

**Organics Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm**  
**Allegheny College, Meadville, PA**

Those in attendance were: Bob Graves, Rick Stehouwer and Dan Ciolkusz (PSU); Andy Walker (PA Environmental Council); Guy Mcumber, Patti Olenick, and Regina Schweinsbery (PA-DEP), Dan Snowden (PennDOT), Terry Stacey and Brad Sollenberger (Blair County Dept. of Solid Waste & Recycling), Marcia Brisett (Applied Information Strategies), Christine Walker (Millcreek Township), Lorin Meeder (Cranberry Township), Skip Raabe (Beaver County Dept. of Waste Management), Amara Geffen and Etienne Ozorak (Allegheny College), Dan Arnett (Ernst Conservation Seeds), Tom Wilson and Joel Hunter (PSU/Crawford County Cooperative Extension), and Jan Arnold (PROP). Also in attendance were many students from Allegheny College.

The meeting began with registration and refreshments.

The “Welcome and Introduction” was given by Dr. Bob Graves, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, from Penn State.

A program under the title “Pressure on Carbon Resources – ‘everybody is talking about it’” was given. It included:

- Woodchips and similar biomass as an energy source – Tom Wilson, Agricultural Engineer, Crawford County Penn State Cooperative Extension
- Switch grass as a carbon source – Dan Arnett, Ernst Conservation Seeds
- Putting carbon back in the soil; year round cropping – Joel Hunter, Agronomist, Crawford County Penn State Cooperative Extension
- Please note that some presentations are available upon request.
- For further information, please visit [http://www.woodgas.net/wayne\\_keith.htm](http://www.woodgas.net/wayne_keith.htm) to read about Wayne Keith who uses woodgas in his truck instead of gas. Be sure to check the links on that page, too.

Discussion ensued.

We broke for a working lunch at noon which included Bob Graves leading the discussion regarding the various involvements of the committee. He also invited those in attendance to become members. Patti also reported on DEP activities and programs. This was followed by Amara Geffen, Director of Allegheny College’s Center for Economic and Environmental Development, who gave a presentation about Allegheny College’s Campus Sustainability Program. She also introduced Wendy Kedzierski, a Project Coordinator.

After her presentation, the group visited the compost facility for an educational tour by compost operator, Richard Porter.

The meeting adjourned around 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Arnold  
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