

Broader Public Focus Highlighted in PCEE Annual Report

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA – June 18, 2007 – The Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education will shift its focus in the coming year, providing professionals in a variety of fields with access to environmental information and resources, according to its 2007 annual report released Friday. The report is available to the public, online at www.pcee.org.

The report highlights current and upcoming initiatives, including the center's intention to link more Pennsylvanians with resources that advance sustainability—the combination of sound environmental policy and economic good sense.

“As we increasingly become aware that ‘green makes green,’ it is even more important to make sure that professionals in all walks of life have access to resources that will save them money and support environmental quality,” said Kathleen Paul, center director. “Environment and economy no longer need to be at odds – in fact, there is strong evidence that the healthiest economy also supports the healthiest environment.”

The PCEE website will continue to offer numerous educational resources for teachers and the general public, including an Environmental Education Events Calendar and an online directory of Environmental Education facilities (e.g., state parks and nature centers) located in Pennsylvania. An environmental library collection will soon be available through the Access Pennsylvania Database, which serves anyone in the state with a valid library card.

The 2007 report also documents an increase in website hits and electronic newsletter recipients, indicating that a growing number of people are accessing the resources provided by PCEE.

About PCEE: The Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) was created by Executive Order of the Governor in 1997 to “provide an avenue for increased participation by educators, local officials, citizen and non-profit groups, business and industry as partners in the implementation of quality environmental education on a state-wide basis.” Administered by the PA State System of Higher Education, PCEE is housed at Slippery Rock University.

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