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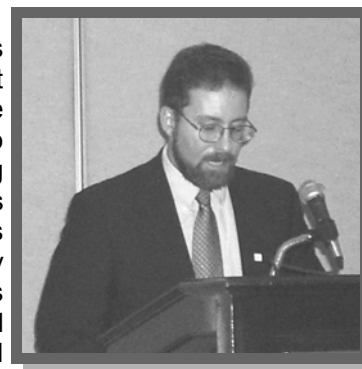
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Members,

I am pleased to be writing this president's column in the wake of what was clearly the best Annual Conference PAEP has ever hosted! Thank you, to all that were able to come to Harrisburg and take part in the Conference this past May – after all, your participation is the ultimate indicator of success for any PAEP event. The success of this year's Conference was the result of the hard work and dedication of the 2003 Annual Conference Committee, headed by Deborah Scherkoske and Deborah Henson. This expression of appreciation



PAEP 2003 President
Jerrold McCormick

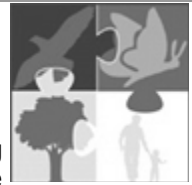
would not be complete without also formally thanking the *employers* of the Conference Committee members for contributing some of their own resources (i.e. personnel) towards the planning and execution of this year's Conference – in particular I want to thank KCI Technologies, Inc; McCormick, Taylor & Associates, Inc; Buchart-Horn, Inc; Gannett Fleming, and Michael Baker for their continued and generous support of PAEP. And last, but certainly not least, on behalf of the PAEP membership I want to thank Jennie Granger, Camille Mayka, and Barbara Helm for their "above-and beyond" contributions in direct support of the Conference.

For me, the Karl Mason Award luncheon was one of the highlights of the Conference. This year's Award was for PADEP's *Growing Greener* Program, and was presented to both David Hess and the Honorable Kathleen McGinty. I want to thank PAEP's Geanine Fair for procuring such a stunning award plaque, and the Mason Family for their continued support of the Karl Mason Award Fund.

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Opportunity for PAEP to Participate in Developing the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Conservation Plan



The Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership (PBP) is a public-private partnership dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of biodiversity conservation in Pennsylvania. PBP's mission is to conserve biodiversity statewide by promoting communication and cooperation among a broad spectrum of stakeholders. One of the efforts they have underway is to facilitate the creation of a state-wide Biodiversity Conservation Plan. Consequently, this effort presents a wonderful opportunity for us, as environmental professionals, to have some input into developing this plan!

For those of you that might be interested in contributing your expertise to such an important endeavor, please take the time to read more information regarding the PA Biodiversity Plan at www.pabiodiversity.org, and click on "Biodiversity in Pennsylvania: Snapshot 2002" to read a good summary of the program (NOTE: so far, Phase 1 has been completed, so PAEP would start participating in Phase 2 activities). Hardcopies of Snapshot 2002 and the Executive Summary are available by contacting PBP.

For PAEP to participate, we will need volunteers to form up a PA Diversity Plan Focus Group (or groups) that can meet with PBP representatives. PBP representatives facilitate the meetings, provide necessary materials, and pay for any meeting expenses. PAEP members would not be reimbursed for their participation or travel expenses (i.e. it would be much like a PAEP Sectional Event). That said, depending on your level of interest, we can hold 2 to 3 regional Focus Group meetings (one in the East, Central, and West), if necessary. So give it some thought -- this is a great project to be involved with as a Pennsylvania environmental professionals!

If you ARE interested in participating, please e-mail me, Jerrold McCormick, at jlmcormick@pplweb.com, or call (570) 542-3014 by July 18, after which you will be consulted to determine the best time for you to participate in a Focus Group meeting.



PPL Susquehanna's "No Mow" Policy Endorsed by The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay & Luzerne County Conservation District

Last year the Susquehanna nuclear power plant took a new approach to its chronic problem with soil erosion by discontinuing the routine mowing of the landscape surrounding the facility. Since the power plant sits atop a hillside, runoff from heavy rainfall events (from impervious surfaces) creates a condition of accelerated erosion in the surrounding landscape.

