

3.2 2009 Environmental Education Grant Program

Grant Overview: The PA Department of Environmental Protection is offering an Environmental Education Grant. The district envisions a project that would provide district 7th grade students with experiences in a variety of watershed issues that address PA Standards in Environment and Ecology.

Amount of Award: \$1,500. No match is required.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Applications are due on March 6, 2009. Notification of award should be in July/August 2009.

Alternatives if not Awarded: If not funded, the district could consider aspects of the project that do not require funding, such as visits from the Conservation District Watershed Specialist.

WCSD Resources Required: Some busing may be necessary for buildings without access to close-by watershed environments.

Administrative Recommendation: The recommendation is to apply for funding. The grant from DEP will provide water-testing kits for student use, provide monies for travel if necessary, and addresses several standards in Environment and Ecology.

UPDATE: BWMS and YEMS students should be able to visit sites within walking distance of their schools. EMHS students may have to be bussed to Hatch Run if something closer is not available. SAMHS students may have a site on the Tionesta to use, but will also need to be bussed. Using numbers from transportation, the current estimate is that any required transportation will cost no more than \$500 of the \$1,500 grant request.