

The Re-CAP

Watershed Alliance of York's (WAY) bi-monthly newsletter about the implementation of the **C**ountywide **A**ction **P**lan for clean waters



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WAY BOARD

That's right, the Leadership Team has transitioned into the **Way Board**! The WAY board meeting will take the place of our bi-monthly YCC4CW meetings. And, to reach more people, the meetings will now be held in the evening! Join us for our next meeting on June 24th from 6:00-8:00 pm, 2401 Pleasant Valley Rd York Pa 17402 Room 148. Or join the zoom meeting [here](#).

In other fun news, our Action Teams will still be doing great work, but will now be called Committees. Check them out on page 4 and join us!

WAY Board Members

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 Ted Evgeniadis, Director
 Matt Attig, Director
 Jeff Helwig, Director
 Diane Oleson, Director
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CAP Coordinator's Corner

Great energy has gone into the details of our merger with Watershed Alliance of York (WAY). I'm so happy to announce that as of June 2021, YCC4CW is officially merged with WAY. From here on out, when you see or hear WAY, know that we are now representing and including all of the work that the Coalition and Alliance have been doing separately, together.

This means changes all around! In June, our new logo will launch and shortly following will be a revamping of the social media accounts and website. Make sure you are following @WAYorkPA on Instagram and that you like the "Watershed Alliance of York" Facebook Page. Those are the places that will keep you most informed in the coming months.

There has also been some very slight changes to our "organizational chart" and meeting schedule. The May 21st YCC4CW bi-monthly meeting was the last one. Going forward, everyone is invited to attend any of the monthly, open to the public, WAY Board Meetings that occur the 4th Thursday of each month from 6:00 – 8:00pm. The next Board Meeting is June 24th. The YCC4CW Leadership Team has been absorbed by the WAY Board. The WAY Board will carry on with the work of the Committees (once known as Action Teams), as well as with current partnerships on events like Watershed Week, Street2Creek, Greener Codorus Initiative, and more.

There is a place for all current and past endeavors of YCC4CW and WAY as the "new" WAY! As we settle into this new way of meeting, we hope to fill the 5 vacant WAY Board Member seats. It is a goal to have representation of all Committees on the Board. Currently, we are missing representation for our Programmatic and Legislative Changes, Revenue Building, and (newly created) Agricultural Committees. We also hope to build on membership of those three Committees, so if you know anyone looking to get involved, encourage them that now is the time! Look for some of these changes within this reCAP issue (hint, the Action Team page). You might also see some news in your inbox, if you are on the YCC4CW or WAY mailing lists. So many exciting changes are upon us. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these new waters as WAY!



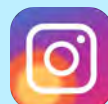
~Rachel Stahlman,
CAP Coordinator, rstahlman@ycpc.org

Here is a quick reCAP of the major changes:

- We are now WAY, no more YCC4CW
- We now have monthly WAY meetings- no more YCC4CW bi-monthly meetings
- We now have Committees instead of Action Teams
- We now have a WAY Board instead of a YCC4CW Leadership Team
- YCPC, York County Conservation District, and DEP will continue to meet monthly for CAP implementation
- New WAY logo COMING VERY SOON



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Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (CWIP) Follow-Up

In December of 2020, the reCAP introduced readers to the Draft Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (CWIP). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced its evaluation of the Plan. It seems that although EPA applauded the effort behind the CWIP, this federal agency had several questions and comments similar to those submitted by York County.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Plan: The Draft CWIP contains a comprehensive process for identifying, selecting, and implementing primarily agricultural BMPs to meet the 6 million pound nitrogen reduction goal.

EPA Comment: Critical to the successful implementation of the CWIP is to ensure that the Plan complements and does not compete with local Phase III WIPs in terms of opportunities for BMP implementation and resources, including technical assistance, staffing, and funding. It was acknowledged that the CWIP will continue to evolve based upon implementation successes.

Financing

Plan: The financing strategy is still under development. However, it does call for increased private sector involvement.

EPA Comment: Believes it will be difficult to meet pollutant reduction deadlines without a dedicated funding mechanism in place. Such mechanism should be supported by a public commitment.

