

**Southern Perry County Watershed Conservation Plan
Open Public Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2006**

Notes from Public Responses

- ❖ Identify whether there are any “legacy sediment” sites in the planning area.
 - Contacts: Dr. Robert Walter
 - Dr. Dorothy Merritts
 - Franklin and Marshall College

 - “Legacy sediments” are those that collected behind mill dams created during European settlement and subsequent industrialization. These sediments can currently impact storm water management and riparian restoration.

- ❖ In General
 1. Discourage development in or near Ag. Security Areas and pockets of preserved farmland. Location of development within a preserved cluster can undermine the goals of preservation.
 2. Infrastructure must be proactive rather than reactive, and must take preservation into account...provide infrastructure in areas where development should be and away from areas that should be protected.
 - Infrastructure = both water, sewer, and transportation
 3. Municipalities should revise land development and zoning ordinances to accommodate low impact concepts such as for storm water.

- ❖ Improve water quality on impaired streams on 303 (d) list
 - Cisna Run
 - Montour Creek
 - Laurel Run

 - Tire Dumping site off Dugan’s Mill Road on main stem of Shermans Creek

 - Bixler Run – Dam at Mouth and riparian buffer and stream stability issues

 - Mainstem Shermans Creek EV Petition

- ❖ Tom Prescott (582-4052)
 - Pictures of Little Juniata Creek
 - Specific problems—runoff from 11/15 and city streets
 - Debris in creek
 - Buildings along creekside
 - Tom Nehilla - 834-4026 or 233-5731

- ❖ Montour Creek—very little fish and vegetation
 - Study flow directly from houses from older homes (systems never updated)

- ❖ Increase in streamside buffers (possibly protected with easements)

- ❖ Farmland Preservation

- ❖ Better planning and Zoning

- ❖ Increase in Easements

- ❖ More recreation--USGS to get public outdoors

- ❖ Streamside parks

- ❖ Bike trails

- ❖ Renovate old rail lines

- ❖ Creekside trails

- ❖ High E. coli counts entire length of Shermans Creek
 - 5-6 sites monitored since 2005
 - Linda Sieber (SCCA)
 - Lauren Imgrund (ALLARM)

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Accessibility

- Access to Shermans Creek and Susquehanna river has become limited, this is a big concern for fishing and boating
- Norfolk Southern Railroad has blocked access to the eastern shore of the Susquehanna River for many miles
- Desire for preservation of current access points and inclusion in municipal recreational plans

Development

- Sustainable development is a big concern
- Developer fees proportional to size of development
- Runoff from large subdivision causing erosion and carrying sediment and chemicals into Shermans Creek

Farmland Preservation

- Pressure landowners and farmers to fence livestock out of creeks and riparian areas
- Provide extra incentive for cooperating farmers
- Protect and preserve farms
- Riparian plantings for riparian land owners

Miscellaneous

- Put Perry County into a county wide rural conservation county, where only limited development can happen (based on PA History and Museum identifying rural historic district farmstead, and the fact that there are no stoplights in Perry County)
- Montour Run has extra sediment buildup, decreased aquatic vegetation, and no riparian buffers
- Illegal dump in New Bloomfield that was ordered to be cleaned up by DCNR- has not been done