

ADVOCATE



tri-county landfill opposition

CEASRA's longest running endeavor continues to be the opposition to the proposed Tri-County Landfill (TCL) in Mercer County. Tri-County Landfill, and Vogel Holdings, has submitted new landfill plans to Pine and Liberty Townships, as well as the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission. The MCRPC has approved the plans "with conditions." TCL continues to try to submit plans that exceed the PA Commonwealth Court ruling that Tri-County is limited to a 40-foot maximum height restriction. TCL has applied for a new permit and we are vigorously opposing it based upon their documented record of landfill and solid waste violations and economic harm to our community. For example, Vogel's violations included Vogel Holdings, Inc. having to pay \$682,500 in penalties (originally 1.2 million). DEP NW Regional Director John Guth said "The penalty reflects the seriousness of the violations committed by the Vogel companies." Some of these violations included transporting illegal gas well wastes, exceeding daily volume limits, failing to control odors and erosion, and leaking garbage trucks.

CEASRA has established some action items to serve as near and long term goals. As a group, we continue to nurture our ties with the PA Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. We also endeavor to monitor local governmental activity through reviewing meetings and agendas. Specifically, we voiced our concern and filed an objection to storing millions of pounds of hazardous material at the Cooper Industrial Commons in Grove City. We also worked directly with the DEP, after identifying a well that is leaking acid mine drainage, to get it addressed through their abandoned well program. We continue to monitor activity around the Osborne Superfund Site.

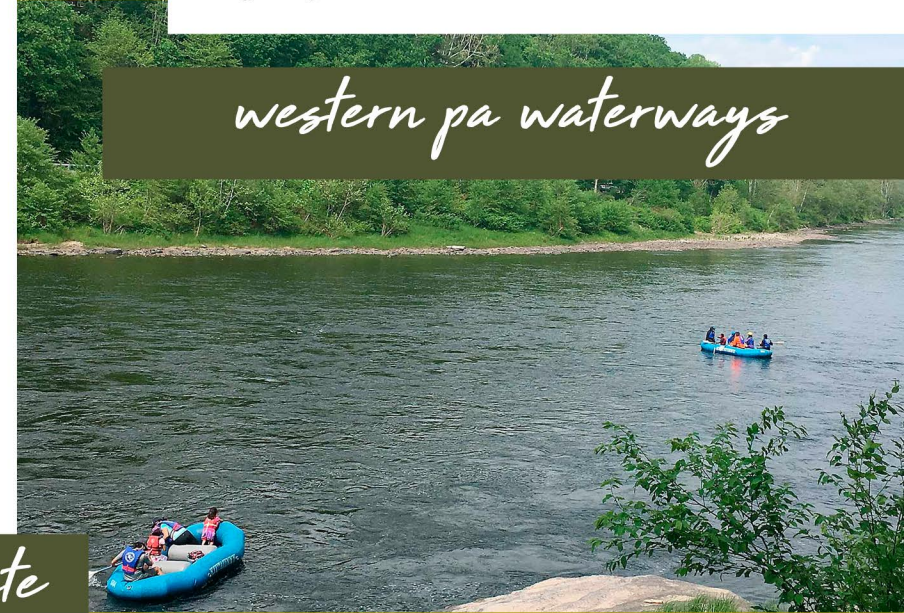
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EDUCATE

CEASRA will continue our focus on community education. Last April, we hosted a program entitled *What Every Pennsylvanian Needs to Know About Their Water*. The informative public meeting was presented by those who regulate water and those who are subject matter experts on water supplies - the DEP and the Penn State Extension Agency.

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