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Partners & Possibilities

Lori Reynolds will discuss the origins of the Schuylkill Action Network (SAN), the nature of the problems which SAN is addressing, what the data shows in terms of targets of opportunities, and highlights of some early successes. Additional information about the Schuylkill Action Network may be found on the SAN website at www.schuylkillactionnetwork.org.

Background: The Schuylkill River is the largest tributary to the Delaware River. The watershed is a source of drinking water for over 1.5 million people. The Philadelphia Water Department conducted a source water assessment for nearly the entire Schuylkill River. The data collected through the assessment process identifies acid mine drainage, agricultural practices, storm water runoff, and sewage overflows as the major sources of pollution. The Schuylkill Action Network (SAN) was formed to improve and protect water resources through a coordinated and systematic approach. EPA along with the City of Philadelphia Water Department, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), and the Delaware River Basin Commission are the core directors in the Schuylkill Action Network. SAN includes integrated workgroups and support teams focused on addressing the threats to the river as identified in the source water assessment. Each workgroup is charged to work in partnership with state agencies, local watershed organizations, water suppliers, the local government, and the federal government to transcend regulatory and jurisdictional boundaries in the implementation of protection measures. The technical workgroups are using data to prioritize projects for the protection of water quality and are actively implementing identified projects; a coordinated approach to funding is being promoted. SAN involves all levels of government, nonprofit organizations, foundations, businesses, and individuals. Early successes of the Network include the development and implementation of a protection strategy and the selection of the Schuylkill River Watershed for a National Targeted Watershed Initiative Grant.

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