

Topics

- H&H Study Progress
- Grants Update
- Thank Musto, Mundy, Sec McGinty & Council
- Membership

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Points for Next Mtg

- Review projects for awarded grants
- H& H Study

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT HICKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING

A preliminary draft of the Hicks Creek Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study has been completed and reviewed by DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. Their comments have been incorporated into the draft report. All stakeholders including Exeter Borough and HCWA are waiting for a copy of this draft to review.

To date the ideas discussed as solutions to flooding in Hicks Creek include removing the railroad crossing at Stevens Lane and enlarging the opening in the levee to allow increased flow of Hicks Creek through the levee while the river level is below the creek level.

When the river level is above the Hicks Creek levee opening the levee gates must close, thus preventing the flow of Hicks Creek into the river. At this point the creek must be pumped over or through the levee into the river. This is when the creek waters begin to rise and back up along the channel.

We have requested a copy of the preliminary draft, the comments from DEP and COE and other documents. Upon receipt we have requested 30 days to review these documents followed by a public meeting. This will enable us and other stakeholders to prepare our independent review.

We urge you to get involved and contact your neighbors for involvement. This is our best chance to develop long term mitigation measures that will reduce or eliminate flooding in our town.

Too many times residents complain about flooding when the event happens but in between events they forget. If you want change you will need to be a part of the action! Instead of demanding that "someone fix this problem" **YOU MUST TAKE ACTION** and be a part of the solution.

We will email members and announce in the newspapers the date of the public meeting.

Any members receiving this newsletter by postal mail having email addresses are

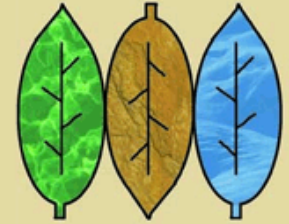
encouraged to email your name, address and phone number to kszwast@verizon.net.

A limited number of people have paid dues and our funds are low. It cost about \$50 for each mailing. I have been funding this out of my pocket and it is becoming increasingly difficult. If you would like to pay dues please complete and submit the form attached.

Hicks Creek Improvement Projects

CDBG Grant – Hurricane Ivan damaged properties- \$175,000 - completed driveway culvert on Schooley Ave and restored bank in front of house, raised banks of Hicks Creek along Byrd Street, elevated yard and interior flooding repairs to Jean Street property and awarded contract to raise land around septic system on Schooley Ave. damaged from storm. Project to be completed is raise land around septic.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 18 AT 7PM
EXETER BOROUGH BUILDING, 1101 WYOMING AVENUE



I want to join the
Hicks Creek
watershed.

Name

Organization

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

Email

Membership Dues
(Please check one)

Individual
\$5.00

Family
\$10.00

Organization
\$25.00

Life Time
Member
\$100.00

Business
\$100.00+

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DEP Flood Protection Grant - \$57,034.69 –
Carpenters Creek
culvert is complete and
bid quotes have been
requested for the
construction of creek
access ramps located
near Schooley Avenue,
Troback Drive and
Exeter Pumping Station.
Contract will be
awarded in July.

DEP Growing Greener Grant - \$220,593 – HC
Sediment Removal –
design is complete and
contractor has been
hired. Construction will
begin the end of June.
Sediment will be
removed from the
channel from Lincoln St
to Ida Acres and from
Packer Ave to the end
of Byrd St. The project
will continue further
downstream until all
funds are exhausted.

DEP Growing Greener Grant - \$246,084 –
Streambank
stabilization along
Schooley Avenue- grant

forms and landowner –
grantee agreement have
been submitted.
Design, bid and
construction needs to be
completed.

Exeter Borough has
applied for funding for a
Jean and Lincoln Street
rear yard drainage
project that will collect
and divert the
subsurface flow that
causes flooding in this
area.

HCWA would like to
thank all of the officials
that have supported and
encouraged our efforts
making improvements
to Hicks Creek. We
have had tremendous
support from Senator
Raphael Musto, State
Representative Phyllis
Mundy, PADEP
Secretary Kathleen
McGinty and Exeter
Borough Council
Members. Much work
has been accomplished
thanks to the above
mentioned.

HCWA President Thomas
Barnard has volunteered
countless hours of his
professional expertise to
provide information and
help keep all informed
about the progress of the
H&H Study. I would like
to thank him for his
dedication.

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