

Watershed Alliance of SE Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is pleased to send you the fall 2015 **Upstream/Downstream**, published by the Watershed Alliance of Southeastern PA. Over the last 2 years the Alliance effort is bringing together municipalities and other stakeholders facing stormwater management and watershed stewardship challenges.

This eighth edition continues our focus on **people, projects, and programs**. We invite you to read about Upstream Suburban Philadelphia stakeholders and their efforts to improve water quality and watershed health. Also learn about restoration projects funded by William Penn Foundation through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grants. And finally get a short update on MS4 individual permits and why your municipality may need one in the upcoming permit cycle.

Be sure to also check our calendar of events, which summarize activities sponsored by partnership organizations.

Feel free to send us your own updates and stories about accomplishments and lessons learned to share with Alliance members in the next (winter 2015/16) edition of **Upstream/Downstream**.

Thank you.

Upstream Suburban Philadelphia Cluster Challenges + Opportunities Tour

The August 6th Upstream Suburban Philadelphia Cluster Challenges + Opportunities Tour was attended by a cross-section of people concerned about stormwater management and watershed health. Representatives from watershed groups, municipalities, academic institutions, non-profit organizations, institutions and more participated, either riding the bus or visiting one of the five tour stops. Participants toured existing and proposed stormwater management projects and discussed what is needed to scale up restoration projects to address broader watershed health issues and concerns. Click [here](#) to hear about tour participants and what they saw.



Tour participants learn about Ms. Mittleman's residential rain garden, Haverford

William Penn Foundation 2015 Grants for Upstream Suburban Philadelphia Cluster Projects

Watershed restoration projects along Wissahickon and Tookany Creeks are receiving funding under the second round of the William Penn Foundation's Delaware River

[Special Announcement](#)

Villanova Municipal Workshop, Tuesday, October 13th, 2015

This workshop will provide municipal officials, managers, planners, zoning and code officers, and other staff and representatives with practical strategies and experiences from other PA municipalities for financing, collaborating for cost reduction, and gaining public support for stormwater management improvements needed to achieve water quality and regulatory requirements.

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Check out our Partner's... [Events Calendars](#)



Happy Fall

Watershed Initiative. Awardees include the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, Upper Gwynedd Township, and the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership.

Click [here](#) to learn about these restoration projects.



Jenkintown Creek Riparian Plantings at Abington Friends School

Proposed PAG-13 Updates Leading Toward More Individual Permits

Proposed Updates to Pennsylvania General Permit (PAG-13) for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewers (MS4s) are pointing toward an increase in the number of municipalities requiring individual permits. Click [here](#) for a short overview of current and proposed requirements for general and individual permits.



Upcoming Grants

[PA DEP Coastal Zone Management Grants:](#)

Grant proposals **due October 19th**. Funds support activities within the coastal zone and coastal non-point pollution boundaries, such as planning, design, engineering, education, outreach, construction, acquisition and research projects.

See [PA CZM Grants](#)

[NFWF Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant Program:](#)

Grant Proposals **due December 10th**. Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) seek to promote sustainable communities through Environmental Solutions for Communities by supporting highly-visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment.

See [NFWF Environmental Solutions Grants](#)

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[Montgomery Mall Rain Garden, Wissahickon Creek Headwaters](#)

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