The science behind the "No Mow" Policy is based on the fact that taller vegetation has a more extensive root system than shorter vegetation. These more extensive root systems better stabilize the soil and enable the taller vegetation to absorb more rain and to slow and spread runoff to diminish its erosive capacity. Better water absorption and better stabilization of the soil helps keep soil from washing off site-- particularly on the sloped areas of the landscape -- and into Lake Took-A-While, the Susquehanna River, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (ACB), a regional nonprofit organization that builds and fosters partnerships to restore the Bay and its rivers, has endorsed PPL Susquehanna's "No Mow" Policy as a landscaping practice that will protect water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. To show their support, their logo will appear on signage that communicates SSES's "No Mow" policy to site personnel and visitors along the site's Main Access Road.

The policy's objective of achieving reduced soil erosion and enhanced animal habitat is shared by the ACB's "Bayscapes" Program and is consistent with LCCD's objectives. BayScapes are environmentally-sound low-input landscapes, which benefits people, wildlife, and the Bay by requiring less mowing, less fertilizer/pesticide use, and helps to protect the water quality in our streams, rivers, and the Bay. Along with reducing pollution, BayScapes provide diverse habitats for songbirds, small mammals, butterflies, and other creatures. BayScaping advocates a "holistic" approach to landscaping through principles inspired by relationships in the natural environment. ACB and LCCD are both regional nonprofit organizations that work to build and foster partnerships that contribute towards restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. This partnership is possible because of each organizations commitment to sound and sensitive environmental stewardship, reducing soil erosion, enhancing/creating wildlife habitat, and adding to the natural beauty of the Susquehanna River Corridor and the Chesapeake Bay.



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The Conference keynote speakers, the Honorable Stephen R. Reed and Barry Hoffman, P.E., provided insightful and relevant presentations for the membership – thank you, Ted Fridirici, for arranging for us to hear these two gentlemen speak.

With regard to the activity of your elected Board, I am happy to inform you that we have had a busy 6 months! As you know, the Board decided to pursue 501(c)(3) federal tax exempt/non-profit corporation status for PAEP. The first thing that needed to be done was to amend the PAEP Bylaws. The necessary amendments were approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting held during the recent Conference. Remaining work includes amending PAEP's Articles of Incorporation, and submitting our application to the IRS for processing -- my thanks to Gary Byron, Craig Stanley, and Anthony Toth for their work with revising our Bylaws.

In other business, the membership unanimously affirmed PAEP's commitment to continue our affiliation with the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) as a formal chapter of NAEP. We look forward to future collaborations with NAEP that are mutually beneficial. Joe Musil (PAEP Board Member) is PAEP's designated contact person with NAEP, so if you have questions, contact Joe or visit the NAEP website (www.naep.org). NOTE: this affiliation does not require PAEP members to hold a concurrent NAEP membership.

For more information regarding the business the Board conducts on your behalf, the minutes for the monthly Board meetings are posted on the PAEP website for your convenience. If you have any specific questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of the other Board members to share your thoughts!

In closing, I want to encourage each of you to become involved in any of the numerous activities highlighted within this newsletter. High quality *Sectional Events* are one of the primary member services we endeavor to provide you – give the respective Section Leaders (Eric Buncher/Western Section, Deb Henson/Central Section, and Bill Zemaitis/Eastern Section) feedback regarding the event topics you would like to see (or not see). When it comes to new member recruitment, I hereby declare each of you members of Bob Hosking's Membership Committee – please take the opportunity to tell other non-member environmental professionals about PAEP!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of PAEP.

