



LANCASTER COUNTY Conservation District

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Lancaster Farm & Home Center

Zoom Info: <https://zoom.us/j/91731607863>

Business Meeting 7:30 PM

Timer

7:30	Invocation – Call to Order, Chairperson Sonia Wasco Welcome & Introductions – Sonia Wasco Additions to the Agenda – Christopher Thompson Public Comment: Survey media/guests: Agenda items of interest – Sonia Wasco	
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8:25	IV. <u>Reports & Information</u> 1. Correspondence, News, and Updates – Thompson 2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report – Stern (day of packet)..... - 3. Annual Awards Banquet Report – Hartz (attachment)..... 28 4. Tree Sale Report – Goldsmith (attachment) 28 5. PACD JAC Meeting Announcement – Wasco/Thompson (attachment)..... 28 6. Farm & Home Center Updates – Thompson (attachment) 30 7. 75 th Diamond Jubilee Gala/Photo Contest – Kofroth/Gregory/Chamberlain (attachment) 31	
9:00	V. <u>Additional Public Comment</u>	
9:05	VI. <u>Adjourn</u>	

(Directors, please call the District office if you will not be attending.)

Dates to Remember:

4/30, 8 am Sr. High Envirothon, Lancaster Central Park	5/26, Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed
5/8, Conservation Foundation Meeting	6/3-5, Audit Week
5/14 & 15, Jr. & Middle School Envirothon	6/6-14, 2025 Water Week

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 7:30 pm

At the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center

***Action Required**



Activity Report to LCCD Board of Directors April 2025

Lancaster Field Office Personnel:
Heather Grove, Supervisory District Conservationist
Mark Myers, Soil Conservationist
Joel Alicea Hernandez, Soil Conservationist
Christine Griesemer, Soil Conservationist
Brett Ramer, Soil Conservationist
Camila Martinez Sanchez, Soil Conservationist
McKinley Morris, Soil Conservationist

Brittany Moore, Civil Engineering Technician
Brian Burns, Soil Conservation Technician
Lari Jo Walker, Program Assistant, Capital R&D
Jeff Sholly, Engineer, PACD
Ashley Spotts, Restoration Specialist, CBF
Elli Liput, Biologist, PF (Dauphin, Lebanon & Lancaster)
Sophia Gilbert, Biologist, PF (York & Lancaster)

Conservation Planning Activities*:

FY24 Total (#)	FY24 Total (Ac)	FY25 Mo. Total (#)	FY25 Mo. Total (Ac)	FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (Ac)
52	2,143.4	12	754.3	32	1,392.7

*SEE "ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSERVATION PLANS" REPORT

Conservation Practice Installation Activities*:

Practice Code & Name	FY24 Total	FY25 Mo. Total	FY25 Total
313 - Waste Storage Facility (no)	16	-	9
362 - Diversion (ft)	2,847	-	-
367 - Roofs & Covers (no)	5	-	6
382 - Fence (ft)	23,260	2,734	13,762
412 - Grassed Waterway (ac)	9.01	0.1	2.3
516 - Livestock Pipeline (ft)	1,548	-	3,843
561 - Heavy Use Area Protection (sq ft)	28,364	-	19,005
575 - Trails & Walkways (ft)	2,389	-	2,651.5
578 - Stream Crossings (no)	6	-	1
600 - Terraces (ft)	4,209	7,589	15,677
614 - Watering Facility	8	-	1
620 - Underground Outlet (ft)	7,538	1,419	5,932
634 - Waste Transfer System (no)	10	-	5
327 - CREP Conservation Cover (ac)	6.91	-	-
391 - CREP Riparian Forest Buffer (ac)	38.5	5.9	34.38
390 - CREP Riparian Herbaceous Buffer (ac)	-	-	-

*REFLECTS COMMON PRACTICES INSTALLED THROUGH NRCS & FSA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; DOES NOT REPRESENT ALL PRACTICES INSTALLED.

