

Pennsylvania Rural Water Association



- Member supported, non-government, non-profit
- Formed in 1988
- Onsite technical assistance, operator training, board training, financial member services, legislative support, **source water protection**



Source Water Protection

- 3 field staff dedicated to SWP planning and implementation
- Began working on SWP in 1992
- Positions are funded with federal monies – program goals are different but complimentary



How We Reach Systems



- Direct contact
 - Site visits, meetings
- Training courses for operators
 - “Hands-on” course
 - Subject based (ex. Marcellus)
- Websites
 - PRWA
 - www.sourcewaterprotection.org

Working with Systems: SWP Planning



- **6 Step process/format**
 - Steering Committee
 - Delineate the Sources
 - Identify Risks
 - Management Strategies/Partnerships
 - Emergency Response/Contingencies
 - New Source Planning
- **Flexibility = give the system what they want**

Deliverables

- Source Water Protection Plan
- New Partnership Opportunities
- Build on Past Successes
- On-the-ground Protection – direct impact BMP's
- Ideally create a Program, not just a Plan; over a number of years



Implementation Struggles



- Limited staff
- \$\$\$ - always an issue
- Time – operators wear many hats
- Connections – lack of partner awareness

A Stronger Link: Opportunities in Lancaster



- Many USDA/NRCS programs can also directly benefit drinking water
- Streamside projects
- Wetlands
- Private forest stewardship



New Opportunities



- Latest trend in implementation – **County Coalitions**
- Allows water systems to join together on projects, initiatives
- Efficient use of PRWA & DEP time
- Opportunities to speak and meet these systems



How Can PRWA Help?



- Work with systems one-on-one or regionally to create SWP programs
- Concept to Implementation and beyond
- Bring training to your area/create new training opportunities
- Other, more general PRWA resources for systems



Thank You!



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