

## The Statewide Water Resources Committee

The sub-committee on Water Conservation has met three times since its formation in May 2007. Those meetings, along with the efforts of several subcommittee members and DEP staff outside of these meetings, have produced an understanding of the committee's role. Specifically, we believe that the establishment of the Technical Assistance Center ("TAC") (as required under Act 220) will provide the nucleus for future conservation efforts. The Susquehanna River basin Commission and Delaware River Basin Commission are currently developing the framework for TAC. This project is being funded by DEP, through Growing Greener, and begins July 2007 and is scheduled for completion in June 2009. The Water Conservation Subcommittee will continue to provide input to SRBC and DRBC throughout the process by holding a series of regular meetings and periodic updates.

The various and significant issues covering such areas as definitions, incentives, penalties and goals relating to conservation, should be an output of the TAC. Accordingly, we believe the next step in the Committee's process, is to formulate four (4) specific action agendas ("SAA"). The agendas are to be addressed by 2 or 3 members of the subcommittee in a brief memorandum.

At our next subcommittee meeting on September 19, 2007, at 9:00 AM, we intend to establish these four (4) working groups and assign them one of the SAA's. We will discuss the content of these agendas and, in turn, the working group will be asked to respond in writing at an October 2007 meeting.

The four specific SAA's are:

1. Produce the mission statement of the TAC under Act 220.
2. Where should the TAC be housed? (i.e., governmental agency; for profit business coalition/organization; academic institution, non-profit/charitable entity; other)? What is the legal mechanics for its actual establishment?
3. What specific entities/organizations should be contacted to act as initial partners in establishing the TAC?
4. What are the funding requirements for the TAC over an initial start-up period (i.e. 1 year)? What funding sources exist?