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**FREE SUSQUEHANNA BASIN STREAMSIDE CLEANUP  
TRAINING ACADEMY WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD**  
SRBC and PA CleanWays Teach Steps To Organize a Cleanup Event

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) and PA CleanWays today announced that they will conduct several workshops through the *Susquehanna River Basin Streamside Cleanup Training Academy and Assistance Program*. The workshops are part of SRBC's on-going efforts to help non-profit organizations, municipalities and county conservation districts conduct streamside cleanup projects in the Susquehanna basin.

The workshops will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the following dates, and at the following places:

- April 7 – Williamston Inn, R.R. #6, Box 6128, Towanda
- April 8 – Best Western Eden Resort Inn, Rt. 272 (Oregon Pike) & Rt. 30, Lancaster
- April 13 – Clearfield Days-Inn, Rt. 879 & Interstate Highway 80, Exit 19, Clearfield
- April 14 – Holiday Inn Express, 3306 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona

Workshop registration materials and additional information are available at <http://srbc.net/sc-training.htm>.

Each workshop participant will receive a free sample kit of items that groups should consider having for their cleanup events.

Paul Swartz, SRBC Executive Director said, “The workshops are meant to be comprehensive training sessions to teach watershed and municipal officials the key steps to organizing and conducting a cleanup event.”

In order to provide guidelines for organizing a successful streamside cleanup event, the workshops will focus on several key issues including:

- How to raise funds and obtain donated services for a cleanup

- How to recruit volunteers and insure their safety
- How to dispose of and recycle items collected during a cleanup
- How to highlight the education and community outreach benefits of the cleanup, to potential participants
- How to monitor the cleanup sites and dissuade future dumping there

Jerry Zona, PA CleanWays Northwest Regional Coordinator said, “These workshops are great opportunities for anyone who is interested in learning about the simple things they can do to cleanup their environment and get involved as active stewards for their communities.”

The *Susquehanna River Basin Streamside Cleanup Training Academy and Assistance Program* is a partnership effort involving SRBC, PPL Corporation, PA Cleanways and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The program is funded largely by a grant from DEP’s Growing Greener Program and through donations from PPL Corporation.

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