Financial Assistance Conservation Program Activities:

- Financial Assistance Contract Obligation:

Program	FY24 Total (#)	FY24 Total (\$)	FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (\$)
EQUIP/AMA	9	\$930,145	3	\$38,550
EQUIP IRA	28	\$1,882,991	12	\$634,373
CSP	2	\$42,023	-	-
CSP IRA	2	\$83,459	-	-
RCPP	8	\$1,655,281	-	-
TOTAL	49	\$4,593,929	-	-

- Financial Assistance Payments:

Program	FY24 Total (\$)	FY25 Mo. Total (\$)	FY25 Total (\$)
ALL PROGRAMS	\$2,371,782.02	\$63,334.08	\$2,061,220.72

Conservation Easement Program Activities (ACEP):

- ACEP Acquisition Activities:

Program/Activity	FY24 Total (#)	FY24 Total (ac)	FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (ac)
ALE Easement Requests	-	-	-	-
ALE Easement Closings	-	-	1	39.405
WRE Easement Requests	-	-	1	4.5
WRE Easement Closings	-	-	-	-

- Easement Annual Monitoring Activities

Program/Activity	FY24 Total (#)	FY25 Total (#)
GRP Monitoring - Offsite	1	-
GRP Monitoring - Onsite	0	1
WRP/WRE Monitoring - Offsite	6	7
WRP/WRE Monitoring - Onsite	5	4
FRPP/ALE Monitoring - Onsite	4	-

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Activities (CREP):

- Approved Plans:

	FY24 Total (#)	FY24 Total (Ac)	FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (Ac)
New	11	66.27	-	-
Re-enrollments	7	76.66	-	-

Notable Meetings & Trainings:

- 4/2 - Urban & Small Scale Farm Conservation Opportunities Meeting w/ Lancaster County Official, Lancaster (Grove & Alicea Hernandez)
- 4/7-11 - Agricultural Conservation Technical "Boot Camp" Training Level II, Harrisburg & Fort Indiantown Gap (Burns & Morris)
- 4/29 - LCWP Spring 2025 Full Partners Meeting, Strasburg (Grove)

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather L. Grove
District Conservationist

Item I.2

May 2025 DEP Conservation District Field Rep Talking Points

Growing Greener and 319 Grant Round

The Growing Greener and the 319 Grant Rounds **opened on April 22**. The Growing Greener website has been updated for the 2025 grant round. Interested parties should visit the website: [Apply for a Department of Environmental Protection Growing Greener Plus Grant](#) to watch application tutorials and apply for grants. All applications must be submitted through the eGrants online system. The Application period ends **June 20, 2025**.

FY 2025-2026 Watershed Specialist Contract Renewal

The current Conservation District Watershed Specialist (CDWS) Grant is entering its third year in July. On an annual basis, each conservation district administering this grant must request the renewal of the grant in order for funding to continue. Details were emailed to conservation districts on **April 21st**. The items of note include:

- Districts have until **May 30th** to return both the renewal form and budget worksheet in advance of the start of the new state fiscal year.
- In addition to the general funding for the position, the renewal request and budget may include a request up to \$5,000 in mini-grant funding.
- On the DEP website, the Watershed Specialist webpage ([CDWS webpage](#)) has been updated and includes links to several documents which also have been updated.

FY 2025-2026 Contracts and Applications

Program staff are preparing applications and forms for several programs for FY 2025-2026. Districts should watch for email notifications inviting them to update budgets and grant renewals sometime in late May or early June for the following Programs:

Nutrient Management/Manure Management Budget Update
Chesapeake Bay Technician Budget Update
Chesapeake Bay Engineer/Engineer Assistant Budget Update

State Water Plan Regional Advisory Committees

The Department is in need of the insights, expertise, and passion of County Conservation District Directors to serve on the State Water Plan's regional advisory committees. These committees represent a unique opportunity to meet with a multidisciplinary committee with diverse backgrounds to discuss Pennsylvania's water resources. The next round of meetings is in October, in person as well as virtually. We are looking especially for representatives from Potter, Crawford, Erie, Franklin, Adams, Fulton, Bedford, or Somerset counties.

Pennsylvania Agriculture Conservation Stewardship (PACS) Certification Verifier Training

A training for all verifiers participating in the soft release of the PACS training was provided by staff from the DEP Agriculture Compliance Section, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) and State Conservation Commission (SCC). Representatives from Team Ag, Inc., Larson Design Group, Inc., Hubert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., Chester County Conservation District, Lancaster County Conservation District, and Clearfield County Conservation District participated in the training, and are working to be approved PACS verifiers. A training for all interested PACS verifiers is scheduled for July 29, 2025, in preparation for a broad release of the program during Ag. Progress Days 2025. – **Kate Bresaw, 717-772-5650**

Release of new Manure Management Plan Nutrient Balance Sheet Documents

The new Manure Management Plan Nutrient Balance Sheet Spreadsheet and Word version will be released at the beginning of May. To find these new documents, visit PSU's Nutrient Management Program website, <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/nutrient-management>. Along with the ability to perform nutrient calculations to determine manure application rates, this spreadsheet also allows the user to print out a Summary page and a Winter Spreading page that meet the requirements for Manure Management Plans. This removes the need for the user to copy all of the information from the Nutrient Balance Sheet spreadsheet into the MMP Workbook.