Sincerely,

Jerrold McCormick, 2003 PAEP President

Showcasing Pennsylvania's Environmental Leadership Heritage

Historically, Pennsylvania has a rich heritage in environmental leadership. Although you may not realize it, some of the most influential voices in state and federal environmental policy and conservation movement have been from Pennsylvania, including: Rachel Carson, Maurice K. Goddard, Gifford Pinchot, Horace McFarland, John James Audubon, John Bartram, William Penn, Ivan McKeever, Ralph Abele, and Edward Abbey. Pennsylvania continues to be a leader with such examples as acid mine reclamation technology, brownfields development and the Land Recycling Program, and the Growing Greener program, to name just a few.

PAEP, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Museum, is spearheading an exciting initiative to research, assemble, and communicate the environmental leadership that Pennsylvania has provided. By highlighting the leaders and accomplishments of past and present Pennsylvania, this initiative will serve to educate the general public and environmental professionals on environmental leadership and stewardship, provide lesson-by-example and mentoring for current personnel, inspire youth with positive role models, and inspire a continued proactive environmental leadership in Pennsylvania. Ideas for the Program include: development of a Heritage display at the State Museum; distribute educational materials to schools, state parks, environmental education centers; create collaborative research mechanisms, develop educational materials, and distribute the information. Look for future developments with this exciting program. Contact Wayne Kober or Robert Hosking, Co-Chairs of the Environmental Stewardship Committee with questions or to participate.

PAEP 2003 CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Fun, Friends, and Learning, provides an excellent summary of the very successful 2003 PAEP Annual Meeting and Conference. The PAEP Conference at the Hilton Towers in the heart of beautiful downtown Harrisburg attracted over 120 PAEP members from April 30th to May 2nd. By day, the Conference featured very informative and educational technical sessions and by night the socializing and fun began for all attendees.

The breadth of topics and attendance at each of the sessions reflected the diverse membership of PAEP. With 15 technical sessions, the 2003 meeting provided the most 'bang for the buck' that a PAEP conference has seen to date. Topics of the sessions included: Stormwater Management and NPDES Phase II, Water Management – Hot Topics, Urban Revitalization, Dams and Dam Removal, Innovative Techniques for the Transportation Project Development Process, Cultural Resource Issues in an Urban Environment, Wildlife Issues, Land Recycling in PA, Open Space Planning in an Urban Setting, Urban Stream Restoration, Green Buildings, Context Sensitive Solutions, Air Quality Conformity and Project-Level Air Quality Analysis, Pennsylvania's Environmental Heritage Workshop, and Environmental Issues for Other Transportation Modes.

The conference began Wednesday morning with a highly productive Board Meeting. Open to the general membership, the attendees approved the newly revised PAEP By-laws in order to obtain the associations' goal of achieving a non-profit status.

This year's Conference was honored to have two highly respected Keynote Speakers. The Honorable Stephen R. Reed, Mayor of Harrisburg, provided opening remarks and focused his discussion on the environmental/planning issues faced in the urban setting. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Barry Hoffman, P.E., District Engineer for District 8-0, provided closing remarks. His discussion focused on the environmental challenges facing transportation projects in Pennsylvania.

The Karl Mason Award luncheon allowed PAEP to honor PAEP's Growing Greener Program. The Growing Greener Program provides funding for cleaning up the environment and benefits all Pennsylvanians. This program deserves great accolades.



**Top: Honorable Stephen Reed
Left: Barry Hoffman**

The Conference was not all work. During the evenings, weary PAEP members were able to rejuvenate themselves with planned and unplanned social functions. The Icebreaker



Reception provided excellent weather for an evening

Patio with great food, drink, and conversation. The Reception was followed by a nice trek to Riverside Stadium on City Island to watch the Harrisburg Senators take on the Erie SeaWolves. Luck was on the Senators side and the home team provided all in attendance with a 6-2 victory. For those PAEP members who were still in the mood for more entertainment, Second Avenue provided ample nightlife including dancing and just sitting at the local pub enjoying the atmosphere and conversation.



