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FINAL REPORT NARRATIVE**

Lead Organization: **Port Allegany Borough**
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Organization with
Fiscal Responsibility: **Port Allegany Borough**
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Project Title: **McKean County SWP Education Project**

Narrative:

Port Allegany Borough purchased and installed a total of six (6) Water Supply Area signs at the boundaries source water protection area. Meetings were held between Port Allegany Borough Water Department, PA Rural Water Association and PSU Agriculture Extension for McKean County. In addition, we involved educators from the Port Allegany School District and the Water Department employees. By involving the educators in our community, we were able to reach the youth of our community and begin to educate them in the importance of maintaining and overseeing our precious water supply and how it can be affected by numerous factors.

With the assistance of PRWA, placemats were designed, printed and distributed to area restaurants. We felt that this would be an educational tool that would reach a wide number of persons, not only in Port Allegany, but other parts of PA and neighboring states by making them aware of the hazards associated with water pollution and what they can do to halt any contamination of water sources.

Both the signs and the placemats have proved to be a valuable tool for disseminating information to area residents. This was done by going into the schools and by presenting programs at various civic organizations meetings. We were able to reach not only those persons who are currently responsible for maintaining our source water protection areas, but our youth who will be involved in our community in the coming years. In a community of approximately 2400, we have been able to reach a significant number of our citizens.

Meetings were also held with local emergency management agencies, fire department, municipal officials as well as PA DOT to identify our wellhead protection area location and to discuss any and all actions that should be taken in the event of a spill in the area.