PAOnestop Manure Management Module

Staff from PSU are working with developers to create the Manure Management Plan module for PAOnestop. The module will integrate Nutrient Balance Sheet calculations, allowing users to complete all aspects of the Manure Management Plan on the website. This is on track to be completed by July 1st, with more announcements to come when we are closer to the release date. After the module's completion, farm operators will be able to complete both their Manure Management Plan and Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control Plan on PAOnestop.

Larson Design Group - Technical Assistance Program (TAP) Update

Larson Design Group, Inc. (LDG) will be opening a third round for project assistance requests from eligible County Conservation Districts (CCDs), providing technical services for projects focusing on nutrient and sediment reduction. Examples of program services include permitting, site survey, inventory and evaluation, project engineering and design, construction inspection, and project coordination.

LDG will be opening this round of technical assistance applications starting in June 2025. Please note that project eligibility parameters have changed for this round therefore, application instructions should be reviewed carefully.

Thank you to all CCDs who provided input regarding TAP late last year. Your time and contributions were greatly appreciated! For more information, please contact Tammy Piper at tapiper@pa.gov

Chapter 105 Program

Wetland Training Reminder - The DEP Water Obstruction and Encroachment Program has released a new training series, [*Constructed and Restored Wetlands in the Agricultural Landscape*](#), available on Clean Water Academy. This training was developed jointly by Penn State Extension and DEP. It is intended for agricultural producers, agricultural landowners and managers, and conservation professionals to understand current and historic wetland environments and losses and the potential for wetland restoration, creation, and treatment wetlands on agricultural operations. This online training consists of three interactive modules for learners to explore at their own pace. There was also [a pamphlet](#) developed for this training which can be distributed as well.

A primary goal of this training is to expand understanding and knowledge that wetland restoration can increase overall watershed health through nutrient and sediment processing and habitat restoration while still allowing productive agricultural operations. Often these restorations couple with stream restoration and take up no more than or less space than riparian buffers. The training series also focuses on design opportunities to have treatment wetland BMPs which also provide wildlife and waterfowl habitat, and restoration opportunities with mitigation banking. Conservation Districts are encouraged to take the training, but also promote the training as they interact with the public.

Chapter 105 SPEED Update – DEP has received bids from 27 firms resulting in the review of 130 individuals to be a possible Qualified Professional (QP) under the Chapter 105 SPEED Program for Individual Water Obstruction and Encroachment permits. All of the 27 current bids have been reviewed with 24 firms having at least one QP. Those 24 firms yielded 89 QPs and 41 individuals not meeting the requirements. DEP continues to present the SPEED Program at stakeholder and partner meetings, conferences, and trainings. DEP also continues with routine updates to partners and stakeholders. The draft SOP and training plan for Chapter 105 SPEED QPs are nearly completed and will be hosted on the Clean Water Academy.

Wetland Determinations Training Reminder - The Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands' Division of Wetlands Encroachment and Trainings developed a comprehensive 8-hour training, done over 6 courses, [Introduction to Wetland Determination – 2024](#), available on the Clean Water Academy (CWA). This training was done in collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) and the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). This training will be expanded over the next two years with current collaborators to eventually be a complete resource on wetland determinations within the state of Pennsylvania.

This training will give participants a basic understanding of how to properly recognize wetlands in Pennsylvania and at the conclusion they will be able to identify and evaluate the three components that make up a wetland; hydrology, hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soil. This training was designed specifically to meet DEP's regulatory programs related to wetland identification and the 1987 Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and the associated Regional Supplements. This training is not a substitute for field experience and is meant to be foundational educational information. These lessons do not cover all wetland topics, terms, or other information but are meant to provide relevant training for DEP and the public.

This training is available for all staff and public to access on the CWA as a valuable resource on wetlands in the state of Pennsylvania.