**Top and left:
Environmental Heritage
Information Booths**

Field trips to the newly remodeled State Capitol and Pennsylvania Turnpike's 'Green Building' headquarters were conducted. Members could always visit the Conference information booths. The weather began to threaten with a light drizzle and showers on Friday, however, PAEP members persevered and toured the Wildwood Sanctuary on a birding expedition with Audubon Pennsylvania. Finally on Friday, PAEP members converged for a final session at the Sportsman's Golf Course for the annual Geotechnical Review, also known as the Annual Golf Outing. We may have some Tiger Woods in the making for next year's Conference!

The Central Section should be commended for the superb conference they organized. We look forward to the 2004 Conference in the Laurel Highlands at the Seven Springs Resort and Conference Center. The Western Section is counting on your continued support so mark your calendars for June 9 through 11 and plan on attending.



Karl Mason Award Presented to the PADEP Growing Greener Program



Karl Mason served the Pennsylvania Department of Health from 1952 until his death in 1966. He was regarded as the Commonwealth's first environmental administrator. The Award was created to commemorate his vision of a strong, well-managed environmental program. Stewardship of the Karl Mason Award rests with PAEP, and anyone may submit nomination for this award to the Association. The Award is given to a Pennsylvania person, organization, or project that has made a significant contribution to the betterment of Pennsylvania's environment, exemplifying Karl Mason's vision.

This year on behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) Growing Greener Program was nominated for this prestigious award. This award was presented at a special luncheon on May 1, 2003, during PAEP's Annual Meeting and Conference. The Growing Greener Program was selected for the Karl Mason Award because it has proven to be one of the most successful programs to support local watershed groups, county conservation districts, local governments, businesses and local communities in cleaning up watersheds throughout Pennsylvania. Through its' support of local partnerships, Growing Greener has been successful with the creation of more than 125 new watershed groups within four years.

This year's award was presented to Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty, Secretary of the PADEP which administers the Growing Greener Program. In its first three years, the Program funded 1,100 watershed restoration projects, including 4,659 acres of abandoned mines reclaimed, 5,071 acres of wetlands restored, 487 miles of streamside buffers planted, and 1,336 abandoned oil and gas wells plugged.

PAEP continues to maintain the stewardship of the Karl Mason Award. Each year, at the Annual Meeting and Conference, this prominent award is granted to a selected nominee whose project and/or program has demonstrated prestigious environmental management.



Pictured from Left to Right— Mike Sherman, Assistant Regional Director, Harrisburg Regional Office; Honorable Kathleen McGinty, PADEP Secretary; Honorable Arthur Hershey, Representative, Chester County; David Hess, Former PADEP Secretary, Director Office of Policy Development & Research in Pennsylvania Senate; Ron Stanley, Director, Growing Greener Grants Center; David Hogeman, Director, Bureau of Land Recycling & Waste Management, Jerrold McCormick, PAEP President



New General Members:

Kelly Caldwell – Kelly is a new Eastern Section general member. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Science from Purdue University. Kelly is Vice President of AK Environmental, LLC in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Amy Gonzales – Amy is a new Eastern Section general member. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Colgate and a Master of Science degree in Geology from John Hopkins University. Amy is the President of AK Environmental, LLC in West Trenton, New Jersey.

Jason C. Hager – Jason is a new Eastern Section general member. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Resource Management from Pennsylvania State University. Jason is an Environmental Scientist at JCA Associates, Inc., in Moorestown, New Jersey.

David E. Hess – Dave is a new Central Section general member. Dave recently served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He holds a Master of Science degree in Urban/Regional Planning from the University of Illinois. Dave is currently the Director of Policy for the Pennsylvania Senate in Harrisburg.

Gloria Hunsberger – Gloria is a new Eastern Section general member. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology and a Master of Science degree in Geology/Soil/Hydrology. Gloria is a Project Manager at Powell-Harpstead, Inc., in West Chester.

