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*Members of the Schuylkill Action Network share information, expertise, and technology to help each other achieve a shared vision of clean water and a healthy environment for the Schuylkill River and its tributaries.*

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## 2012 Schuylkill Scrub: Register your cleanup!!!



Is your school, organization, business, community group, club, neighborhood, or anyone other group organizing a trash cleanup this spring? Are you interested in organizing a cleanup of a local stream, park or roadway yourself? If the answer is yes, please consider registering your cleanup event for the **2012 Schuylkill Scrub**. The Schuylkill Scrub is a watershed-wide cleanup event that takes place over

several weeks every spring (**April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>**).

For years, conscientious groups in beautiful Southeastern Pennsylvania have charged into spring to diligently clean up a little piece of paradise. Now, thanks to the collaborative efforts of many dedicated individuals and organizations, an improved and united effort exists as the Schuylkill Scrub.

- **Help beautify your community**
- **Get the word out for others to join in**
- **Clean up the watershed!**
- **Win a Rain Barrel!!**

The Schuylkill Scrub will register existing and new cleanup efforts from the headwaters of the Schuylkill River down to the confluence of the Delaware River in Philadelphia. We expect that the cumulative amount of trash removed through this campaign will be very impressive and of immediate benefit to the entire Schuylkill River watershed!

Registering your cleanup is easy. Simply complete the short online registration form located on the Schuylkill Scrub website: [www.SchuylkillScrub.org](http://www.SchuylkillScrub.org). Just click the Sign-up tab located at the top of the page.



### THE 2012 WATERSHED CONGRESS - MARKING 15 YEARS OF SHARING INFORMATION, TOOLS, AND PRACTICES ON WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION.

The Watershed Congress has evolved over the years to advance the best available information and techniques for protecting and restoring watersheds. The focus on networking across disciplines means that Watershed Congress melds science, policy and practical applications into one program. As a result, the annual Watershed Congress is a highly anticipated event for people interested in understanding, protecting and restoring their local streams.

This year's program features **28 concurrent sessions, 6 poster sessions, and 2 extended workshops** covering a broad range of watershed topics. Full details on the 2012 Watershed Congress including session abstracts and speaker bios can be found [here](#).

#### Registration Fees

Despite rising costs to organize the Watershed Congress, registration fees for this highly anticipated annual event are still only \$40 for those registering by February 17th (Fees are \$50 for those registering between February 18th and March 2nd, and \$60 for anyone registering after March 2nd). Registration fees for comparable events can run two to three times the cost of the Watershed Congress.

The Schuylkill Action Network (SAN) is making a limited number of scholarships available to people living within the Schuylkill River watershed. Scholarship requests will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, one per organization due to the limited number of scholarships available.

Download the SAN scholarship application form [here](#).

To register, download a [registration form](#) to print out. Or register online [here](#).

For more information, call 215-369-1188, ext. 109.

## 2011 SCHUYLKILL RIVER RESTORATION FUND

The 2012 round of the [Schuylkill River Restoration Fund Grant Program](#) is now open. The Watershed Restoration grants are available to non-profit organizations, county & municipal governments, and other related government agencies to undertake implementation projects that will improve the quality and quantity of water in the Schuylkill River and its tributaries. The goal of the Schuylkill River Restoration Program is to fund projects in the Schuylkill River Basin that are consistent with restoration and water management goals for the Schuylkill River. Grant applicants may request between \$25,000 and \$100,000.

Organizations must submit (1) one hard copy of their Letter of Intent as well as submission of an electronic copy of the LOI to [tfenchel@schuylkillriver.org](mailto:tfenchel@schuylkillriver.org). Both hard copy and electronic copy must be received no later than 4:00 PM on March 24, 2011.

### Continued in 2012: LAND TRANSACTION ASSISTANCE Pilot Project

A portion of this year's grant funds will once again be targeted to assist organizations with the transaction costs associated with the preservation of targeted lands within priority watersheds. A separate set of guidelines has been established for this program. Please contact the Schuylkill River Heritage Area for more information.

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## PA American Water Accepting 2012 Environmental Grant Applications

[PA American Water Company](#) announced Tuesday applications are now being accepted for the company's 2012 [Environmental Grant Program](#). Applications must be postmarked by March 10.

The grant awards will be available in American Water service areas in ten states as follows: California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Established in 2005, American Water's Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies through partnerships.

"American Water is committed to ensuring water quality through testing and treatment, as well as through consumer education and community source protection programs," said Debra Vernon, Manager of Corporate Responsibility. "We are all environmental stewards in protecting our water supplies, and this program is one way we help communities play an active role in this important effort."

To qualify, proposed projects must:

- Address a source water or watershed protection need in the community;
- Be completed between May 1 and November 30, 2012;
- Be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program;
- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations;
- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the American Water grant monies are utilized); and
- Be located within one of American Water's service areas in the following states: California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia

In 2011, a total of 35 projects throughout American Water's service areas in eight states were awarded grants totaling more than \$155,600.

Grant award recipients will be notified by April 9. For more information, visit the [Environmental Grant Program webpage](#).