

# NEWSLETTER

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**TOPICS DISCUSSED  
LAST MEETING**

*GIS Training from DEP Grant*

*HCWA Logo is Chosen*

*SRBC Hicks Creek Signs are*

*Searching for Attorney to  
Establish Nonprofit Status &  
Incorporate HCWA*

*Wilkes College Senior Project  
Presentation*

*Tom Barnard Voted Vice President*

**Special Points Of**

**Interest For Next**

**Meeting**

- Continue to Develop-By-Laws of HCWA
- Nomination for Board of Directors 5 to 10 members needed
- Begin completing 501c3 Application

**TOPICS DISCUSSED AT  
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**GIS Training**

David Rusky and Tom Barnard recently took a 2 day Geographical Information System course at Penn State in State College. Dave & Tom got hands-on training in ArcView and learned the basics of computerized mapping and manipulating map data obtained from different sources. The course was funded by a grant from PADEP. The grant provided a training course to the two attendees and a copy of ArcView 3.2.

The GIS software and training will help HCWA in its assessment of Hicks Creek. It will be used to consolidate and analyze information on flooding, water quality, land use, development, stream restoration projects and coal mining. It will also be used to track progress on the restoration of Hick Creek and make great maps for everybody.

The leaf logo was chosen. We would like to acknowledge and thank Rino Media, West Pittston, who designed the logo at a greatly reduced cost to support our

environmental organization.

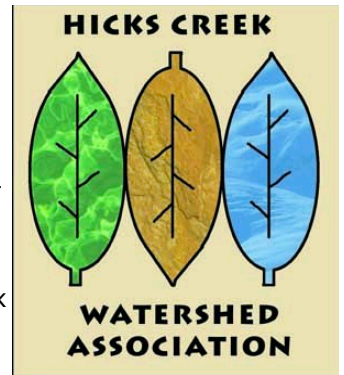
Hicks Creek signs from SRBC Grant have been placed where the creek intersects Slocum, Schooley & Exeter Avenues.

We are searching for an Attorney or firm that will file 501c3 nonprofit and Incorporation Applications pro bono. They can use the work as a tax write off. If anyone has suggestions, please contact Karen Szwast at 654 0933.

**On Tuesday, July 2 at 6:30 PM at the Exeter Scout & Community Center, Wilkes University Environmental Engineer Monica De Angelo will present the Ser Project** which analyzed actual (Fairway Hills) and projected land development within Exeter Borough. With a slide presentation, the analysis will show the effects of new developments, the benefits of trees to help control storm water runoff and benefits of using the new Growing Green Approach for new development.

Tom Barnard has been voted Vice President of

**HICKS CREEK  
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING**



the Hicks Creek Watershed Association. Tom is an Environmental Engineer with over 20 years experience in water quality, waste water treatment and hazardous waste management. He has worked as a consulting engineer, a university professor at Wilkes and Colorado School of Mines. He is currently employed by Haestad Methods, a leading supplier of storm water management software.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 AT 7:00PM AT SCOUT & COMMUNITY CENTER, CORNER OF LINCOLN AND WYOMING AVE.**

We will review the changes to the boilerplate-By-Laws made at the last meeting and will make necessary changes to Article XIII. We will review the 501c3 Application and project a budget for HCWA.

It was decided to Incorporate at the same time

as applying for nonprofit status. Incorporation protects the HCWA Officers from liability of decisions made.

In order to Apply for 501c3 and to Incorporate, it is necessary to elect a Board of Directors no less than 5 and no more than 10 members. Responsibilities of the board are

to vote on HCWA business and contract for services. Board of Directors Meetings will be held 4 times a year. Anyone interested in serving on the Board, please call Karen Szwast 654 - 0933.

Membership annual dues have been voted as follows: Individual \$5, Family

\$10, Life Time Member and Business \$100. These will be included in the HCWA Brochure being developed. Anyone interested in helping develop the brochure, please contact Karen Szwast at 654-0933.