**Conewago BMP Team Meeting**

**April 29 2011, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Lebanon Valley Agriculture Center**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:**

Kelly O’Neill, CBF
Jeremy Zidek, ZedX
Kevin Lutz, Lanc CCD
Mike Hubler, DCCD
Matt Royer, PSU
Sarah Dinh, PSU
Del Voight, PSU
Carl Rohr, DEP
Susan Marquart, NRCS
Cheryl Burns, Capital Area RC&D

1. **CREP Workshops**

Capital RC&D is hosting a field workshops at several CREP sites in the area, would like to do one in the Conewago. This will be a field workshop with speakers. Look to partner with DEP (Diane Wilson, Derrick McDonald). Possible sites include Wenger, Hertzler, Hanson, Hess.

The audience is current CREP landowners, new landowners. Have the host landowner on hand to answer questions, provide maintenance tips. Information about how to enroll. Goals of what they want to get out of project.

Potential speaker in Conewago on stream bank stabilization as a companion to CREP—Larry Brannaka USFWS; NRCS engineers; Mark Metzler.

Shoot for late July workshop focused on maintenance challenges. Probably go with a different farm than Hertzler, since he hosted a field trip last November.

Marketing—mailing to CREP landowner database; Lancaster Farming; Conewago landowners.

1. **Forest Stewardship Workshop**

NRCS funding currently exists for TSPs to write forest management plans and install practices. NRCS would like to host 2-3 hour indoor workshop for forest landowners to promote program and practices. Pull Paul Craig into this (Dauphin County Woodlot Association) Possible speakers include Jim Finley, Penn State; Carl Martin Lancaster County Conservancy; Barry Isaacs, NRCS; Margaret Brittingham, Art Gover, Penn State; DCNR.

Possible location: Governor Dick.

Team thought this was a good idea; Susan will move this forward and begin planning it.

1. **Dairy Outreach**

It will be tough to continue Dairy Discussion Groups with losing Sarah and other Penn State Dairy Extension folks. Might look to find a farmer who would be willing to take the lead and host milkhouse talks.