

- The issues committee recommends that BWA prepared a petition asking the state to designate Cranberry Creek in the Paradise Creek watershed as an "Exceptional Value Stream," as the science supports it. Don Miller, Don Baylor, and Pat Kennedy will work on the petition.
- The committee also discussed continuing problems in the lower Brodhead and recommended review of the 2012 Rock-Tenn discharge permit renewal. In addition, President Rob Sedwin agreed to call on Rock Tenn and establish a contact in hopes they will renew their Adopt-A-Stream Site membership. They were a charter BWA member.
- The discharge permits for the Mount Airy casino also expire in 2012. BWA will submit comments on that permit.
- The expanded Stroudsburg/BCRA plant will have a pulse discharge, which can cause pulsing temperature impacts. Factfinding will be done.
- The executive board voted in January to schedule a "visioning retreat" later this year to develop projects, plans and activities for coming years.
- The board also approved up to \$1,500 for a rain garden at Barrett Elementary. It will be a pilot project upon which future federal grant applications for similar conservation gardens elsewhere may be sought.

Office relocation

The move from our Mount Pocono office is complete. Our new office is at 425 Carlton Road, Mount Pocono, just off Route 940 a couple of miles east of the borough proper. The mailing address remains the same: PO Box 339, Henryville, PA, 18332.

Long term, the board is exploring the possibility of taking over a farmhouse site on Hickory Creek open space owned by Stroud Township, adjacent to the Glenwood Country Club. The key word here is "exploratory."

Check the Web site

for up-to-date new information!

www.brodheadwatershed.org

President's message

With the holidays behind us, and the winter months cool down our outdoor activities, it is a great time to take advantage of the natural environment around us. If, and hopefully when we get snow, take the time to make a trip to a favorite stream or waterway to see the beauty from a different perspective.

The winter is a great time of year to see the snow topped boulders and ice covered water with a small waterfall pouring through. There is nothing like a good cold hike followed up with a warm fire and hot beverage.

Our waters are enjoyable year round and the efforts of our members are instrumental in keeping them that way. Be sure to pass the BWA message along to friends and family in the area. We hope you enjoy the winter months and the new breath of life that the spring will offer.

Rob Sedwin

Recognition



Rob Sedwin, president of the Brodhead Watershed Association, congratulates Kenneth G. Zinis, deputy director of health, safety and environmental safety at sanofi pasteur in Swiftwater, for 15 years of stream stewardship with the BWA.



Paul Canevari, regional manager of PPL, electric utilities, with the organization's award for 15 years of stream stewardship.