Ileana Ivanciu – Ileana is a new Eastern Section general member. She holds a Master of Science degree in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Bucharest and is a licensed Professional Geologist. Ileana is Vice President of Dresden Robin in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Rebecca E. H. Ledebom – Rebecca is a new Eastern Section general member. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Penn State University. She is a Technical Assistant at McCormick, Taylor & Associates in Philadelphia.

Brian P. Mangan, Ph.D. – Brian is a new Eastern Section general member. He earned his Ph.D. in Ecology from Penn State University. He is the Environmental Program Director at King's College in Wilkes Barre.

Jeffrey Prawdzik – Jeff is a new Eastern Section general member. He holds a Master of Science degree in Biology from East Stroudsburg University. Jeff is an Environmental Scientist at Shaw Environmental, Inc., in West Chester.

Andrea H. Reede – Andrea is a new Western Section general member. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University. Andrea is a Transportation Engineer at McCormick, Taylor & Associates in State College.

Andrea Soltysik – Andrea is a new Eastern Section general member. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Economics from the Pennsylvania State University. She is an Environmental Planner at McCormick, Taylor & Associates in Philadelphia.

Larry Sparta – Larry is a new Eastern Section general member. He has a certificate in Community Relations from Boston College. Larry is an Education Relations Director at PPL Corporation in Allentown.

Brandy Lynn Thoman – Brandy is a new Central Section general member. She holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Geoenvironmental Studies from Shippensburg University. Brandy is an Environmental Planner at McCormick, Taylor & Associates in Harrisburg.

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New General Members:

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Robert Alan Watts – Robert is a new Eastern Section general member. He holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Utah State University. Robert is the Executive Director of the Chester County Solid Waste Authority.

Barbara Woleslagle Weedon – Barbara is a new Central Section general member. She has attained both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in Biology from Shippensburg University. Barbara is employed as a Senior Biologist at GTS Technologies, Inc., in Harrisburg.

New Student Members:

Loree Speedy – Loree is a new Western Section student member. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Chatham College in Mathematics. In addition to PAEP, Loree is also a member of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania. She is currently a graduate student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

PAEP Career Center Opportunity

The Career Center Chair is currently available for an enthusiastic and motivated individual with ideas on enhancing the professional development and 'curb appeal' of our members. Our thanks to Katie Eberhart for her past efforts in the Career Center as she now focuses on other areas of PAEP. Please contact Jerrold McCormick with questions, ideas, or suggestions for the Career Center.



Job Posting Service

Need an employee? Need an employer? Did you know that PAEP offers a free job posting service to benefit the membership? Check the website at **www.PAEP.org** for recent listings. This has been a highly effective tool with great response. Contact Brian Pancher, Chair of the Website Committee to find out more. . .

Newsletter Submissions

The Newsletter Committee is searching for any information which you would like to include in the quarterly newsletter. We would like to include information such as special awards received, important environmental projects, employment postings, upcoming regulatory issues, new technology, pertinent conferences or related association functions, and general environmental professional development issues. General comments on the newsletter are also welcomed and appreciated. Please contact Mark Fedosick at ms consultants, inc. (412-264-8701) or via email at mfedosick@msconsultants.com to submit your article. Passed issues of the PAEP newsletter is now available online at www.PAEP.org Tell your friends to check out our organization and become new members.





EASTERN SECTION PAEP

**Eastern Section Members have several great programs coming up!
Please stay tuned and read on...**



The Eastern Section Programs Committee met on May 20th in Valley Forge National Historic Park to discuss the recent PAEP Annual Conference and continue moving forward on the above projects. The USACOE/PADEP Regulatory Update Program is set for the morning of Friday, July 25, 2003, at the Spring Mill Fire Hall in Conshohocken. A bus trip/tour of Chester County BMPs (Best Management Practices) and stream or wetland mitigation projects could possibly take place in August or September. Other programs may include a session on cultural resources and an Open House for the Lehigh Valley region in the fall. More program information will be made available as things are confirmed. Please join us!



