

# Urban Conservation Accomplishments - 2008

## Urban Update

<u>Soil Erosion and Sediment Control</u>	Plans	Acres Protected with BMPs
Residential Sites	328	10,352.4
Commercial Sites	155	1,503.2
Governmental Projects	41	893.2
Standard Plan Sites	34	34.0
Forest Harvest Sites	9	171.0
Mining and Fill Sites	7	1,407.9
Green Stamp Plans	51	—
Conceptual Reviews	3	—
<u>Rough Grading Permits</u>	39	1,097.0
<u>Subdivision Plans</u>	3	—
<u>Pond Plans</u>	54	—
<u>Pond As-Builts</u>	48	—
<u>Exempt Pond Plans</u>	41	—
Total Plans	813	Acres 15,458.7
 Total Number of Plan Reviews		1,960
Average Review Time in Days		2.8

## Pond and Dam Safety Training for Engineers

The Urban staff is scheduled to begin training for Engineers from DPW&T in spring 2009 which will be led by Senior District Engineer, Lance Gardner. The training courses will be held at the PGSCD building and will consist of 5 classroom sessions followed by quarterly meetings held throughout the year. District Engineers, Engineers, Engineer Techs, and Chief Inspectors will be in attendance. The pond training agenda will include various topics including Soils, Hazard Classifications, Structures, Stabilization Methods, and As-Builts.



## Urban Staff Goes "Green"

Along with the entire PGSCD staff, the urban staff members have been enthusiastically contributing to the County Offices Recycling Program throughout this past year in an effort to conserve and prevent



plastic, aluminum, and paper waste. The urban section has been the primary donor of paper materials as thousands of dispensable sediment control plans have been recycled. Since joining the recycling program in summer 2008, the paper weight totals for 7 months have been recorded as 2,400 lbs. The urban staff looks forward to continually filling up the recycling bins and doing their part to help the environment!

## Sediment Control Inspector Field Training

In addition to classroom training provided by PGSCD, county inspectors also received field training to prepare for the MDE annual delegated review. This was held in early October 2008 over a period of 6 days and was conducted by 2 urban staff members from PGSCD, the chief inspector, and the inspector for the area being visited. Inspector checklists developed during the classroom training were employed during the site visits as an assessment tool, and were used to develop an overall agreement of the site's status. Emphasis was placed on some areas of special concern such as proper installation of sediment controls, proper stabilization, and updating of sediment control approvals. This field training program was found to be extremely helpful to the county inspectors and PGSCD received positive feedback from all involved.

