

**Saving \$ - Managing Water:**  
**Regional and collaborative approaches to water, sewer, and stormwater management in**  
**Pennsylvania**  
**May 22, 2008**

**DRAFT AGENDA [3/20/2008]**

**8:30 – 9:30** *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

**9:30 – 9:45** **Welcome and Introduction**  
Ed Wilson, 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania  
Jim McElfish, Environmental Law Institute

**9:45 – 10:45** *Opening Plenary Session*  
**Innovative Approaches to Multi-Municipal Collaboration**  
Cory Miller, University Area Joint Authority (Spring Creek)  
Aurel Arndt, Lehigh County Authority  
John Schombert, 3 Rivers Wet Weather

This session will examine three innovative approaches to multi-municipal collaboration. The different approaches will demonstrate how municipalities can (1) work together with non-governmental organization to address water resources issues; (2) link multi-municipal land use plans and multi-municipal 537 plans; and (3) collaborate to adopt common provision of services to address regulatory problems. It will also discuss the lessons learned and benefits of these efforts.

**10:45 – 11:00** *Break*

**11:00 – 12:15** *Breakout Sessions*

*Session #1*

**Increasing Efficiencies in Management and Planning**  
Curt Fontaine, Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County  
Drew Shaw, Montgomery County Planning Commission (Implementation of Swamp Scioto Integrated Water Resource Plan)  
Janet Bowers, Chester County Water Resources Authority

This session will present varying approaches to management of water: consolidation of services, integrated water resource management, and implementation of collaborative plans. It will examine how these activities can result in more efficient and effective management and planning, and cost-savings for authorities, counties, and municipalities.

*Session #2*

**Collaborative Efforts to Engage the Public on Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Issues**

JoEllen Litz, Lebanon County Commissioner (Swatara Sojourn)  
Jennifer Adkins, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary Inc. (Schuylkill Action Network)  
Crystal Gilchrist, Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (Perkiomen MS4 Partnership)

This session will describe various collaborative approaches to engaging the public in

water-related issues through education and outreach. The efforts include: engaging the the public, conducting demonstration projects, and developing outreach materials. It also will consider identify how these efforts can be applied in other areas and situations.

**12:15 – 1:30** *Lunch*

**1:30 – 2:30** *Second Plenary Session*

**Cooperative Stormwater Planning and Management Initiatives**

Timothy Rogers, Shaler Township (North Hills Council of Governments)

Dale Kratzer, Spotts, Stevens, and McCoy

Andrew Gavin, Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Paxton Creek Storm Watershed Project)

This session will describe different cooperative approaches being taken to address stormwater management, including intergovernmental planning, program development, and demonstration projects. It will discuss practical issues, institutional challenges, and opportunities and apply the lessons to other municipalities, counties, and authorities that may implement similar efforts.

**2:30 – 2:45** *Break*

**2:45 – 3:45** *Third Plenary Session*

**Large-scale Regional Cooperation**

Ty Gourley, Regional Water Management Task Force - Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

Ken Najjar, Delaware River Basin Commission

This session will examine ways in which municipalities, counties, and authorities have come together to address water resource issues at the level of large-scale regions. It will identify the advantages and challenges to coordinating at this level and discuss specific outcomes from each planning initiative.

**3:45 – 4:15** **Opportunities and Obstacles to Collaboration**

In a structured session, workshop participants will identify obstacles and opportunities for changes in law and policy that would promote and sustain successful collaboration by municipalities on water, sewer, stormwater, and water resources.

**4:15 – 5:15** **Upcoming Events and Future Activities**

John Hines, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Paul Marchetti, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority

Sustainable Water Infrastructure Task Force Representative (to be designated)

This session will identify and describe upcoming and future legislation and initiatives, including: Act 220 state water plan, pending revision of sewage facilities regulations, Sustainable Water Infrastructure Task Force, Sewage Management and Treatment Task Force, and reports evaluating costs and opportunities.