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#### **BIG NEWS:**

The PAEP Annual Conference is here! *Walk-ins Welcome!!* The Branches of Knowledge will come to life on Wednesday, May 2 through Friday, May 4 at the Toftrees Resort in State College. View the Conference brochure here: [https://www.paep.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Registration\\_Final\\_Optimized.pdf](https://www.paep.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Registration_Final_Optimized.pdf).



This year's conference features two tree-rific programs we have never done before:

- PAEP has partnered with the PA Council of Professional Geologists (PCPG) to offer a Soil Science Short Course as an add-on to the conference for Wednesday. The course will be an overview of principles, practical field methodologies and applications and will provide PDH. Check it out at <http://pcpg.org/event-2845659>.
- The Keynote Presentation held over lunch on Thursday will be a panel discussion on Environmental Partnering across agencies. Featured agency speakers include: Secretary Leslie S. Richards, PennDOT; Jessica Shirley, PADEP; and Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn (invited), PADCNR.

As usual, gift baskets will be auctioned off at the conference to benefit the PAEP Student Scholarship Fund. If you wish to contribute a basket, please feel free to bring one along! Just email Kristin Aiosa ([KAiosa@jmt.com](mailto:KAiosa@jmt.com)) with the name of the basket, a brief description of the contents and an approximate retail value.



Additionally, after many impressive applicants were carefully reviewed, the winners of the Gifford Pinchot and Maurice Goddard Scholarships, and the Karl Mason and Walter Lyon Awards will be honored at Thursday's dinner. In advance of the Awards Dinner, please join us in congratulating: Jessica Chou (Gifford Pinchot, \$1,000), Olivia Turner (Maurice Goddard, \$1,000), Felicia Dell, Director York County Planning Commission (Karl Mason), and Suskie Bassmasters (Walter Lyon).

The Annual Conference is open to anyone and everyone, we won't "leaf" anyone behind! Membership is not required. However, if you find the conference or any of our other impeccable events beneficial, membership can be obtained here: <https://www.paep.org/membership-account/membership-levels/>

**OTHER UPDATES:**

The PA DEP published notice in the [February 24<sup>th</sup> PA Bulletin](#) announcing changes to the Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment General Permit Registration process intended to streamline and clarify the information required for submittals and reduce review timeframes. The changes become effective on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

A summary of those changes includes:

- [General Permit Instructions](#) have been updated
- New versions of the [Registration Form](#) and [Aquatic Resource Impact Table](#) are required to be submitted
- The [PASPGP-5 Reporting Criteria Checklist](#) has been revised for DEP internal use but will no longer be a requirement for submittal
- Two documents, the Fee Calculation Worksheet and Bog Turtle Screening Form, will no longer be required. The Bog Turtle Screening Form will not be required because bog turtle habitat information is now available when a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory receipt is obtained.

An informational webinar was held on March 6, 2018 for potential permit applicants and others in the regulated community to review the changes. A recording of that webinar is available at <http://www.dep.pa.gov/DataandTools/Webinars/Pages/Water-Management.aspx>.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT EVENTS:**

*PAEP P2E2 Roundtable (RT) Meeting at King's College, Wilkes-Barre to discuss their sustainability efforts.* King's recently hired a campus Building Sustainability Coordinator and spoke about their green building efforts and solar initiatives. A hotel that was recently purchased and converted to classrooms and student housing was not insulated prior to the renovation. In addition, 96.7% of all the hotel's furnishings were repurposed or recycled including the laundry equipment. The meeting also included a presentation from Jon Hunter, Harsco Industrial Corporation's Director, Corporate Environmental and Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Metals & Minerals North America. The speech centered on the Director's responsibility for driving EHS initiatives at the Harsco Metals & Minerals North America level and Environmental strategies across the globe. Jon offered the students invaluable insight and advice and spoke to his experiences promoting sustainability throughout the Harsco organization. Topics included, strategic planning associated with EHS, driving continuous improvement, providing regulatory governance, maturing the Corporate Sustainability strategy/programs and supporting the process of developing a Zero Harm EHS Culture within his organization. The Director was also employed at Eaton Corporation, Honeywell Aerospace and Delphi Automotive Systems with multiple roles supporting EHS at the local, regional and corporate levels. Jon's most important message centered on leaving an environmental handprint and not solely focusing on an organization's environmental footprint. In other words, promoting sustainable efforts and remembering to also focus on what your organization does well. A panel of RT members representing federal and state government, industry and consultants, answered questions from the King's environmental students at the meeting. The EHS Director expressed an interest in returning to the college in three years to continue sustainability discussions and measure progress. The RT also conducted a steering committee meeting and OPPEA spoke to King's about several P2E2 grant programs. King's College has become a new member of the PAEP P2E2 Roundtable!



**CALL TO ARMS!!**

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As environmental professionals, it's fair to say many of us treat every day as 'Earth Day'...as it should be. But there is one day of the year that is officially recognized worldwide as Earth Day- April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This day is an opportunity to put a spotlight on issues affecting our Earth, locally and globally. It is an opportunity to spread knowledge, create awareness, and appreciate nature. So, plant that Tulip Poplar (a native PA tree), then stop to smell the flowers.

From numerous websites ([www.epa.gov/earthday](http://www.epa.gov/earthday) and [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) are great places to start!) to local municipal newsletters to community bulletin boards, there is an *abundance* of resources available to find a way to engage, volunteer, learn and share each year. All for the sake of protecting our most valuable resource for future generations.

Whether or not you were able to participate in an organized event this year, take some time to research one simple thing you could do to be more earth-friendly year-round. Planting a tree or conducting a clean-up are probably the first things that come to most minds, but that is one act for one day. Try also to research how to use electricity and water in your home more efficiently (and save money doing it!), learn more about recycling/reuse (locate your local recycle/reuse center), install a bat box, make a bee-friendly garden, or [eliminate plastic straws](#) from your daily consumption.

The point is, celebrate Earth Day by *doing something!* Learn about and support your community, keep it going throughout the year, try to treat every single day as earth day. Each and every one of us CAN make a difference. Global change starts locally.

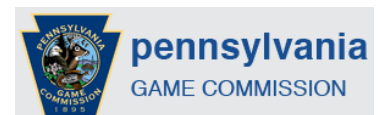
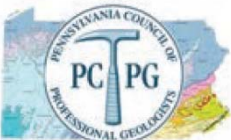
**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- PAEP partnered with WTS for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing which helps fund a variety of worthy scholarships across both organizations. Go here for more information: <https://www.paep.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-Golf-Outing-Registration.pdf>
- Energizing Environmental Education STEM Career Day in Bethlehem on September 18<sup>th</sup>  
More information will follow
- Suburban Lab Tour in Reading coming soon
- FIELD DAY July 25: PA Game Commission Nature Program in Harrisburg
- Watch out for Section Event emails year-round! You can also view upcoming events here: <https://www.paep.org/programs/section-events/>



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