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Best Kept Secrets Revealed
Wallace & Pancher, Inc.
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Do you want to know a secret? There is a rapidly growing engineering and environmental consulting firm right here in the Shenango Valley! You need not look any farther than 1085 South Hermitage Road to find *Wallace & Pancher, Inc.* "Our mission is to bridge the gap between engineering and ecology," says Dan Wallace, co-owner and chief engineer. That is not an easy gap to bridge, but *WPI* has been doing it successfully for over 6 years. Whether it is stream restoration using Natural Stream Channel Design, engineering and environmental design, GIS-based mapping, environmental permitting, wetland delineation or restoration, storm water improvements, construction projects, or recreational projects, *WPI* now has the professionals on staff to meet those needs. In 2007, *WPI* expanded their staff, adding environmental scientists, engineers, CAD/GIS technicians, and construction personnel to serve their clients. "We are currently adding a 3,200 square foot addition to our office, including more offices, a conference room, and a macroinvertebrate lab to accommodate our growing number of employees", says Brian Pancher, co-owner and ecologist. Not only has the number of personnel and building grown, but so has the list of clients and completed projects. "In 2007, we successfully completed a stream project for the coal industry using an innovative approach that has not been tried before in our region," said Wallace. "We also added GIS to the list of services we now offer our clients," added Pancher. Pancher and Wallace both admit that the company would not be so successful without their unique business relationship. "It's unusual to have a firm that contains both engineers and ecologists, the two just do not go hand-in-hand", says Pancher. However, with *WPI*, it is a relationship that has added a new twist to environmental engineering and has proven to be the best kept secret in the Valley!