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## LACKAWANNA COUNTY WATERSHED PROJECT RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT FROM PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER

**WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (June 21, 2011)** – Pennsylvania American Water announced today that seven watershed initiatives across the state have earned financial support through the company’s 2011 Environmental Grant Program, including a watershed reforestation project in Clarks Summit.

Pennsylvania American Water awarded the \$2,500 grant to the Clarks Summit Shade Tree Commission. With the funding, the organization will positively impact the community’s water resources and watershed by reforesting the junction of Summit Lake Creek and Leggett’s Creek. In addition to planting trees and shrubs, the group plans to conduct stream bed cleanup to prevent flash-flooding along Summit Lane Creek, as well as host an educational forum with other project partners, including the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Bureau of Forestry, Penn State Cooperative Extension’s Urban Forestry, and Clarks Summit Borough officials.

“In our seventh year of the Environmental Grant Program, I’m very proud of how we have partnered with so many community groups that share our dedication to the stewardship of Pennsylvania’s water resources,” said Pennsylvania American Water President Kathy L. Pape. “The local grant recipients deserve our support for their innovative project to raise awareness about protecting our watersheds.”

In Pennsylvania, a panel of judges selected this year’s winners from approximately 50 grant applications, which were evaluated on such criteria as environmental need, innovation, community engagement and sustainability.

In addition to the local grant, Pennsylvania American Water awarded its 2011 Environmental Grants to Marywood University (Lackawanna County), Pittsburgh Botanic Garden (Allegheny County), Dauphin County Conservation District, Brandywine Valley Association (Chester County), Southeastern Pennsylvania Resource Conservation and Development Council (Montgomery County), and Buffalo Creek Watershed Association (Washington County).

Pennsylvania American Water, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest publicly traded water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 2.2 million people. Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. With headquarters in Voorhees, N.J., the company employs more than 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to approximately 15 million people in more than 30 states, as well as parts of Canada. More information can be found by visiting [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).

## PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER SUPPORTS CLARKS SUMMIT WATERSHED PROJECT

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