



Water Finance Forum

Expanding the Reach of Resources and Innovation to Meet Critical Water & Wastewater Needs in the Central Appalachian Region

June 15-16, 2016

*Mountain Empire Community College Goodloe Center
Big Stone Gap, VA*

FREE REGISTRATION:

<http://goo.gl/q2U38K>

DAY 1	Wednesday June 15, 2016
8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome & Introduction Jim Gebhardt, EPA, Director Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center
Session 1 9:15 – 10:15 am	Defining the Water Challenge The value of planning, partnering, and effective communication. Jim Baldwin, Cumberland Plateau PDC, Executive Director The Honorable Clarence E. “Bud” Phillips, Chief Judge, Thirtieth Judicial District
10:15 – 10:30 am	Networking Break

<p>Session 2 10:30 – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Who are the Financial Players</p> <p>Hear from a panel of experts on funding and financing options and eligibilities for communities.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Donna Stanley, Coalfield Water Development Fund and Vice-President of Institutional Advancement and Executive, Director of Mountain Empire Community College Foundation</p> <p>Robert Hilt, USDA Rural Development</p> <p>James W. Ellars, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council</p> <p>April Helbert, VA Dept. of Health, Drinking Water SRF</p> <p>Andy Crocker, Southeast Rural Community Assistance (SERCAP)</p> <p>Joe Blevins, VA Dept. of Housing and Community Development, VA ARC and VA Community Development Block Grant Program</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch Provided</p>
<p>Session 3 1:00 – 1:45 pm</p>	<p>Partnering for Financial Success</p> <p>Discussion with financial and technical assistance providers.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Adrienne M. Vicari, P.E. Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. Manager, Financial Services</p> <p>Brent McCloskey, University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center</p> <p>Amy Swann, WV Rural Water Association</p>
<p>Session 4 1:45 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>Examples of Innovative Solutions</p> <p>Hear from regional examples that have used innovative partnerships and approaches to tackle water quality and infrastructure issues.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Rick Chitwood/Dahmon Ball, representing Pocahontas, VA – Drinking water regional partnership</p> <p>Kathy Emery/Jeff Brady, WV Dept. Environmental Protection – Innovative septic solutions and non-profit management association in Lincoln County, WV</p> <p>Ron Phillips, Executive Director Dickenson County PSA, VA – Micro systems to serve remote clusters of homes</p> <p>Pittsburg Botanic Gardens, PA – Coal mine restoration project</p> <p>Ryan Ellis – Interstate Mining Compact Commission, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Specialist - RECLAIM Pilot Project, abandoned mine land reclamation (AML), economic development, and job creation</p>

	Butch Lambert, VA Department of Mining, Minerals, and Energy - AML funds for water supply replacement and what DMME projects for future funding
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Networking Break
Session 5 3:30 – 4:30 pm	<p>Leveraging Multiple Sources of Funding</p> <p>Hear about successful projects that used funding from multiple sources and how these sources were combined.</p> <p>Brion Johnson, Deputy Executive Director, PENNVEST and Dave Henning PENNVEST Project Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muddy Run WWTP and collection system – USDA, ARC or EDA. PENNVEST funded a separate project that was part of the original overall Muddy Run project • Coudersport WWTP Upgrade – \$9.3M PENNVEST grant and loan, \$1M EDA, \$400k ARC • Shamokin Coal Township Junction SA WWTP Upgrade – \$20M PENNVEST loan and grant, \$17M USDA ARRA loan, \$3.6M local bond • South Creek, PA Centralized treatment combined with small flow facilities – \$4.6M, 100% grant from five sources including PENNVEST, H2O PA, CDBG, Federal SAAP, and DEP Safe Water
4:30 – 4:45 pm	Day 1 Wrap-Up

DAY 2	Thursday June 16, 2016
8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 – 9:15 am	<p>Morning Keynote</p> <p>The importance of planning for financial sustainability.</p> <p>Basil Gooden, State Director USDA Rural Development for the Commonwealth of Virginia</p>
<p>Session 1</p> <p>9:15 – 10:30 am</p>	<p>Technical and Financial Planning</p> <p>Hear from a panel on sustainable rate setting, asset management, and achieving financial wellbeing.</p> <p>L. Alan Harrison, P.E. Executive Director, Wise County Public Service Authority – How to plan for sustainable rate setting</p> <p>Greg Hurst, Thompson and Litton Engineering – The importance of asset management for informed decision making</p>
10:30 – 10:45 am	Networking Break
<p>Session 2</p> <p>10:45 – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Assessing Financial Health Exercise</p> <p>Walk through an exercise to measure key financial indicators for your utility.</p> <p>David Tucker, Project Director, Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</p>
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Forum Wrap-Up