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## **WATERSHED UPDATE**

**GROUNDBREAKING EVENT HELD FOR FALL BROOK AMD TREATMENT PROJECTS!** June 15, 2015, 72 invited guests gathered at the Hillside Rod & Gun Club for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Fall Brook AMD Treatment Projects. The event, sponsored by Southwestern Energy, featured brief presentations by TCCCC President Charlie Andrews, Executive Director of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission Andrew Dehoff, Southwestern Energy's President of V+Development Solutions Mark Boling, and Dr. Robert Hedin of Hedin Environmental, the consultant for this project. Work is scheduled to begin in July and complete by the fall of this year. Please visit the new and much improved TCCCC website at [www.tcccc-inc.org](http://www.tcccc-inc.org) to keep up to date on this project over the summer months.



Left to Right – John Stefanko – DEP; Chris Gastrock – BOF; Mark Boling – SWN; Charlie Andrews – TCCCC; Erica Tomlinson – TCCD; Andrew Dehoff – SRBC; Bob Hedin - HE

**EVALUATION OF THE MORRIS RUN TRIBUTARY BEGINS:** The TCCCC, on behalf of our watershed coalition, applied for and received a Department of Community & Economic Development Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Program grant to perform a comprehensive study of the Morris Run tributary. The Tioga County Commissioners also appropriated \$35.0K in cash matching funds required for this grant.

Gannett Fleming will perform the study that will include water chemistry and flow data, mapping of the underground mine complex, and options for treatment of the AMD. There are three major AMD discharges contributing pollution to Morris Run that are scattered throughout the Morris Run watershed. Water monitoring equipment will be installed over the next few months and sample collection will begin in July. Several treatment options will be developed for consideration and possible implementation. Updates will be provided via the TCCCC website at [www.tcccc-inc.org](http://www.tcccc-inc.org). Click on the *Watershed* menu, then choose *Morris Run*.

This project would not be possible without the help and commitment of the following:

- Senator Joe Scarnati and Representative Matt Baker for advocating approval of the appropriation from DCED
- Commissioners Roger Bunn, Mark Hamilton, and Erick Coolidge for recognizing the value of a reclaimed Tioga River to Tioga County and for appropriating the matching funds required for this grant from County Act 13 funds
- Lori Maloney – Watershed Specialist – Tioga County Conservation District, for her help in preparing the grant application and working with us on this important next step in Tioga River reclamation efforts.

The watershed coalition would like to remind the communities along the River corridor to allocate space for river access for future recreational fishing opportunities.

**“SAVE THE RIVER” PROJECT:** The TCCCC, on behalf of our watershed coalition, has launched the **“Save The River”** project. The purpose of this campaign is to solicit donations to be invested in a separate account for watershed projects. Funds accumulated in this account will be used for in-kind matching funds for government grants and to contribute to the Upper Tioga River Operation & Maintenance (O&M) trust that is managed by the Tioga County Conservation District. Solicitation packages were sent to 33 corporations and civic groups throughout Tioga County. To date, we have received \$10.3K in contributions to this fund. To find out more about the **“Save The River”** project, including how to contribute and for a list of sponsors that have contributed thus far, please refer to the *Save the River* menu on the TCCCC website. Please note that anyone can contribute to the **“Save The River”** project. We will publically recognize contributions as indicated on the website but every dollar is important as we strive to build this fund to restore the Tioga River to a condition that will support recreational fishing all the way to the Tioga Hammond Dam.

**HILLSIDE ROD & GUN CLUB LOBSTER BAKE:** The Hillside is sponsoring a Lobster Bake on Saturday, September 12, 2015, to benefit fish and wildlife projects. Contact Jim Lamonski at 570-404-1825 for information and tickets.

### **TCCCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** We will hold a general membership meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Blossburg Memorial Library in Blossburg, PA. Nominations for all four Officer positions and two of the six Board of Director positions are up for election. The current Officers are:

President – Charlie Andrews

Secretary – Joyce Andrews

Vice President – Mike Bogaczyk

Treasurer – Joyce Andrews (Acting)

Board Members with terms that are expiring are: Chuck Andrews and Tom Augustine

To be eligible for an Officer or Board of Director position, you must have an Individual or Family membership and be a member in good standing for at least one year. To nominate an individual for a position, access the TCCCC website at [www.tcccc-inc.org](http://www.tcccc-inc.org) and use the “Contact” section to enter the name and position for which you are making a nomination. Nominations may also be made at the meeting.

**BLOSSBURG MEMORIAL LIBRARY CONTRIBUTIONS:** The TCCCC makes \$25.00 donations to the Blossburg Memorial Library in memory of members that have passed away. This most recent donation is being made in memory of Dave Burris, Sally Ward, and David Grinnell. An additional contribution has also been made in appreciation for use of the Community Room for meetings.

**2015 ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** The 2015 scholarships have been awarded to:



The *TCCCC Environmental Scholarship* was awarded to Jacob Fetzer from North Penn/Liberty High School. Jacob is pursuing a career in Forestry and will be attending Pennsylvania College of Technology.



The *Linda Lutomski Environmental Scholarship* was awarded to Jacob Hohman from North Penn/Mansfield High School. Jacob is pursuing a career in Criminal Justice – Conservation Officer and will be attending Lock Haven University.

The TCCCC is pleased to award these two \$1.0K one-time scholarships to these fine students and we wish them success in their chosen careers.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** We would like to thank all of you that have responded with your 2015 Membership Contribution. Many made additional donations for which we are very grateful. If you have not yet made your contribution, we hope you will use the enclosed form and mail it as soon as possible to the address noted on the form. The Membership Form is also available on the website.

**TIOGA STATE FOREST PUBLIC TOUR:** Steve Hoover – Service Forester, and Justin Shaffer – Assistant District Forester, conducted a public tour of the Tioga State Forest on Saturday, July 18 that focused on past and present uses of the Tioga State Forest. The tour included stops in Ward Township, Tioga County, and ended with lunch at the Lambs Hill Lookout in Bradford County.

Participants met at a central location and were taken by bus to the various sites in the Forest including the site of the proposed Fall Brook AMD Treatment Projects.



TCCCC President Charlie Andrews provided an overview of the history of mining in Fall Brook as well as the AMD treatment projects proposed for the Fall Brook tributary.

**THE NEW AND IMPROVED TCCCC WEBSITE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED!** Please visit the TCCCC website at [www.tcccc-inc.org](http://www.tcccc-inc.org). We will be keeping this site up to date with activities, particularly in the watershed. We also hope to migrate as many of our members as possible to the on-line NEWSLETTER so that we can reduce mailing costs. However, we will continue to provide the Newsletter via US mail to those that do not sign up to receive it on-line. To sign up for the on-line Newsletter, simply go to the TCCCC website, choose the “Newsletters” menu and enter your information in the space provided. We hope everyone will take the time to access the website to become more familiar with the Upper Tioga River Watershed and to stay informed about progress on the various watershed projects.

*We sincerely appreciate your interest and support of the TCCCC!*