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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:

- October 8 – Comfort Inn, 1067 Wilkes-Barre Twp., Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- October 9 – Radisson Penn Harris, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, Pa.
- October 22 – Radisson Hotel, 100 Pine St., Williamsport, Pa.
- October 23 – Days Inn, 240 South Pugh St., State College, Pa.

Workshops registration materials and additional information will be available in late August at [www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net) and [www.pacleanways.org](http://www.pacleanways.org). The registration deadline is September 19, 2003.

Workshop participants will receive free materials to use during their cleanup.

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.”

SRBC and the PPL Corporation (PPL) first partnered in stream cleanup efforts in 1999, and their efforts were recently enhanced to include funding and training sessions for local cleanup events. This new program is called the *Susquehanna River Basin Cleanup Training Academy and Assistance Program*. PA CleanWays, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. have joined the partnership. The program is funded largely by a grant from DEP’s Growing Greener Program, a generous donation from PPL Corporation, and a mini-grant from Bon-Ton Stores, Inc.

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