



### Topics Discussed

- Luzerne Conservation District will order flow monitor equipment
- DEP Growing Greener Grant for HCWA will be completed by end of June
- Gardner Creek Cleanup was a success
- Hicks Creek Maintenance tractor bid
- Review and use GIS mapping

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### Points for Next Mtg

- Review non-profit forms

## TOPICS DISCUSSED AT HICKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING

The DEP Growing Greener Grant awarded to HCWA for \$46,440 will be completed in June.

This grant accomplished many important projects for the watershed. This grant provided funding for Hicks Creek Watershed Assessment. The assessment is a valuable tool to assist HCWA to obtain grant funding by identifying problems, prioritizing them and determining the best solutions. Three of the assessment recommendations have been addresses. HCWA assisted Exeter Township with a \$5,000 project that graded steep banks along Searfoss Road. This project helps prevent erosion and soils from entering the creek. Wilkes University students will record measurements of the flow monitor equipment to determine the creek flow

and flow lost into the mine pool. A model of Hicks Creek flooding was developed.

Luzerne County Conservation District will purchase the flow monitor equipment from the grant funds.

The Earth Day Gardner Creek cleanup was a success. 10 tons of trash was removed including washer machines and car parts. All large metal items were recycled by Belecki Scrap, Wilkes Barre and all rubbish was disposed of by Alliance Landfill. There were over 60 volunteers who braved the rainy weather to improve the environment. We made the 6 o'clock news on all channels. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Exeter Borough placed a bid for a twin tracked vehicle to be opened on

Monday, May 15 at 7 PM. This vehicle will mow and maintain the vegetation along Hicks Creek. It will be able to traverse the banks and wade through three feet of water in the creek bed. Two machines were demoed in the creek and they navigated the muddy bottom without incident.

The April meeting was dedicated to teaching watershed members to use and create new maps with GIS software.

May meeting will be dedicated to completing non-profit forms.

If any member has ideas of educational topics related to watersheds that you may be interested in, please forward them to the address listed below and we will try to obtain a key note speaker of expertise.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 8 AT 7PM**  
**EXETER BOROUGH BUILDING, 1101 WYOMING AVENUE**