

**Lancaster County Conservation District
Watershed Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
6:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.**

Farm & Home Center – Multipurpose Room, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

6:00 PM Meeting Called to Order

The following people were present: Amanda Goldsmith, Tyler Keefer, Grace Chamberlain, Matt Kofroth, Christopher Thompson, Deryk Shaw, Roger Rohrer, and Jeffrey Schmidt.

Welcome

Amanda Goldsmith discussed the mission statement for the watershed board committee. It is a work in progress and asked for board members to provide some input by the new year.

Successes & Celebrations for Watershed Program in 2024

Amanda Goldsmith highlighted multiple successes of the watershed program in 2024. Some of these include over 10 grants totaling 2 million dollars, 4 stream projects completed, 1 stream restoration project in progress, Lancaster-Lebanon Forum, expansion of the WQVC (volunteer monitoring program), and telemetry for the sondes (in-stream monitoring sensors). Roger Rohrer suggested the watershed team present a monitoring update to the board in 2025. There was some discussion on what that would look like but all committee members agreed that would be a great idea.

Watershed Nominee Review for LCCD 2025 Banquet

Amanda Goldsmith presented the only nominee for the 2025 Watershed Volunteer Award for LCCD's annual banquet. The nominees are Alison Zechman and Mike King. They have volunteered with WQVC (Water Quality Volunteer Coalition) for 6 years and lead the Climbers Run Lab. They train volunteers, manage data, and oversee multiple sites on the Pequea and other southern creeks. The committee unanimously agreed to nominate them for the banquet. The LCCD board will approve the nominees at the January board meeting.

Constellation Grant Proposal Review

Amanda Goldsmith and Grace Chamberlain presented five proposals for the Constellation Habitat Improvement Program Grant including K. Koons/LCC, Beiler Farm, Smucker Farm, Landis Farm, and Katie's Kitchen. All projects include a 35' riparian buffer and in-stream habitat improvement. Many of the projects include matching funding and in-kind costs from partners such as CBF and USFWS. Board committee members asked questions about signage, boating access, types of structures, and project connectivity. The committee agreed to approve all five proposals which were then given to the board for final approval at the December 4th board meeting. Then, all five proposals will be sent to DEP for final approval.

6:58 PM Meeting Adjourned

Next Scheduled Meeting
Wednesday, March 5th @ 6pm
LCCD Conference Room