

Triple Divide Watershed Coalition

Scope: Regional/Watershed

Location: Potter County, Pennsylvania

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SCOPE:

Scope: Headwaters region of the Allegheny, Genesee, and Susquehanna River systems

Members: Approximately twenty water suppliers and government agencies.

Focus: Proactively 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, and any other activity to protect and preserve drinking water resources for future generations.

COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:

Founding members were water utilities and agencies serving residents in Potter County, Pennsylvania.

Founding members formed the organization in November 2011.

STRUCTURE/FUNDING:

The Triple Divide Watershed Coalition is entirely mission-driven, so there is no consistent funding mechanism. The member organizations involved volunteer their time to steer the progress of the Coalition.

MEMBERS:

Water Suppliers

Austin Borough, Pennsylvania
UPMC Cole- Coudersport, Pennsylvania
Coudersport Borough, Pennsylvania
Driftwood Borough, Pennsylvania
Galeton Borough, Pennsylvania
Genesee Township, Pennsylvania
Northern Tier Children's Home, Harrison Valley, Pa.
Roulette Township, Pennsylvania
Shinglehouse Borough, Pennsylvania
Ulysses Borough, Pennsylvania

Government Agencies

Potter County Commissioners, Planning, and GIS Offices
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3 (EPA Region 3)
United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Penn State Cooperative Extension- Potter County Offices
Potter County Conservation District
Martin Causer State Representative
Pennsylvania Rural Water

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

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.



Information current as of November 2020. Please check with the Collaborative contacts (or website if available) for the most up to date information. To find other source water collaboratives across the U.S. or to add yours to the list, visit the Source Water Collaborative's [How To Collaborate Toolkit](#)