

**Public Comments from Draft Public Meeting on March 16, 2004 at the
Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center**

Executive Summary

Water Resources -

There is no mention of Abandoned Mine Drainage remediation.

Project Area Characteristics

Major Tributaries -

Name the major tributaries in this section in addition to the listing in water resources.

*Economy and Major Sources of
Employment -*

How does the unemployment rate of Armstrong County compare to the Nation.

Management Recommendations-

Under education add: Conduct workshops for farmers.

Land Resources

Agricultural Security Areas -

This number seems low; contact Jessica Beeson for more information.

Land Use -

Double check land use numbers the residential and non-residential numbers seem low.

Water Resources

Introduction -

Last paragraph on page 3-1 the first sentence should be "Pennsylvania boast 83,161 miles of streams, second only to Alaska."

Impaired Waters -

Check Fagley Run to see if it is on the 303(d) list or not.

Erosion and Sedimentation -

Greater allocations to Dirt and Gravel Road Program for training sponsors, and projects to reduce sedimentation and improve roadways.

Water Resource Plan -

Slight concerns from the agricultural community over the regulatory power of the Lower Crooked Creek Watershed Conservation Plan.

Management

Approach U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete streambank stabilization on problem areas on their property. Assist as they assisted on the handicapped access project.

Recommendations -

Change bulleted list on page 2-9 to read:

- Requiring abatement and/or load reduction when sites are remined (Subchapter-F Type Permits)
- Constructed wetlands, anoxic limestone drains, diversion wells, and vertical flow ponds
- The 10 percent Set-aside Program to treat abandoned mine discharges administered by BAMR
- OSM Appalachian Clean Streams Initiative Grants
- EPA 319 Grants
- DEP Growing Greener Grants
- Utilize beneficial use products to reclaim abandoned mine sites and treat abandoned mine discharges

Abandoned Mines -

Biological Resources

Deer Management -

Is there anything in the plan about the over abundance of deer.

Aquatic Species -

Add a table of what is stocked in Cherry Run and Crooked Creek Lake.

Cultural Resources

General -

Cochrans Mills is the incorrect name for the area it is Cochran Mills.

Other comments

- More communication between conservation groups for participation and projects. Groups such as watershed associations, trout unlimited, sportsmen groups, and schools.