

2008 PROGRAM WORK TEAM ANNUAL REPORT FORM

1. Watershed-based Management of Water Resources

2. PWT Co-Chairs: ([*] indicates the co-chair responsible for finalizing this report.)

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3. As a separate attachment, please provide a list of names, affiliations and email addresses only of **active** members of the PWT. See page 2.

4. PWT's activities, accomplishments, and, most importantly, outcomes and impacts over the past year.

One major activity of the PWT was to respond to NYS resident concerns about the proposed amendments to Parts 673, 608 and 621, concerning Dam Safety, in Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York. These proposed dam regulations could have significant economic impacts on landowners. Several faculty (Rebecca Schneider, Greg Poe, and Deb Grantham) and stakeholders (RNY Federation of Lake Association members) met in May, 2008 by conference call to draft input to the review of the regulations. Input was emailed in May, 2008 to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

In July, 2008, Susan Riha, Allison Chatrchyan, and Deb Grantham delivered a 3-hour session on water-related environmental issues to the annual Clerk's Institute, held on campus by CaRDI for NYS municipal clerks. Participants learned how they can influence environmental management in their municipalities and requested additional information and follow up education for their municipalities.

Faculty members of the PWT worked together to provide input to the Assembly Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation through a public hearing held on August 13, 2008 on Long Island. Some input was in writing. Susan Riha presented in person. The topic was the impact of stormwater on water quality.

PWT members (Susan Riha, Rebecca Schneider, Ann Lemley, and Amy Galford) participated with CaRDI and a number of CCE educators (interested due to their work on land management) in holding a gas drilling leasing Webinar for local governments, July 15, 2008. Susan Riha, CaRDI, and others are collaborating on developing Web resources on this issue.

On October 9, 2008, the PWT held a meeting on campus, with several CCE educators joining by conference call. Linda Wagenet and Allison Chatrchyan were accepted as new co-chairs. Efforts in next months include providing information for the Water Resources Institute Web site to improve networking and involving external stakeholders more actively. Topics of interest to participants and constituents include stewardship, engagement, water and wastewater infrastructure, stormwater, and climate change.

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