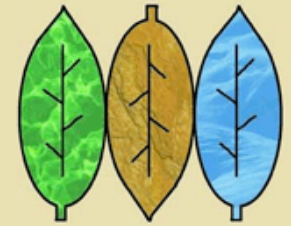


Hicks Creek Watershed Association



NEWSLETTER

July
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Topics

- Assessment Review and Comments Submitted to Borton & Lawson.
- Extension for completion of Assessment to August 31.
- Exeter Township completes Searfoss Road Project.
- Exeter Borough received \$175,000 grant for Ivan Disaster victims.
- Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority responds to petitions with progress on H&H Study.

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- Comments were sent to Borton & Lawson for changes to the Watershed Assessment. Comments included more detailed mine mapping and text and map of Maintenance Projects.

- It was voted upon and unanimously passed to give Borton & Lawson an extension to make the revisions and complete the Assessment. August 31, 2005 is the due date.

- Exeter Township has completed the Searfoss Road project, grading and seeding the steep banks to prevent erosion and blockage of the street storm drains. They have also fulfilled their requested match for this project, removing 50 tires from the creek and recycling them.

- Exeter Borough applied for and received a Department of Community and Economic Development Disaster Recovery Grant for \$175,000 to assist in

elevating low sections along the creek, ground water control structures, replace culvert, repair and realign downstream and upstream channel and repair pumping station pumps.

- In August Exeter Borough will bid the maintenance project funded by DEP Growing Greener. This will remove sediment, grub the banks and re-seed the section from Sturmer Street to Schooley Avenue and the section below last years project (approximately 800 feet downstream of Schooley Avenue).

- Exeter Borough Officials have placed an emphasis on work to restore and maintain the creek and have made tremendous progress. Vegetation removal, debris removal and herbicide spraying has been an ongoing project since spring. The organizations Exeter Council has organized to provide services included Exeter

Borough Street Department, Luzerne County Herbicide Sprayer, Luzerne County Flood Disaster Laborers and Prisoners.

- Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Engineer James J. Brozena, P.E. has responded to Exeter Borough regarding the petition submitted requesting residents be kept informed of the progress of the Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study. He states the following:

“The county and the state agreed to jointly complete the project with the county taking the lead. Aerial photography was completed this spring and we are awaiting the final deliverables. DEP is preparing a cost sharing agreement that will not be executed until August. In the interim the County will select a consultant so that the project can begin as soon as all project documentation is in place.”

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST AT 7PM
EXETER BOROUGH BUILDING, 1101 WYOMING AVENUE