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CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES



Charles Long

(Prison)
retired on
July 22, 2011
after 20 years of
service to the
county



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Smith**

(Courts)
will retire on
September 6, 2011
after 22 years of
service to the
county

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Lycoming County and Local Boy Scout Install Storm Drain Markers



Storm drains throughout the City of Williamsport and other Lycoming County communities bear a visual reminder to residents and visitors that only rain goes down the storm drain.

The County of Lycoming and Taylor Martin, an Eagle Scout candidate from Boy Scouts Troop 12, are partnering on an initiative to increase public understanding of stormwater infrastructure and prevent the entry of pollution into stormwater systems and our rivers.

The County has used grant funding to purchase 600 storm drain markers to be installed adjacent to storm drains (inlets) across the County. The marker is a highly durable,

blue and silver aluminum disc with a raised design featuring a jumping fish and the phrase “No Dumping – Drains to River.”

“Municipalities across the country have used public awareness campaigns to successfully reduce stormwater pollution,” said County Commissioner Jeff C. Wheeland. “We hope to have a similar impact in Lycoming County.”

For his Eagle Scout project, Martin will install approximately 300 storm drain markers within the City of Williamsport this summer. As part of the project, Martin will be responsible for coordinating the equipment and labor required to execute the project.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

A kickoff event, in which Martin installed the first marker with assistance from County staff, was held Tuesday, May 10 in front of the County Courthouse. Representatives of the City of Williamsport and Williamsport Municipal Water Authority were invited to participate.

Stormwater runoff flowing through cities and towns can accumulate a variety of pollutants, including hazardous chemicals, lawn fertilizers and pesticides, automotive fluids, road salt, yard debris, trash and pet waste, all of which enter municipal storm sewers. Many citizens, mistakenly believing that stormwater is treated, are unaware that the ultimate destination of stormwater runoff is a local stream or river. Consequently, they are ignorant of the impacts that polluted storm water can have on the local watershed where they obtain drinking water and enjoy recreational activities.

The Lycoming County storm drain marker project was planned in coordination with the Williamsport Area MS4 Coalition, a group of municipalities with regulated stormwater programs. The second phase of the storm drain marker project, in which the remaining markers will be installed in the County’s other major population centers outside of the City, is tentatively planned for a future Eagle Scout project.

Purchase of the storm drain markers was made possible by grant funding received by the Lycoming County Conservation District from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Special Projects Fund.



Left to right: Commissioner Jeff Wheeland; Walt Nicholson, interim executive director of the Williamsport Municipal Water Authority; Taylor Martin, and Williamsport Mayor Gabe Campana.