**Conewago Creek Initiative
Stewardship Development Team Meeting**

**July 16, 2012**

**303 Church Hall, Penn State Harrisburg
Minutes**

**Attending:**

Matt Royer, Penn State

Kathy Brasier, Penn State

Mike Hubler, Dauphin CCD

Carl Rohr, DEP

Jessica Moldofsky, Penn State

Jayne Ulrich, Penn State

Kristen Kyler, Penn State

**Landowner Data**

Kathy will be able to send landowner data from surveys to interns this week. This data will include: landowner ID, name, and address. This info will be used to link landowners with their municipality. (To preserve confidentiality). The data could be used to generate a score for ranking landowners on willingness to implement practices on their properties. This data could also be used for ZedX prioritization or potentially for prioritization in the WIP amendment.

**Pancake Breakfast and Watershed Tour:**

July 28th, 8:00am-12pm, at the Lawn Fire Co. The event is aimed at educating residents about projects/programs in watershed. At breakfast, participants can interact with partners of Initiative. (CBF, Lebanon Valley Conservancy, PSU Extension, DEP, Tri-County Conewago Creek Association, Dauphin County Conservation District, and Master Well Owner Network will have booths. Any other partners interested in having a booth?) An additional idea for a table would demonstrate examples of invasive species vs. native meadow plants. If possible, it was proposed that Bryce Davis have a small produce stand at the event. A video/slideshow will be playing inside if possible. The tour will begin at 10am and highlight 3 sites (Al Wenger buffer, Dick Brown meadows, potentially Eby Patterson site.) NRCS has large signs showing crop residue that could be useful at the crop demonstration sites. A map guide will be provided in addition to the 3 tour sites. This map will highlight additional drive-by restoration sites. (Still looking for sites to highlight!) For publicizing this event, ~150 postcards went out to local residents, 10 lawn signs will be placed along the rail trail as well as in the local area, posters will be hung, and the Merchandiser will feature the event in the paper on July 25th. The Initiative is looking to get multi-person vans to transport participants to sites. (Dauphin CCD, PSU Extension, NRCS??)

**Haldeman Mansion Event:**

The Conewago Initiative is participating in a pre-planned “200th Birthday Celebration for Samuel Haldeman.” This event is Sunday August 12th, noon-5pm at the Haldeman Mansion inBainbridge on the Conoy Creek. The Initiative will have a booth as well as a stream sampling activity by Jenn Fetter, a mollusk activity by Larry Coble and a fish print t-shirt making activity by Matt Kofroth. Help will be needed in manning the Conewago Creek Initiative display! If you can help for any period that day, please let Conewago Intern, Jessica, know (jom5231@psu.edu).

**Signage Ideas:**

The Hershey Meadows signs have arrived! There are 3 permanent signs that will be put in place at the overlook, off the Rail Trail. An additional small sign will be made that will point to the site from the trail. Another sign idea that is being planned is a general “watershed education” sign that will be put in place at the Colebrook and Route 230 Trail Heads. Another sign idea would be “Welcome to the Conewago Creek Watershed” signs on roads entering watershed boundaries.

**Partner Updates:**

* Carl Rohr:
	+ Suggestion to create PR event with implementation of signs at Hershey Meadows site.