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FREE WORKSHOP – LANDSCAPING TO REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF IN PAXTON CREEK WATERSHED – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

WHAT: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), Paxton Creek Watershed and Education Association (PCWEA) and Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (ACB) are sponsoring a free, hands-on evening workshop to teach homeowners and others how to landscape their yard to improve the environment and enhance their communities in the Paxton Creek Watershed. This workshop is part of a larger, 3-year project called the Paxton Creek Watershed Stormwater Project to help restore parts of Paxton Creek by reducing pollution runoff. SRBC received nearly \$800,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to work in partnership with PCWEA, Paxton communities and many others.

Proper care of streams as they pass through residential areas is proven to be one of the most critical factors to protecting and improving water quality in watersheds like Paxton Creek. At this workshop, participants will get hands-on landscaping design tips from certified landscape architects and learn greener garden techniques, proper fertilizer and pesticide uses, benefits of using native plants, how to control stormwater runoff and erosion and the benefits of water conservation.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

WHO: **SRBC, PCWEA, ABC, Paxton Creek Watershed Residents, others**
Communities located in the Paxton Creek Watershed include: Harrisburg, Lower Paxton, Penbrook, Susquehanna and Swatara.

WHERE: Lower Paxton Township Building, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg

SRBC: SRBC is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay. The SRBC web site is www.srbc.net.

NOTE: Members of the media are encouraged to attend and cover this workshop. Due to the popularity of this exciting, hands-on workshop, registration is now full and closed to the public – only space for media officials remains.