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Dear AWA Member:

The new membership year has arrived and we at the Antietam Watershed Association wish to thank you for your past support. We hope that you will be renewing your membership for 2008. If you are not a “card carrying” member, we hope you will consider becoming one.

The last years have been productive ones. Some of our accomplishments are listed on the back. Although we have received monies from our grants, those funds are to be specifically earmarked. Because of the need for operating expenses not covered in the grants, AWA depends upon its dues for those costs. The decision by the Washington Township Supervisors to make a stipend to AWA part of their annual budget will also go a long way to the success of our mission.

Our fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31, and continues at just \$10.00. **New** memberships after June 30 will be \$5.00, for half the year. Please mail to PO Box 331, Waynesboro PA 17268.

You are encouraged to visit our website at [www.antietamws.org](http://www.antietamws.org). If you have email, and wish to be added to our email alert database, please indicate that on your renewal form. Addresses do not appear on our communiqués. We now have over 100 people on our iFolks email database. There are iPods and iPhones, AWA has iFolks — Interested Folks. (We have a paid membership that hovers around 50).

Up till now, most of our efforts have centered around the East Branch of the Antietam. With the recent approval of our application for a 319 grant through the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and distributed and monitored by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), we have studied the health of the West Branch. The results of that study, done by RETTEW, Inc., have been presented to the AWA board and decisions about our next course of action will be discussed soon.

As we continue to grow, we will need your support and input more than ever. Please write your comments, suggestions and ideas on the back of the enclosed membership form. Better yet, bring those thoughts to our next meeting in April.

Sincerely,

Pat Heefner

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## LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, FUTURE PROJECTS AND AREAS OF NEED

### ANTIETAM WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

2002 — 2007

- Established significant relationships, support from local government, particularly Washington Township. AWA is now a line item in the township budget.
- Built partnerships with local organizations, farmers, school districts, municipalities, and citizens
- Maintained monthly educational column in local paper (Antietam Currents)
- Established permanent office at 32 West Main Street, significant donation by landlord.
- Built a highly visible rain garden at local farmer's market (Paul's Market, Rt. 316)
- Accomplished seven significant riparian planting projects at five farms (Landes, Rebuck, Hess, Buhrman, Lehman) and two large landholders (Quincy Home, Otterbein Church) along the Antietam Creek in Pa.
- Assisted with similar projects in Maryland Antietam Watershed.
- Established and currently maintain a scientifically rigorous stream monitoring program, to gather data and for use as an educational resource for the community.
- Conducted an assessment of the East Branch of the Antietam Creek in PA, resulting in recommendations to preserve and correct problems in that sub-watershed.
- Proceeded with plans for a major project of preservation and educational value on WASD property. This is an outcome of the East Branch Assessment.
- Raised awareness and support in the general citizenry of the Antietam Watershed in PA.
- Built relationships with major real estate developers.
- Applied for, and received grants of over \$200,000.
- Built partnerships with major regional organizations of support
  - Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF)
  - Center for Watershed Protection (CWP)
  - Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM)
  - Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
  - U.S. Department of Environmental Protection (EPA)
  - PA League of Women Voters
  - Franklin County Soil Conservation District
  - Franklin County Watershed Association
  - Conococheague Watershed Association.
- Established an active Riparian Maintenance Committee for accomplished riparian planting sites.
- Designed, and published a brochure for general education on riparian planting in the PA Antietam Watershed (outcome of the East Branch Assessment)
- Adopted a State Forest road (Rattlesnake Run), maintained active cleanup of this road throughout the year and a yearly cleanup project.
- Establishment and maintenance of a website for AWA ([www.antietamws.org](http://www.antietamws.org)).
- Designed and published a brochure introducing AWA to the community
- Printed and used restaurant placemats of educational value on the Antietam Watershed in PA
- Obtained and used display boards for use at public events, of educational value.
- With school and community support, developed a rain garden at Summitview Elementary School.
- Contracted with RETTEW, Inc. to study the entire West Branch of the Antietam.