

INFORMATION SHEET

PENNSYLVANIA STREAM SIGNAGE PROGRAM

What is the PA Stream Signage Program?

The purpose of the Stream Signage Program is to raise awareness, connect people to their watersheds and encourage them to protect their water resources.

The Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (**POWR**), in partnership with the Resource Conservation and Development (**RC&D**) Councils, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation have established a Stream Signage Program to install PENNDOT-approved signs identifying streams, rivers, and creeks in Pennsylvania. The signs will be placed immediately before both sides of bridges on state-owned roads that cross over the waterways.

The signs will be the standard PENNDOT-approved metal signs as seen along roads (900mm x 300mm, reflectorized blue background with white reflectorized lettering).



Sample sign

How will the Stream Signage Program Operate?

Organizations, municipalities, schools, and civic groups are eligible to participate in the program. Applications and instructions are available from the RC&D Councils listed on the reverse of this sheet.

All applicants must partner and obtain the approving signature of the local municipality. Municipalities are responsible for installing the signs. Reimbursement costs are available to municipalities of up to \$197 per pair of signs at stream crossings.

How is the Stream Signage Program Funded?

POWR has received Growing Greener Funding from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and has developed a partnership with the PA RC&D Councils to implement the project.

- **May 1, 2003—Grant Applications Available.** Applications can be obtained by contacting RC&D Councils listed on the backside of this sheet.
- **August 29, 2003—Application Deadline.** Applications must be completed and submitted along with a location map showing the proposed bridge sites. Applications should be mailed to the RC&D Councils and postmarked no later than August 29, 2003.
- **September 1 through November 1, 2003—Application Review Period.** Applications will be reviewed by RC&D Councils and submitted to PENNDOT for location approval. Because of limited funding, POWR and the RC&D Councils reserve the right to limit the number of sites awarded to an applicant.
- **November 15, 2003—Selected Sites Announced.** The RC&D Councils will notify all applicants, whether or not their sites have been selected for the program.
- **December 15, 2003—POWR will order signs and reimburse the sign vendor for the cost of producing the signs.** POWR's sign vendor will mail the signs directly to the applicant's municipality for installation.
- **December 1, 2004—Deadline for Sign Installation.** The local municipality must install the signs by December 1, 2004. The local municipality is responsible for installing the signs at PENNDOT approved sites because the stream crosses under state-owned bridges that are PENNDOT jurisdiction. Upon completion of the project, RC&D will reimburse municipalities up to \$197 per stream crossing (two signs per stream crossing).

Who should you contact for more information?
The RC&D Councils listed on the reverse side of this information sheet.

What are RC&D Councils?

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils are multi-county nonprofit organizations. They are a private/public partnership between the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and local community leaders. A local volunteer board consisting of representatives from government, business, organizations, conservation districts and individuals guides each Council.

For sites in these counties contact:

Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Adams, Cumberland, York, and Franklin

Capital RC&D Council

108-109 Church Hall, Penn State
777 West Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057
717-948-6633
FAX: 717-948-6306

Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Lycoming, Sullivan, and Wyoming

Endless Mountains RC&D Council

Stoll Natural Resource Center
RR#5, Box 5030-D
Towanda, PA 18848-9354
570-265-5288 Ext. 5
Fax: 570-265-7435

McKean, Potter, Elk, Cameron, Clinton, Jefferson, Clearfield, and Centre

Headwaters RC&D Council

478 Jeffers Street, Bldg. 3, Suite D
DuBois, PA 15801-2438
814-375-1372 Ext. 4
FAX: 814-375-2453

Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Snyder, and Union

Mid-State RC&D Council

20 Windmill Hill #7
Burnham, PA 17009-1837
717-248-4901
FAX: 717-248-4902

Beaver, Butler, Armstrong, Indiana, Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington, Greene, and Fayette

Penn's Corner RC&D Council

RR#12 Box 202C
Greensburg, PA 15601-9217
724-834-9063 Ext.114
FAX: 724-837-4127

Wayne, Lackawanna, Pike, Monroe, Luzerne, Carbon, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, and Schuylkill

Pocono Northeast RC&D Council

1300 Old Plank Road
Mayfield, PA 18433
570-282-8732 Ext. 4
FAX: 570-281-5379

Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia

Southeastern PA RC&D Council

824 Main Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073
215-541-7930
FAX: 215-541-7933

Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Erie, Crawford, Warren, Mercer, Lawrence, Venango, Forest, and Clarion

Southern Alleghenies RC&D Council

702 West Pitt Street
Fairlawn Court, Suite 7
Bedford, PA 15522-8800
814-623-7900 Ext. 5
FAX: 814-623-2394