

NEWSLETTER

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TOPICS DISCUSSED LAST MEETING

- Exeter Coal Refuse Fire is extinguished*
- Hicks Creek Cleanup is successful*
- GIS Grant Application Approved*
- Most popular logo is leaves*
- WREN Grant denied*
- SRBC Hicks Creek Signs are to be installed*

Special Points Of

Interest For Next

Meeting

- Vote on HCWA Logo
- Vote on new Vice President
- Need Board Members in order to form nonprofit status
- Vote on Attorney to file nonprofit status

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Exeter coal refuse fire has been extinguished. For more information on this topic check www.greenworks.tv/watershed_weekly/index.htm Click on archived shows on the left side, then click on "4/30/02 Funding for Abandoned Mine Reclamation." Also at the top of the page, click on Greenworks Radio, then click on Archived stories on the left side of the page, click on February 2002 Exeter Mine Fire.

On Sunday April 21, at from 12 Noon to 3:00 PM the Hicks Creek Watershed Association held a successful cleanup in Hicks Creek with 69 volunteers divided into 7 teams to remove trash from the creek bed. Senator Musto and the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, David Hess took time out of their busy schedules to show the volunteers an appreciation of their dedication to the environment and to point out the difference it makes in our area. We removed 91 tires, 2 stoves, 2 washers, 100 gal. gas tank,

car parts 2 TVs, sofa, many metal pipes & rods, bags of glass, plastic & metal bottles jars & cans, and 2.4 tons of garbage. Thank you to each volunteer that helped make this possible. For pictures of the cleanup check www.senatormusto.com and click on "images" after "Senator Musto & Secretary Hess participate in Hicks Creek Clean Up."

HCWA received funding from DEP for the GIS Grant. This grant provides the group with Geographic Information System Software (GIS) and training for two. HCWA President, Dave Ruskey and environmental engineer, Tomas Barnard, Ph.D., P.E. will be attending training on May 17 & 18. GIS creates maps that easily enable people to solve environmental problems by uncovering and analyzing trends and patterns.

With Senator Musto's assistance, Exeter Borough was awarded a \$25,000 DEP Grant under the

HICKS CREEK NEXT MEETING



Projects to Assure Safe Water Grant Program. This money will be used to address the problems of runoff on Wilson St and the pooling of water before the Schooley Ave. Bridge. More info will be provided at the next HCWA meeting.

The SRBC Grant provided "Hicks Creek" signs have arrived and will be installed by the street department where the creek intersects Slocum, Schooley and Exeter Ave.

We did not receive the WREN Grant to assist HCWA help local teachers & students develop a water quality testing program and brochure development. We will continue to look for funding sources for this project.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, MAY 20 AT 7:00PM AT SCOUT & COMMUNITY CENTER, CORNER OF LINCOLN AND WYOMING AVE.

Logo decision will be made at the next meeting. At present the leaves have the most votes.

Tom Barnard will be nominated to be Vice President of HCWA. We will vote on this at our May meeting.

Vote to hire attorney to file nonprofit status. Formation of HCWA Board and Hicks Creek Watershed Association's bylaws. If you wish to be nominated for the board, please come to the May 20th meeting or submit your name to

Karen Szwast 659-333. Prior to the May watershed meeting, we will be meeting with Michael Boyson, an Exeter Boy Scout, who is planning his Eagle Scout Project with the HCWA. He will help establish a water quality

monitoring group. More information will be available at the May meeting.

Thank you to all of the Hicks Creek Clean Up Volunteers!