Chapter 102 Program

SPEED – DEP will continue to hold regular meetings with Districts to provide Chapter 102 SPEED updates as appropriate. DEP may also send email announcements as the start of SPEED gets closer, so be on the lookout for these invitations and emails. The Chapter 102 Individual Permit will be the first to start accepting SPEED applications.

Chapter 102 Documents - Many Chapter 102 documents have been revised or created in the last year, and a [summary](#) of these documents is available publicly on DEP's [E&S Resources](#) page. The remainder of these documents became effective March 8, 2025. Failure to submit the latest versions of these documents should be considered a completeness deficiency. It is important to note that as we move forward with the effectiveness of new or updated forms that unless there is a specific date given (such as the March 8, 2025, date) it is permissible to accept older versions of 102 permit documents for up to six (6) months from the latest revision date on the document.

Chapter 102 Training

- **2025 Chapter 102 New Hire Small Group Training** – Participants must complete the Chapter 102 Level 1 Training Program before registering. It is also recommended to review the specific E&S Manual chapters prior to attending the trainings. Registration is available through [Clean Water Academy](#). Limited to the first 10 people who register.

Channels

June 17, 2025, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

September 9, 2025, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

December 9, 2025, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

- **Chapter 102 Basic Training** – BCW is already gearing up for its biggest training event of 2025. Save the date for Chapter 102 Basic Technical Training May 19-23, 2025, at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg – Hershey in Harrisburg, PA. This training is open to Conservation District and DEP staff who work with the Chapter 102 program. The curriculum is designed for new or newer technicians and incorporates classroom learning and a field component. New staff are encouraged to participate in Basic Training for two years, if possible. Registration is open on the CWA.
<https://pacleanwateracademy.remote-learner.net/course/view.php?id=1409>
- **In-Person Regional E&S Training** – BCW continues to offer six in-person E&S technical training sessions throughout 2025. Participation will be limited to allow adequate training, with newer District staff given priority. Districts are encouraged to bookmark the dates below; invitations and registration information will be sent as the events get closer:
 - Northwest: June 11th (Registration closes May 28th)
 - Northcentral: August 20th
 - Southeast: September 17th
 - Southwest: October 22nd
- **Webinars** – BCW will continue to hold topic-based webinars throughout 2025. Meeting invitations will be emailed out as early as possible to allow staff to schedule around them. Most webinars will either be recorded or converted into a Clean Water Academy lesson, but District staff are *strongly encouraged* to attend live. Doing so allows staff to actively ask questions that may help not just them but others on the call, and also ensures everyone is up to date with the 102 Program.

The recent [Discharge Points \(DPs\) vs Points of Analysis \(POAs\) training](#) is now available in Clean Water Academy for everyone, no login needed. Staff should feel free to direct applicants and consultants to this training.

Clean Water Academy

Clean Water Academy Surpasses 50,000 Completed Courses – The Bureau of Clean Water is excited to share that the **Clean Water Academy (CWA)** has surpassed **50,000 course completions** since its launch! Of the 52,264 total course completions, **23,165 (45%)** were completed by conservation district staff. In addition, district staff completed a total of **777 training programs** during this reporting period.

To celebrate this milestone, the Bureau of Clean Water partnered with PACD to develop a **Clean Water Academy Report** highlighting key insights on course engagement and completion trends.

While the report focuses on platform success and completion data for Conservation Districts, we also want to recognize the many **DEP Water Program staff** who have played a vital role in developing and supporting CWA content—your contributions are a big part of what makes this resource so impactful!

If you haven't explored the CWA yet, now's the perfect time. It's a valuable online training library for **DEP staff, conservation districts, sewage enforcement officers, and the public**—supporting both onboarding and continued learning.

New Course

[Course: Proper Stormwater Conveyance: During and After Construction](#)

At the end of this course, learners will understand how land use changes impact stormwater runoff, recognize natural flow conditions, and identify appropriate conveyance practices during and after construction. The course will also cover proper drainage areas, temporary conveyance strategies, and the importance of both short- and long-term maintenance.

Chesapeake Bay Program

CAP Program Update Regarding Disadvantaged Communities in Most Effective Basins -

Previously, CAP Grant funds awarded from federal sources were required to be directed toward projects located within geographically identified disadvantaged communities (DC) within most effective basins (MEB).

In compliance with recent Executive Orders and Agency Guidance, the EPA requirement to target federal funding to disadvantaged communities (MEB DC) has been rescinded. All other MEB requirements as detailed in [Attachment 9](#) of the EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO) Grant Guidance remain in effect.

