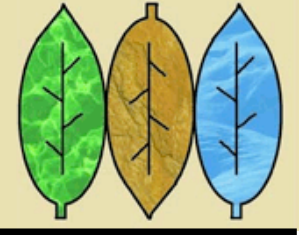


# Hicks Creek Watershed Association



## NEWSLETTER

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### Topics

- Maps & GIS data received from SRBC.
- Discussed storm water and detention basins.
- HCWA receives Environmental Partnership Award.
- All DEP Flood Survey Forms to be turned in.
- Next Meeting will be on November 8<sup>th</sup>

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### Topics for Next Mtg

- Need to vote on Searfoss Rd. Project.
- Need to vote on Hydrologic & Hydraulic Modeling Project as part of HCWA Assessment.
- All are encouraged to attend.

• HCWA received maps & GIS data from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. SRBC selected HCWA, in addition to 43 other non-profit organizations, to receive a customized map package as part of their Susquehanna Map Package Program.

The maps and GIS data will be used to help the organization to better understand the watershed and will be used as tools to educate the public.

• At the October meeting, those attending reviewed the Borton & Lawson maps of the watershed, and focused mainly on storm water,

• Exeter Township has asked HCWA for approximately \$1400 to address problems with water runoff on Searfoss Road. The township wants to grade part of the mountainside along the road and do a planting to prevent branches & debris from clogging the drains. When the drains clog, the rainwater has nowhere to go but on the road which causes damage to the road surface.

A vote will be taken at the

flood control basins and their effectiveness.

If you live near one of the basins and can provide any information about conditions during an excessive rainfall event, please contact us.

• On October 20<sup>th</sup>, HCWA received a 2004 Environmental Partnership Award at the "14<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening for Northeast Pennsylvania's Environment" Banquet hosted by Pennsylvania Environmental Council and the Northeastern Environmental Partners. Six HCWA members attended the dinner as Karen Szwast accepted the plaque on behalf of

meeting to decide if this is a project that HCWA can and will finance.

• The Watershed Assessment Proposal included an optional computer model to simulate existing conditions of storm water runoff and flows in Hicks Creek using the GIS data collected.

This option will cost an additional \$6316 from the DEP Growing Greener Assessment Grant.

the organization.

Governor Rendell made an appearance and spoke about his views and initiatives taken in Pennsylvania on the environment.

• The Pittston Rotary Club has asked HCWA to give a presentation at their November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to educate them about watersheds. Karen Szwast has agreed to give the presentation.

### Please note date change

• Due to scheduling conflicts, the next HCWA meeting will be held on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Exeter Borough Building.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY NOVEMBER, 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM  
EXETER BOROUGH BUILDING, WYOMING AVENUE, EXETER**

If approved & included, this model can be used to develop design criteria for an economical pump station, to analyze the impact of maintenance options (i.e. dredging, cutting, channel restoration, etc.) and to analyze the impact that future development will have on flooding.

A vote will be taken at the meeting to decide if HCWA will include this additional option as part of the assessment project.