

Southeastern Pennsylvania Resource Conservation & Development Council

Mission— Promote conservation and enhancement of natural and community resources

2009 Accomplishments & Highlights

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Berks County

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Northampton County

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Northampton County

Eastern Delaware County Collaborative Stormwater Project

Chair Karen L. Holm is leading Council efforts to assist over **ten (10) urban municipalities** in Eastern Delaware County in their efforts to jointly address storm-water management requirements. By working together the municipalities are seeking ways to reduce their individual costs while still meeting state law requirements. The project is being funded by a **\$273,180** EPA Agreement. In late November 2009, The William Penn Foundation awarded additional funding of **\$198,000** to continue work on the project.



Eastern Delaware County officials meet to discuss the Collaborative Stormwater Project.

Growing Green Roofs Workshop

Director Lynda Farrell organized a Council sponsored workshop and tour of Dansko, a LEED certified building in Chester County. Engineers, architects, municipal officials, and others learned about green building design and creating green roofs. Speakers included Peter Kjellerup, Dansko; Joe DiNorscia, Skyland USA; Scott Kelly, Re:Vision Architecture; Lorna Rosenberg, EPA Green Building Program Manager.

New SEPA RC&D Directors

- Steve Miller,
Berks County
- John M. Mauser,
Northampton County
- David Thomas,
Chester County
- Erin Fredrick,
Lehigh County

2009-2013 Strategic Plan Developed and Approved

Under the leadership of Director Catherine Rapose, the Strategic Planning Committee led Council efforts to develop and adopt a new strategic plan to guide the Council's efforts for the years 2009-2013. **Over 435 individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies provided suggestions and comments.** The plan focuses on four (4) main issues: Green Technology, Economic Development, Water Management, and Council Capacity Building. It supports the USDA-NRCS's Productive Lands Healthy Environment Strategic Plan.

Thank You For Your Years of Service!

John Schueller, Paul R. Sell, Jr., Sue Milshaw, Grace Messinger, Lynda Farrell,

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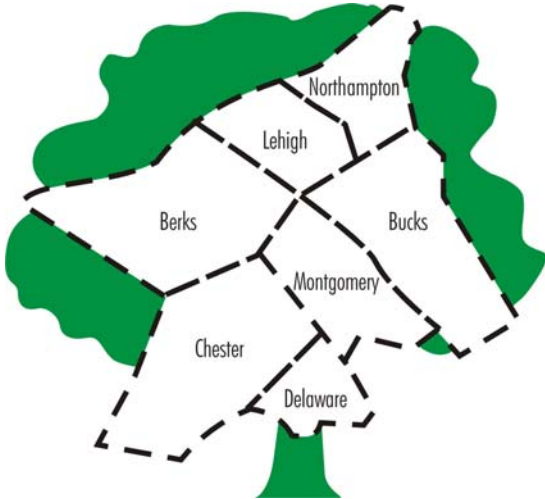
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The Council is supported by membership fees, grants, and donations.

SEPA RC&D was approved by IRS as a tax exempt nonprofit in 1999. Annually the Council registers with the PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations (registration does not mean endorsement).

The Council formed a partnership with the US Department of Agriculture in 1998. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance to help the Council accomplish its goals.

The Council also works in partnership with other local organization, businesses, and government agencies to complete locally decided projects .



3 Ways to learn about the Southeastern PA RC&D

- Visiting www.separd.org
- Visiting www2.guidestar.org
- Searching for SEPA RC&D on Facebook

Under 21 Business/Entrepreneur Seminar

Director Art Lukoff lead Council efforts to offer workshops for high school students in Lehigh County to learn about starting a business and/or being an entrepreneur. Frank Embon, SCORE volunteer, taught the students about marketing, and accurate record-keeping. Mike McCreary, a young entrepreneur in his 20s, spoke to the students about his experiences as a business owner. **Over 200 students benefited** from the project and approximately **20% of the students were socially and/or economically disadvantaged individuals.**

Council Donation

In 2009 the Council **donated** horse-drawn no-till planting equipment valued at approximately **\$8,000** to the Chester County Conservation District for use by Amish farmers to plant their farm crops. This will help protect farm fields and the watershed from soil erosion.

Board of Directors Training

To continue building the Board of Directors knowledge and skills, **three training workshops were held.** The Directors learned about nonprofit financial management, nonprofit best management practices, and nonprofit fundraising. They also heard a presentation by USDA-Rural Development about their programs.



Mike McCreary talks to students about owning a business and being an entrepreneur

Other 2009 Council Projects

- Regional Geocache Trail
- Farm Bioenergy
- Radnor Valley CC Stream Restoration

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