Summary

EPA listed key strengths, as well as key enhancements, recommended for the final version of the CWIP. Overall, the list of BMPs included to meet pollutant reductions was clear. What EPA wants in many of its recommendations is detail and clarity. The “what” is clear...it is the “who,” “when,” “where,” and “how” that lacks specificity. In conclusion, EPA states it will use its evaluation and future two year milestones to determine if “corrections or adjustments” will be necessary to reach the goals of the CWIP. These “adjustments” could include assigning the CWIP nitrogen target to specific jurisdictions.



Committee Commitments



The **PI Committee** members are continuing to secure funding through grants and are implementing BMPs in the County. Two new projects include Terra Farms Keystone 10 Million Trees planting & Horn Farm 6-acre Riparian Buffer. They are excited to create a Watershed Forestry Subcommittee. Interested in joining? Contact us!

The **Watershed Forestry Subcommittee** is under development! Do you like to get your hands dirty? Join us! The Watershed Forestry Subcommittee will be assisting with orchestrating buffer & tree planting efforts in the County, as well as coming up with other smart solutions and creative approaches to Watershed Forestry.

The **E&O Committee** is continuing its work with LUMI, developing a letter to schools about water quality projects, and completed a municipal survey regarding newsletters. In addition, Watershed Week & Street2Creek discussions are being held. Exciting things are being planned for Watershed Week in mid-September!

The Watershed Alliance of York (WAY) is always looking for new partners to help implement the York CAP. There are soon to be six (6) Committees (formerly Action Teams) and one Subcommittee all working together to help implement different aspects of the CAP. Contact Rachel at rstahlman@ycpc.org to join a committee!

Are you interested in spreading the word about why we need to clean up York's streams and how we can accomplish it? Check out the [Education & Outreach Committee \(E&O\)](#)!

Are you a number cruncher and want to figure out ways to calculate our progress? Check out our [Data Management Committee \(DM\)](#)!

Do you like to get your hands dirty and want to help put projects on the ground? Or have land to implement a project? Contact our [Project Implementation Committee \(PI\)](#) or our newly forming [Watershed Forestry Subcommittee](#)!

Are you good with grant writing or collaborating with sponsors to find funds for project implementation? Contact our [Revenue Building Committee \(RB\)](#)!

Are you interested in policy and legislative issues? Contact our [Legislative and Programmatic Changes Committee \(L&P\)](#)!

Are you interested in all things agricultural? Help us to form this [Agricultural Committee](#)!

JOIN US!
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The **DM Committee** is focused on data collection, including developing a BMP Guide and Unreported BMP Tracking Form. The form was tested with FieldDoc and went well. The committee is also exploring opportunities with Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM).

The **RB Committee** is transitioning into a fundraising and sponsorship seeking group. If you are good with money and have creative ideas for raising funds to be used for clean water projects and initiatives, reach out to our CAP Coordinator (rstahlman@ycpc.org)!

The **L&P Changes Committee** submitted the Watershed Permitting concept to DEP and has also discussed the restructuring of the committee due to the merger.

Wilson Alvarez, Woodland Steward @ Horn Farm carries a bundle of carefully selected trees



Horn Farm

From April – May volunteers were busy planting at Horn Farm! A 6 acre Riparian Buffer was planted and the start of a 20 acre planting project began! We were happy to be able to fund 1 acre of the 6 acre Riparian Buffer with 2020 CAP funding. The 20 acre planting project is being supported by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PennVest, and the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership. There is still opportunity to help with the 20 acre planting! Wednesdays and Sundays in June will be focused on the completion of that project. Head over to <https://hornfarmcenter.org/riparian-volunteer/> to sign up for a day. It is great fun, as well as hard work, with amazing people!

Various tree species planted at the Horn Farm



Terra Farms

On a rainy May afternoon your CAP Coordinator, Conservation District Watershed Specialist, and Master Watershed Stewards gathered to plant just under 400 trees, shrubs, and berry bushes at Terra Farms in Spring Grove. This project is part of the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership. If you are ever in the area, Terra Farms has a road side stand where they sell beautiful flower bouquets. Make sure you look for the tree tubes along the creek when you go! Their location is 2605 Buffalo Valley Rd, Spring Grove PA 17362, Instagram @TerraFarmsandField

Watershed Stewards made quick work of the tree planting at Terra Farm



Freshly planted tree at Terra Farm



Ways to learn, dig in, and get your feet wet!



