

## The Goal

To bring Agricultural Producers who manage the land and Government Officials who make land/water policies together for one conference.

## Who should come?

- Livestock producers
- Water/Sewer Authority Officials
- Vegetable Growers
- Local Government Representatives
- Crop Producers

## Why come?

- Discover the varieties of cover crop species available and their many benefits.
- Learn how cover crops can improve production and lower fertilizer costs.
- Hear about how the Martinsburg community is improving drinking water by installing a local manure digester.
- Get an update on the Chesapeake Bay's TMDL report and Pennsylvania's "pollution diet" to restore local waters

## Sponsors and Partners

- Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance
- Southern Allegheny RC&D
- Southern Allegheny Conservancy
- Martinsburg Borough and Water Authority
- Penn State Cooperative Extension
- USDA- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Senator John H. Eichelberger Jr.
- Blair County Conservation District
- PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program –*through the funding of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund through a Section 319 federal Clean Water Act grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, administered by the US Environmental Protection Agency.*

## Directions

From 1-99:

- Take exit 23 for PA-164/PA-36 toward Portage/Roaring Spring
- Merge onto PA-164
- Continue on PA-164 into Martinsburg
- Turn right onto S. Walnut Street



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## Southern Alleghenies Cover Crop & Nutrient Trade Conference

A conference to improve agricultural production and water quality



December 7, 2010

**RSVP by November 22, 2010**

**The Park at Morrisons Cove  
201 South Walnut Street  
Martinsburg, PA**

***Sign up for the conference soon! The first 50 producers to register will receive a 2009-2010 Agronomy Guide published by Penn State University.***

## Agenda

8:00 – 8:30 AM – Registration  
8:30 – 8:45 AM – Update Report on the Cove's Manure Digester - Randy Stoltz  
8:45 – 9:00 AM – Update on the new Ch. 102 and PADEP Manure Manual – Donna Fisher  
9:00 – 10:15 AM – Homegrown Nitrogen: Using legumes to improve corn & water quality - Jim Hoorman  
10:15 – 10:30 AM – Break  
10:30 – 11:45 AM – Managing a variety of cover crop species from establishment to termination - Steve Groff  
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 PM Breakout sessions:

1. Biology of Soil Compaction: The "root" causes & how to build good soil structure - Jim Hoorman
2. Using cover crops with vegetables – Steve Groff
3. Tips on Nutrient Trading/Update on Chesapeake Bay TMDL – Ann Roda and Jason Wert

## Continuing Education Credits

Nutrient Management - 2 Credits

Pesticide Credit Category

PC - Private Category - 2 Credits

01 - Agronomic Crops - 2 Credits

03 - Vegetable Crops - 2 Credits

18 - Demonstration and Research - 2 Credits

23 - Park / School Pest Control - 2 Credits

## Speakers

Steve Groff  
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Farmer/Educator

Jim Hoorman  
Ohio State University Cooperative Extension-Water Quality Extension Educator

Randy Stoltz  
Martinsburg Borough Manager and Cove Area Regional Digester Chairman

Jason Wert, PE,  
Director of Engineering, Mercuria Global Energy Solutions and Cove Area Regional Digester Senior Project Manager

Ann Roda  
Market Based Programs Coordinator, Office of Water Planning, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

## Conference Handouts

Come and get a 2-year CONSERVATION PLANNER. This planner/calendar provides timely agronomy, grazing, and nutrient management tips for each month. The planner is 11"x17" to give plenty of room for record keeping too.



## RSVP by November 22, 2010

Registration fee of \$15 includes lunch, breaks, and all handout materials

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Affiliation

Agricultural Producer \_\_\_\_\_

Local Government \_\_\_\_\_

Agricultural Agency \_\_\_\_\_

### Breakout session you plan to attend

Biology of Soil Compaction \_\_\_\_\_

Using Cover Crops with Vegetables \_\_\_\_\_

Nutrient Trading and TMDL Update \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this registration form with a check made payable to **Southern Alleghenies Conservancy** and mail to:

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