Our group will remain intact and we will continue our efforts for protecting our drinking source water resources because of your support.

The WREN grant has helped us in setting up a drinking source water protection program in which everyone participates. (employees, educators, committee members, and students).

MAWA was presented "Water System of the Year" award in 2004 and Governors Award for Environmental Excellence in 2005.

*-Meadville Area Water Authority, Don Nold*

These grants make small projects possible and can be a catalyst for larger efforts. The Orientation and Wrap Up sessions are helpful for the funded projects but also provided an abundance of additional info on a broad range of water related topics. They are also some of the best run conferences I have ever attended!

*Crystal Gilchrist, AICP  
Executive Director  
Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy*

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The Authority also is involved in on-going efforts to develop future water stewards by teaching at area schools and has partnered with the PEAK Center Senior Environment Corps, under a WREN Grant, to spread the word regarding the importance of source water protection to local civic groups, boys and girls scouts, and schools. Through these educational activities and participation with local watershed groups, the Authority is proactively protecting the local water supplies.

*-2004 Annual Report, North Penn Water Authority*

The WREN grant gave us a platform to formalize an agreement between PHLT and Brodhead Hunting and Fishing Club to permanently protect a 400 acre tract owned by the club. Thank you again for your support through the WREN grant.

*-Ray Molina, Pocono Heritage Land Trust*

The proudest accomplishment of the project was getting all the water suppliers in the Pennridge Area to come together for a meeting to talk about source water protection. It probably was the first time they were all sitting around the same table. The best outcome of the project was having municipal officials change their thinking about what we are trying to accomplish in the Pennridge Area concerning water resource protection.

*-Cynthia K. Unangst  
Organization: Bucks County Planning Commission for the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee*

Proudest accomplishment of the WREN grant: Winning the PSATS "Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors" first place award for most improved newsletter in the Commonwealth. This was funded in part by this program.

*-David L. Anthony  
Manager, Washington Township*

Great conference. The first day was very beneficial, especially the breakout sessions. Networking done at this meeting was invaluable. Great job! Materials provided were also great. I will be trying to catch up with it all for quite a while.

*Orientation Meeting Attendee*

The (WREN) grant gave us the kick start we needed to get our watershed going. It opened up lines of contact with both the professional and public citizens. We have since been involved with several other projects in our watershed and have a couple of more in process.

*-Roy McCabe, Project Leader, Trough Creek Watershed Association*