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2011 Schuylkill Watershed Congress to be held March 12th in Pottstown, PA

Bristol, PA - Delaware Riverkeeper Network is pleased to announce the 2011 Schuylkill Watershed Congress, to be held Saturday, March 12th, at the Montgomery County Community College-West Campus in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

The Schuylkill Watershed Congress is an annual gathering of citizens interested in understanding, protecting and restoring local watersheds and streams. This event features a diverse program with concurrent and poster sessions covering a broad range of watershed topics.

Register by Friday, February 25th, 2011, to qualify for the \$40 Early Registration Fee. After February 25th, the Registration Fee increases to \$50 per person. Registration fees cover participation in Saturday's program, Saturday morning's refreshments, and lunch.

The 2011 Keynote Presentation offers a panel discussion titled "Return on Environment: The Economic Value of Protected Open Space in Southeastern Pennsylvania." Speakers include Nick Frontino, *Economy League of Greater Philadelphia*; Lee Huang, *Econsult Corporation*; Patty Elkis, *Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission*; and Donna Pitz, *GreenSpace Alliance*. This panel will present an overview of a recent study that quantified in dollars and cents the value of the 200,000 acres of parks, preserved farms and land trust lands in southeastern Pennsylvania.

This year's program features 28 concurrent sessions and 7 poster sessions covering a broad range of topics:

- * Drinking Water Protection *
- * Hands-On Macroinvertebrate Identification *
- * Meeting With Legislators *
- * Natural Gas Drilling *
- * Restoration Case Studies *

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- * Water Monitoring *
- * Green Infrastructure *
- * Abandoned Mine Drainage Treatment System *
- * Illegal Dumpsite Clean-up *
- * Working with Volunteers *

Please note: The speakers, topics and times shown in the conference overview are correct at the time of printing. The Program Committee reserves the right to alter, delete or replace items in the Schuylkill Watershed Congress program in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

For complete details on all sessions being offered, go to:

http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/pdf/2011_SWC_Online_Detail.pdf

To download registration forms:

http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/pdf/2011_SWC_Final_RegistrationForm.pdf

The 2011 Schuylkill Watershed Congress is made possible in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation's Community Conservation Partnerships Program, and Pennsylvania Sea Grant.

The Schuylkill Action Network is making a limited number of reimbursement scholarships available to those with financial need who want to attend the Schuylkill Watershed Congress. For more information and to fill out an application, go to: http://www.schuylkillwaters.org/doc_files/2011CongressScholarApp.pdf.

Continuing education credits will be available for educators (through Montgomery County Community College), for recreation and park professionals and landscape architects (through Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society), and for water and wastewater operators (through the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, a DEP approved sponsor).

Please consider becoming a financial sponsor of the Congress. For more information about sponsorships, go to: http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/pdf/2011_CongressSponsorshipForm.pdf

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