



Executive Director's Report

November/December 2015

- **Pre-weatherization Program** – This program is now fully staffed by Catholic Charities and launched. Applications are now being processed for low income individuals requiring necessary home repairs in advance of weatherization assistance. We will start reporting performance measures for this program on our next Program Activities Report
- **Assisted Home Performance with Energy Star Program** – This new program is now up and running, marketing through a direct mail campaign started in December. We will start reporting performance measures for this program on our next Program Activities Report
- **Cadmus Evaluability Study** – We are expecting the final report mid-January, we have been working closely with the Cadmus staff on the final details and recommendations. We are using data from this study to project our activity for the next three years and we are sharing those projections with the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee to assist them in developing statewide energy savings projections.
- **Webpage Improvements** – We have added a “Your Utility” page to our website in an effort strengthen our position as the “one stop shop” for information on energy efficiency and renewable energy. The page links to programs offered by the electric and gas utilities. We are also in the process of developing a “Your Farm” page.
- **2016 Bond Issue** – The 2016 Bond Working Group and our Bond Counsel are finishing up their work on the updated ESPC Guidebook and Bond Documents. We have a contract with George McDowell to assist school districts through the decision process.
- **Solar Resiliency Pilot Program** – Last month we reported that we received only one proposal to the RFP, and it was priced far above all projections. We have decided to work with this company to see if the project can be altered into something that is cost effective. The extension of the Federal Tax credit gave us an opportunity to continue with the project.
- **Green Banking Study** –The Coalition for Green Capital Phase II study is now complete. A presentation will be given to the Board in January.
- **Net Zero Energy Manufactured Housing Study** – Phase II of the study is nearly complete; draft recommendations are being reviewed. Once we have an acceptable draft, we will return to the Energy Program Committee for review.
- **Community Energy Center Study** – We entered into a contract with the Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA) of Philadelphia to do a feasibility study for establishing Community Energy Centers in Delaware. They have now completed their stakeholder meetings and are working on their analysis and recommendations. We hope to have something for the March meeting.
- **Farm Loan\Grant Program** –We have received a program design for Agricultural Producer Program that combines grants, loans, and audit services. The program is designed to be compatible with existing programs offered by the USDA. We are currently reviewing the proposal and will seek input from the agricultural community and our own Program Committee.