

NPS Report to White Clay Creek Watershed Management Steering Committee

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Financials

NPS funds tracking log indicate as of October 26, 2016 there was a total of **\$119,485.45** remaining in the White Clay Watershed Association's Cooperative Agreement consisting of 2013 **(\$0.00)**; 2014 **(\$196.00)** ; 2015 **(\$26,567.45)** and 2016 **(\$92,722.00)** funds. Funds continue to be spent, **\$20,477.45** invoiced this quarter.

Section 7 Reviews:

1) Bogy Run; City of Newark Sewer Line Repair; David Hollowell Drive and Ray Street; Newark, DE- NPS conducted a review of the proposed sewer line repair and site restoration plans as depicted and described on construction drawings and streambank stabilization plans prepared by Pennoni Associates dated June 3, 2016. No "outstandingly remarkable resource values associated with the White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River exist in the immediate area of this project; however, DNREC believed that unconfirmed habitat that would support the federally threatened bog turtle (*Glyptemys muhlenbergii*) may exist in the general area above and below this project. DNREC believed that turtles might wander into the proposed work areas and placed a time of year restriction of April 1 thru June 15 during which no construction activities can take place in water or wetlands due to turtle migration during this time.

NPS concluded that the proposed City of Newark sewer repair project on Bogy Run that this project should not significantly or negatively impact White Clay Creek or its resource values, and should not adversely affect the White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River. Necessary precautions have been taken to limit erosion and sedimentation and to restore the site post construction. There are no wetlands or outstandingly remarkable resources associated with the White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic at the project location or within close proximity of the project site.

2) Eastern Shore Natural Gas – Pre filing application with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – Jennersville Loop Project – Upper Middle Branch White Clay Creek – West of West Grove, PA. NPS received notification this summer that Eastern Shore Natural Gas had filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to construct an additional gas line within the Right of Way of Eastern Shore Natural Gas pipeline which runs generally along and through the far western area of the White Clay Creek watershed, along Route 896 and Route 796. The project proposes 4 crossings of minor tributaries of the Middle Branch of White Clay Creek and passes through know bog turtle habitats and several wetlands. NPS is currently reviewing these crossings and potential impacts from this project.