EPA has rescinded the MEB DC layer and updated the link to the online MEB map. The MEB map is now located here: <https://gis.chesapeakebay.net/wip/meb/>

Upcoming Webinars

- May 7th Webinar Wednesday
 - Purpose: Summary of outreach to Plain Sect communities in the Octoraro Creek Watershed and implementation of upstream agricultural best management practices (BMPs) on predominantly Plain Sect farms in Lancaster and Chester Counties.
 - Presenters: Tyler Shenk with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, Alexandra Neumann with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, and Jeremy Weaver with Weaver Environmental Consulting
- June 4th Webinar Wednesday
 - Perspectives on CAP Program Administration: Participants will learn practical steps to successfully execute projects from concept to completion via the RFP and contracting process.
 - Presenters: Josh Glace with Larson Design Group, Allyson Gibson with Lancaster Clean Water Partners, and Lancaster County Conservation District
- July 2nd Webinar Wednesday
 - Participants will learn about buffer programs' structure, highlights, and successes – Blair County, York County, and DCNR
 - Presenters: Chelsey Weyant and Sarah Oreskovich with Blair County Conservation District, Rachel Stahlman with York County Planning Commission, and DCNR staff

If you would like to participate in one of the Webinar Wednesday sessions and do not already have the Teams Meeting information, you may contact Jim Spatz at jspatz@pa.gov

Clean Water Action Teams Meeting Throughout 2nd Quarter

Since the second annual Clean Water Gathering was held on January 23, 2025 (addressing priority action area challenges generated at the inaugural October 2023 Clean Water Gathering), the DEP Chesapeake Bay Team has organized Clean Water Action Teams to implement the specific recommended Success Strategies that were presented at the Clean Water Gathering.

Kick-off meetings are being held throughout the second quarter of this year to bring together identified Committed Partners and Progress Team Members that helped develop the recommended Success Strategies.

Collecting Newsletter Items for the May 2025 Edition of the Healthy Waters Newsletter

If you are aware of a recently completed CAP project, please email Jim Spatz at jspatz@pa.gov. The CAP Program would like to feature CAP success stories from a variety of counties in every issue. These projects can be partially or wholly funded by CAP.

Dates to Remember

SCC Meetings – 10:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting.....May 20
In-Person Meeting July 17

SCC Conference Calls – 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Conference Call June 17
Conference Call Aug 19

PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference

Seven Springs Resort, Somerset County July 15-17

Section 319 Virtual Watershed Planning and Implementation Meeting

May 27-28

2025 Annual CD Watershed Specialist Meeting

Wyndham Garden, State College Oct 7-8

Also, check the Conservation District Training/Special Events Calendar at, www.PACD.org. Select the "Events" tab and then the "Training Calendar" tab.

Item II.1

LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 2, 2025

The 874th regularly scheduled Board Meeting of the Lancaster County Conservation District (LCCD) was held in person at the Farm and Home Center for Directors and via Zoom Call-In on April 2, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

The following Directors were present: Sonia Wasco, Chairperson; Herb Kreider, Geoffrey Rohrer, Gordon Hoover, Kent Weaver, and Deryk Shaw.

The following Associate Directors were present: Jennifer Engle, Jay Snyder, Bob Shearer, and Dan Zimmerman.

The following District Staff were present: Chris Thompson, Amanda Goldsmith, Stacey Hertz, Matt Kofroth, Sam Adams, Shannon Erdman, Eric Hout, and Sallie Gregory.

The following Cooperating Agency representatives was present: Chaz Heberlig, DEP Field Representative.

The following visitors were present: None present.

Jennifer Engle provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: Staff were highlighted around the room.

Additions to the Agenda: No Additions.

Amanda Goldsmith reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

An opportunity was given for public comment: None offered.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS

Chris Thompson reported on Heather Grove's behalf. In addition to the written report, he reviewed an email from Heather reporting on the situation with the USDA plans for another round of staff reduction.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberlig highlighted the topics from his written report.

II. Consent Agenda

Sonia Wasco gave the opportunity for Directors to withdraw any of the items from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion. Gordon Hoover moved to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Roger Rohrer. The motion passed unanimously.

#1 – Minutes of March 5, 2025 Board meeting.

