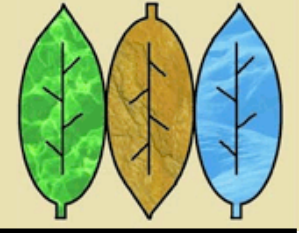


Hicks Creek Watershed Association

NEWSLETTER

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Topics

- B&L engineer presents Watershed Assessment Progress report.
- Creek documented during latest high water conditions.
- HCWA to receive PEC Environmental Partnership Award at dinner banquet on October 20th – all are welcome to attend.
- All DEP Flood Survey Forms to be turned in.
- Contact us if you had any basement flooding due to the latest high water conditions.
- October Meeting will be on October. 13th.

HCWA Fundraiser – Exeter Borough Council approved of HCWA selling borough maps as a fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to solicit local businesses to advertise on map.

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- Terry Ostrowski, from the Borton & Lawson Engineering Firm, gave a progress report at the September meeting. His extensive presentation summarized what has been completed to date with the Watershed Assessment. His discussion included the goals of the assessment, the problem areas that were identified, the history of the watershed, specifically relating to flood control, and the water quality in the creek. An extremely interesting part of the evening was the pictorial tour of the watershed beginning at the top of Peterson Mountain down to the where the creek meets the Susquehanna River.

Mr. Ostrowski also requested any and all information that can be gathered from the membership relating to the recent flooding incidents. Please contact Karen Szwast at 654-0933 if you had any flood damage or basement flooding.

- Some photos & film of the creek were taken by

watershed members during the latest high water conditions. If you have any photos that might be helpful to the watershed or useful to the assessment– please let us know. We do plan to post some images of the creek on our website in the future.

- HCWA will be one of several organizations recognized by PEC and will receive the 2004 Environmental Partnership Award.

The presentation will take place at the “14th Annual Evening for Northeast Pennsylvania’s Environment” Banquet hosted by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and the Northeastern Environmental Partners on October 20th from 5 to 9pm at the Woodlands Inn & Resort in Wilkes-Barre. The cost of the dinner is \$30 per person. Attached are the flyers specifically detailing the evening’s events.

There is a good chance that Governor Rendell will make an appearance at this event and it would be a great opportunity to

inform him of the many improvements needed in our watershed. The more familiar the Governor is with our project, the better chance it has to be funded.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Karen Szwast at 654-0933 by October 11th 2004. We will try to arrange tables for the watershed membership.

- All completed DEP Flood surveys need to be turned in as soon as possible. It is important to get this task finished to increase the watershed’s chances for funding.

- If you have sustained any type of damage – specifically basement flooding from the most recent high water incidents – please contact Karen Szwast for a DEP Flood damage Report form.

Please note date change

- Due to scheduling conflicts, the HCWA monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is set for October 13th, at 7pm.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 7PM
EXETER BOROUGH BUILDING, WYOMING AVENUE, EXETER