If you have suggestions or would like to become active in PAEP's Eastern Section in the greater Delaware Valley area, please contact Bill Zemaitis (wzemaitis@gfnet.com). In the Lehigh Valley area, please contact Betsy Schamberger (ets@synergynvinc.com). In addition, the PAEP government is now considering options for the 2005 Annual Conference. As you may recall, our 2002 event here in Valley Forge was a major success. If you would be interested in participating in the 2005 conference, please let us know.

Left to right: Alana Bixler, Joe Musil, and Betsy Schamberger are strategizing Eastern Section programs while meeting along Valley Creek at Valley Forge National Historic Park.

Employment Opportunity

A.D. Marble & Co., Inc. is an environmental consulting firm with offices in Conshohocken and Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, Burlington, New Jersey, and Owings Mills, Maryland. The firm's staff includes environmental scientists, archaeologists, architectural historians, as well as CADD and GIS technicians. A.D. Marble & Co., Inc. provides consulting services to transportation, governmental and private clients and makes extensive use of GIS technology.

The Conshohocken office is searching for a GIS Specialist. Applicants require the ability to perform a variety of assignments, including compiling, creating, and processing GIS data; performing spatial analyses, data management, map production, peer training and mentoring, management, and marketing activities.

Project work includes transportation corridor assessments, database programming and management, environmental constraints analyses, archaeological and environmental modeling. Management of technical team includes quality assurance/control, mentorship and peer training, and great communication skills.

Work environment: Windows workstations running ArcGIS 8.x (ArcInfo Desktop and Workstation, ArcEditor, and ArcView), ArcView3.x, Microsoft Access, and SQL server. Drafting software includes Intergraph Microstation V8 and AutoCAD 200X.

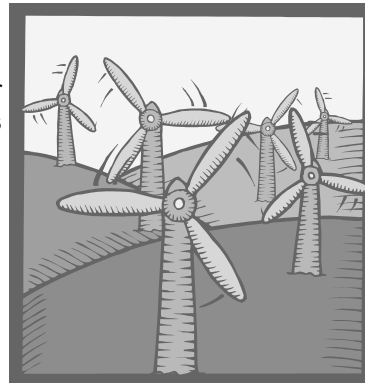
Minimum Requirements: Bachelors Degree in Geography, Environmental Science, Planning, or related field, 4-6 years of computer mapping experience, knowledge of cartography and drafting theory, excellent organizational and communication skills prior database design and implementation experience previous Marketing/Client relations experience, GIS and database programming experience.



WESTERN SECTION PAEP

On May 14th, the Western Section hosted a PADEP presentation of the Phase II NPDES Permit Program, with 29 in attendance. Unfortunately, the long-awaited tour of the hazardous waste incinerator on June 25 was cancelled due to low registration numbers. The Western Section plans for the summer may include a field tour of the windmill farm in Somerset, PA.

The Western Section Program Committee will be convening to develop future programs. Contact Eric Buncher, Western Section Chair at (412) 472-5692 with ideas or suggestions for future programs.



Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals Western Section Announces:

The 2004 Annual State-Wide Conference

June 9 - 11, 2004
Seven Springs Resort
Champion, PA

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more updates.

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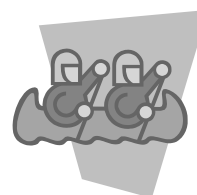
Since the last newsletter, the Central Section co-hosted a program on "New Developments in Water Resources Management" on March 21st.

The Central Section also hosted the 2003 Annual Meeting on April 30th through May 2nd.

Our thanks to all those involved in planning and conducting this year's event!

Looking ahead, the Central Section is planning for a Regulatory Update program to be held over the Summer, and for the ever-popular Canoe Trip in September.

The Central Section is also calling for interested members to join the Program Committee to help plan events. Please contact Deb Henson, Central Section Chair at (717) 691-1340 to get involved.



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