

# TRIPLE DIVIDE WATERSHED COALITION

**Scope:** Regional/Watershed

**Location:** Pennsylvania

## SCOPE:

- » Multiple watersheds
- » An alliance to protect the public drinking water sources in Alleghany, Genesee, and Susquehanna River regions.
- » All 9 public water systems in Potter County participate, along with a few in McKean County; each has a PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved Source Water Protection Plan.

## COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:

The TDWC is one of a handful of new Source Water Teams that have formed in Pennsylvania with assistance from the Water Resources Education Network (WREN), a project of the League of Women Voters of PA.

## MEMBERS:

- » Potter County Commissioners
- » Potter County Planning Commission
- » Potter County Conservation District
- » Potter County Emergency Management Office
- » Potter County Educational Council
- » Penn State Extension
- » Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- » PA Rural Water Association
- » PA League of Women Voters

## WATER CONCERNS:

- » Oil and gas drilling
- » Emergency response
- » Operation efficiency

## STRATEGIES:

- » Pro-actively evaluating susceptibility to contamination
- » Working to minimize or eliminate potential threats
- » Creating long-range protection strategies
- » Supporting local planning and inter-governmental cooperation
- » Encouraging public education initiatives

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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## RESULTS:

- » Awarded the prestigious Pennsylvania Governor’s Award for Local Government Excellence in the “Building Community Partnerships” category.
- » Penn State Extension is working with the TDWC to help deliver an educational program in local high schools entitled “Understanding Water Sources”
- » Agreement with the Tioga/Potter 911 Response System. The Emergency Management System has taken the watershed delineation GIS maps from the source water protection plans and made them an overlay in their system. If a spill occurs in any of the public water supply delineated recharge areas in Potter and Tioga Counties and 911 or emergency management is called, the PA DEP will be notified through the 911 Center and the appropriate public water supply will be notified, as well.