Greener Codorus Initiative

What is the Greener Codorus Initiation?

Volunteers chop vegetation weekly along the banks of the Codorus Creek in York City to keep harmful chemicals like herbicides from being sprayed along the banks. Everyone is talking about beautifying the Codorus Creek, right? Well, we have been beautifying the creek for over 20 years and, for the last 6 years, we've been stopping harmful herbicides from being sprayed and killing everything they touch. Did you ever notice that the banks along the Creek are now GREEN? That's because of our work. Come out and support a great cause, you'll even get a decent workout and watch wildlife like ducks and turtles eat the vegetation you just chopped. It is very rewarding to be a part of this great work. We have all the tools and safety equipment. Please wear long pants, shoes with good ankle support, and bring your own water bottle. Meet at Foundry Plaza/Codorus Boat Basin. Our season is from April through November. The schedule for the foreseeable future is the **1st & 3rd Monday 9:00-11:00AM** and **2nd & 4th Wednesday 5:30-7:30PM**. Evening times will change later in the season due to daylight. See you out there! Please do not come out if it's wet or raining, we cannot do this work in wet conditions. All volunteer hours count towards any required community service obligations.

Tire Challenge Fundraiser!

On June 1st, John (aka @susquehanna_plastic_pickn_1000) started his goal to pick 100 tires out of the Susquehanna River during the month of June. This is a fundraiser for the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper. Please consider donating to support John's efforts and help out the hard working Riverkeeper! John's goal is \$2,500 for the month.



Calling all Artists!



Street2Creek

If you have walked around York City, you might have noticed some very creative painting around storm drains. For the past few years, there has been a contest for artists to show off their talents while educating others about keeping trash out of our drains. This year is no exception! We will be holding this contest again and looking for 3 or 4 artists to help beautify our City and educate the public. So start sketching and keep an eye out on our FB and Instagram Pages for more details!

Agricultural News



**NOW
HIRING**

Codorus Watershed Outreach Coordinator

The York County Planning Commission received a grant to hire a part-time Agricultural Outreach Coordinator. This person or firm would be responsible for meeting with landowners and identifying and implementing conservation projects to help increase yields and improve local water quality. For a full job description, visit www.YCPC.org.



Conservation Excellence Grant Program

The Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) Program still has plenty of money available. CEG is a new state-funded program with the purpose of providing financial and technical assistance for the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) on agricultural operations. Examples include:

- Livestock Exclusion Fencing
- Ag Riparian Buffers
- Livestock Stream Crossings
- Off-Stream Livestock Watering Facilities
- Waste Storage Facilities
- Streambank Protection
- Barnyard / Feedlot Runoff Abatement
- Cover Crops
- Planning BMPs (Nutrient Management Plans, Manure Management Plans, Conservation Plans, Ag E&S Plans)

There is no deadline to apply!

Contact Stephen Miller
smiller@yorkccd.org for assistance or go
 to the YCCD webpage www.yorkccd.org

WAY WORKS

Contact us if:
you have a water quality
project that you are unsure if
it's being counted for credit

you want to be part of the
brand new Watershed
Forestry Subcommittee

you want to be part of the
brand new Ag Committee or
join an existing one

you are interested in the
part-time Ag Outreach
Coordinator Position

The next WAY
meeting is
scheduled for
June 24th from
6-8 pm
(see pg 1 for details)

- Dates to Remember:*
- June 7th @ 9:00 am- Greener Codorus
 - June 9th @ 5:30 pm- Greener Codorus
 - June 21st @ 9:00 am- Greener Codorus
 - June 23rd @ 5:30 pm- Greener Codorus
 - June 24th @ 6:00 pm- WAY Board meeting
 - Wednesdays & Sundays planting @ the Horn Farm



The Watershed Alliance of York (WAY) is a group of volunteer stakeholders interested in improving local water ways for the betterment of the County and to meet clean water goals. If you would like to get involved, please contact Rachel Stahlman at rstahlman@ycpc.org