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2012 WREN OPPORTUNITY GRANTS AWARDED for Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention Watershed Education

WREN awarded fifteen (15) 2012 Opportunity grants for a total of \$4,730.00, with funding from a federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant from the US EPA administered by PA DEP. WREN Opportunity Grants provide small Community Initiative Funds (maximum \$300 each) to support community grass roots educational projects to build awareness, knowledge, and competency to protect Pennsylvania's water resources.

South East PA

Abington Township Shade Tree Commission, Montgomery County

WREN grant to be used to build a rain garden near the parking lot and the building housing the Abington Township Shade Tree Commission to capture & infiltrate runoff and associated nonpoint pollutants from the parking lot and the roof, & divert flow that would otherwise run directly into the Sandy Run Creek. Awarded: \$300.00 Contact: Rita Stevens ritastevens@verizon.net

Berks County Conservation District, Berks County

WREN grant to be used for the reprint of EPA stormwater materials. Awarded: \$300
Contact: Kate O'Brien Kathryn.obrien@berkscd.com

North East PA

Lehigh County Conservation District, Lehigh County

WREN grant to be used to create, print, and distribute a brochure, to all municipalities in Lehigh County, that focuses on most frequently asked questions (and answers) regarding earth disturbance activities, and how non-point source pollution can be reduced. Awarded: \$300
Contact: Laura Hopek LHopek@lehighconservation.org

Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley, Lehigh County

WREN grant to be used for scholarships for Municipal Officials to attend the Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference. Awarded: \$480 (note exception made to \$300 maximum award.)
Contact: James Wilson james-wilson@northamptoncd.org

Monroe County Conservation District, Monroe County

WREN grant to be used to purchase ten rain gauges that will be made available to interested middle schools throughout the County for installation on school property. For each participating school, the Monroe County Conservation District's Watershed Specialist will offer a program on the proper set-up of the gauge, the reading and recording of precipitation data, and the purpose of monitoring rainfall and snowmelt in relation to water pollution. A rain gage is a great tool for raising awareness of the discrete forms of water pollution while studying weather. Awarded: \$300

Contact: Trish Attardo pamccd@ptd.net

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South Central PA

Watershed Alliance of York (WAY), York County

WREN grant to be used to offset the cost of printing 1000 Watershed Weekend Self-Guided Tour Brochures for The Watershed Alliance of York (WAY) 10th Annual Watershed Weekend scheduled for September 29 & 30, 2012. Awarded: \$300 Contact: Gary Peacock gpeacock@yorkccd.org

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, Adams County

WREN grant to be used to target students in the Swamp Creek watershed, one of the headwaters in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A groundwater flow model will be purchased to enable students to have a hands-on experience when learning about the impact of pollution on water sources, with a direct association to nonpoint source pollution. Awarded: \$300

Contact: Autumn Arthur autumna@strawberryhill.org

Lemoyne Borough, Cumberland County

WREN grant to be used to sponsor a Rain Garden planting workday/workshop on 9/29/12. Approximately 230 native plant plugs to be purchased with this grant. Awarded: \$300

Contact: Shirley Stark driggsayla@verizon.net

Adams County Conservation District, Adams County

WREN grant to be used toward the purchase of a Groundwater Model which will be used in schools and other public education events. Awarded: \$300

Contact: Adam McClain amclain@adamscounty.us

South West PA

Washington County Watershed Alliance for Ten Mile Creek Watershed Association, Washington County

WREN grant to be used to hold an event, with a public outreach presentation, focused on the health of Ten Mile Creek Watershed. Washington County Watershed Alliance/Ten Mile Creek Watershed Association will create a display board that can easily distribute information and provide answers to questions before and after the speaker presents. This display board will also be used for future educational events. Awarded: \$300 Contact: Jennifer Dann jdann@pawccd.org

Evergreen Conservancy, Indiana County

WREN grant to be used for the purchase of a tool that enables the function of a display to assist local citizens in Indiana and Armstrong Counties to learn about Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) and how Evergreen Conservancy cleans it up! Awarded: \$300

Contact: Megan Baskerville evergreenconservancy@gmail.com

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Smart Growth Partnership, Westmoreland County, Westmoreland County

WREN grant to be used by the Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County to develop and print educational materials that emphasize the importance of preventing nonpoint source pollution by proactively making wise land use decisions during the community planning and design phase. Awarded: \$300 Contact: John Turack jdt15@psu.edu

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, Allegheny County

WREN grant to be used to design and print educational tri-fold brochures for the Clean Rivers Campaign. Awarded: \$300 Contact: Sara Powell sarap@ninemilerun.org

North West PA

Lawrence County Conservation District, Lawrence County

WREN grant to be used to update the Conservation District's traveling Backyard Conservation Display. It will feature an actual rain barrel and a rain chain. The display & educational resources will be used to teach about the environmental benefits of these products in relation to nonpoint source pollution and water conservation that can happen in your own backyard. Awarded: \$300 Contact: Lauren Anderson landerson@lawrencecd.org

Erie County Conservation District, Erie County

WREN grant to be used to augment the Conservation District's 2006 WREN funded "outdoor microwatershed" to demonstrate the different sources of nonpoint pollution. The microwatershed is powered by a solar panel which runs a water pump in a well next to our educational pavilion. This pavilion was constructed to collect rainwater from the roof and direct it into a large stormwater retention system built underneath the pavilion's concrete slab floor. The District plans to use this rainwater to water our Community Learning Garden as well as other uses. This WREN Opportunity Grant will be used to purchase water pumping equipment to make use of this rainwater. The Conservation District will supply all the labor so that is in-kind from the District. This pump will also be powered by the solar panel from a 2006 Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention Watershed Education Grant. Awarded: \$350 (note exception made to \$300 maximum award.) Contact: Brian Zeppenfeld bzeppenfeld@erieconservation.com