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# ***WREN E-News***

**March 2009**

A monthly Update from the **Water Resources Education Network**

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## **Two Source Water Protection Workshops Planned**

April 8 Selinsgrove, Susquehanna University Degenstein Campus Center

April 22 Charleroi, Authority of the Borough of Charleroi

Mark your calendars for these FREE popular "how-to" workshops on Source Water Protection. Visit [www.drinkingwaterwise.org](http://www.drinkingwaterwise.org) to learn more.

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WREN Offers Opportunity Grants

A small amount of funding is available for WREN Opportunity Grants -- grants to community groups to carry out local education projects. Projects must be related to Source Water Protection and must be completed by June 30, 2009. Maximum funding per project is \$300. Learn more at wren.palwv.org/grants

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## **March Feature posted on WREN website**

[EPA Invests \\$2 Million To Secure Philadelphia's Drinking Water Supply](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency presented a \$2 million grant to Philadelphia to help the City address the risk of intentional contamination of its drinking water.

The project, called the Water Security Initiative, is expected to serve as a model for the nation's drinking water utilities. Similar water security pilot grants were awarded by EPA to New York City, San Francisco, and Dallas.

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PA American Water Grants Available

Pennsylvania American Water announced that the application process is now open for its [2009 Environmental Grant Program](#) to support innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect watersheds and community drinking water supplies.

The company will award grants of up to \$10,000. The program is designed to support diverse types of activities, such as watershed cleanups, reforestation efforts, underground tank inspection programs, biodiversity projects, streamside buffer restoration projects, wellhead protection initiatives and hazardous waste collection efforts.

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**National Drinking Water Week is May 3-9, 2009.** Visit American Water Works Association [Drinking Water Week](#) website to see what they offer.

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State Water Plan Documents Available

The PA State Water Plan (Act 220) is complete and a formal adoption ceremony is planned for March 26. To see the Plan, an Executive Summary, and other documents, visit [State Water Plan](#) on the DEP website.

DEP Schedules [Regional Water Resources Technical Subcommittee Meetings](#) In April.

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**Quick Links...**

WREN Grants for community partnerships - <http://wren.palwv.org/grants> **Deadline, April 3**

WREN websites: <http://wren.palwv.org> and [www.drinkingwaterwise.org](http://www.drinkingwaterwise.org)