

YELLOW BREECHES WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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President: Richard Pugh, rpugh@gfnet.com		Board of Directors Meetings
Vice President: Suzanne White, suzgwhite@netscape.net		March 2, 2005 The Barn 6 PM
Treasurer: John Brossman, john_brossman@lower-allen.pa.us		June 1, 2005 Mt. Holly 6PM
Secretary: Bob Edwards, redwards@srbc.net		September 7, 2005 The Barn 6 PM
Asst. Secretary: Vince McCollum, vmccollum@ccpa.net		December 7, 2005 Mt. Holly 6 PM
Annual Membership Meeting: October 19, 2005 The Barn 7 PM		

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Fish Commission Pollution Hotline	1-800-854-7365

Annual Membership Meeting: The Annual Meeting was held in the Barn at the Lower Allen Community Park in Lisburn on October 27, 2004. Presentations on the draft Cumberland County Open Space Plan and the YBWA River Conservation and Watershed Assessment were made. Phase 1 of the Cumberland County Open Space Plan has funding allocated for development of a water trail in the lower watershed. YBWA involvement at a DEP Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy meeting and support letters for Cedar Run and Messiah College Forest Legacy projects were reported to the members.

Special Thanks and Recognition:

United Water Company Staff for hosting Trout Day Fund Raising
PA Cleanways for dump site cleanups on South Mountain and Ashcombe Farm
Lower Allen Township for YBWA web site, grant and general support.
Liberty Forge Golf Course for corporate support.
HRG Engineers for corporate support.

December Directors Meeting: During the December 8, 2004 Board of Directors meeting new YBWA Officers were elected and are listed in the above banner. The regular scheduled meeting dates and places were also selected as listed above.

Rivers Conservation Plan – Watershed Assessment: A draft matrix has been distributed for technical review assignments. HRG has indicated the draft reports should be ready for review by the end of January 2005. The goal is to have the final report completed in April 2005. A public meeting will be scheduled for March 2005 to present the draft plan and initiate a 30 day period for public and municipal comments. Notices of future meeting dates on this project will be posted on the web site and e-mailed. Brian Dunlap, bdunlap@hrg-inc.com, is the primary HRG contact for this phase of the project and Al Brulo, abrulo@hrg-inc.com, will be the overall project manager.

Hoffman Dam Removal: American Rivers, PF&BC, and the dam Owner have held coordinating and permit review meetings related to the removal of the Hoffman Dam in Lisburn. The preliminary schedule has the dam being removed in early 2005 if all of the issues are resolved.

Cumberland County Conservation District: On November 4, 2004 the District was awarded a \$35,000 Growing Greener grant to install agricultural best management practices on a farm in the upper watershed area. YBWA supported the District's grant application. A second farm identified in the grant application is receiving funding under the Chesapeake Bay Program. The third identified farm has been purchased by South Middleton Township for future recreational park area.

Cedar Run Project: The Pennsylvania Environmental Council has obtained a \$5,000 grant for coldwater conservation activities in Cedar Run. Municipal discussions related to stormwater management public education and restoration are proceeding. Tim Schaffer, tschaeffer@pecpa.org, is the contact for information and interested helpers.

Trout Run Project: The Trout Run group is moving forward with development of the public education parts of its project and Upper Allen Township has indicated it will assist with project funding. Dennis Auker, dwauker@deltaone.com, is the contact for the latest project information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: If you want to become a new member or have not renewed your membership since October 2004, your 2005 membership fee is due.

Name: _____ Renewal ___ New ___ YBWA 2005

Address: _____

e-mail: _____

___ \$15 Individual ___ \$25 Family ___ \$5 Student ___ \$100 Corporation, Donation \$ ___

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