#2 – Technical Assistance Requests/Cancellations

#3 – Nutrient Management Plan Approvals

#4 – Conservation Plan Acknowledgement

Item II.2

Requests for Technical Assistance

APPLICANT	TITLE	TOWNSHIP	SIZE	ASSISTANCE
None Submitted				

Item II.3
Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
March 2025 Activity
April 2, 2025 Board Meeting

To: The Lancaster County Conservation Board of Directors Nutrient Management Plan Review Committee:
 I respectfully submit these Nutrient Management Plans and/or Plan Amendments to the Nutrient Management Plan Review Committee.
 I recommend these plans to be approved by the Board. The plans are for the following operations:

OWNER	TOWNSHIP	OPERATION	DESIGNATION	AEU's /ACRE	REVIEWER	PLAN #
Lloyd Ray Weaver	West Earl	Poultry	CAO	4.48	Brodbar	263
Mary Martin	Rapho	Layer	CAO	29.63	Riebling	1392
Daniel Martin	Elizabeth	Turkey	CAO	180.43	Bosworth	2340
Brian Eshbach	Manor	Swine	CAO	2.76	Reuter	236
Jay Zimmerman	Clay	Broiler	CAO	4.21	Bosworth	486

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors									
Technician:									
Date Range:									
NMP Name	Municipality	Plan Update Submission Date	Original NMP Approval Date	Planner ¹	Species ²	AEUs	Regulated Operation Type ³	Date Plan Acknowledgment Letter Sent	Reason for Update
The Barley Farms	Manor	3/17/2025	3/1/2023	Devin Gerlach	Broilers/ Beef	355.57	VAO CAFO	3/19/2025	Simple Update

Nutrient Management Plan Transfer for Board Acknowledgment:
March 2025 Activity
April, 2025 Board Meeting

Owner	Proposed Transfer Date	Township	Operation	Designation	AEU's/Acre	Reviewer	Plan #
Yippee! Farms LLC to Brubaker Farms, LLC	4/15/2025	Mount Joy	Dairy	CAO/CAFO	2.03	Lutz	48

Item II.4
Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)
The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the
March 5, 2024 Board Meeting:
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
None Submitted			

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Melvin Zook	1	Lauren Brodbar	Salisbury
Adam Zurin	1	Emma Riebling	Rapho
Robert Brubaker	1	Matt Schavnis	Mount Joy
Matthew Zimmerman	1	Kevin Seibert	Earl

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Agenda.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported on the Raymond James Fund, it decreased to 9.8% from 10.3% last reported. Currently there is \$128,469 in interest earned in that account. Stacey also reported that she opened a new account for the 2025 working capital for CAP. Under Income and Expenses located under the General Operations there is -\$35,000 which is for the One-Ask donations in-house that should have been to the Foundation. Otherwise, the budget is on track minus some reimbursement money waiting to be received from programs. There were some discussions about issues we could be having in regards to the Federal funding freeze. To date, there have been very few impacts to our programs.

3. Personnel Committee Report

Dan Zimmerman reviewed the committee's recommendation and requested approval to accept Isabella Alvarado as the Summer Intern. Kent Weaver moved to approve, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget & Finance Report/2023 Audit

Matt Kofroth reviewed the management letter and requested approval for the 2023 Audit where there were no findings. Roger Rohrer moved to accept the 2023 Audit, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

5. E&S Committee Report

Eric Hout reviewed the committee discussions and requested approval to send the project at 5220 Paes Road to DEP for Enforcement in the event they do not correct their violations. There was discussion regarding the history of the site, and what enforcement would look like for this site. Gordon Hoover abstained from the vote. Roger Rohrer moved to approve, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report on Exelon Projects

Amanda Goldsmith reported that DEP has approved the list of projects approved at the January BOD meeting, and that they are able to start getting land agreements to start moving forward on the projects.

IV. Reports & Information

1. Correspondence, News, and Updates

- State Technical Committee (STC) Meeting Agenda Invitation
- Environmental Article highlighting LCCD water quality monitoring and stream restoration efforts.

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Eric Hout highlighted the E&S Report. There was discussion about the number of E&S plans being submitted still being higher than the regional average.

3. PACD Executive Committee Report

Sonia Wasco reported on Brenda Shambaugh's resignation, and that Amy Brown was named the acting-Executive Director of PACD for the next six months. There is also the potential for a \$300 increase in the annual dues.

4. Banquet Report

Sam Adams shared on the Banquet Committee Report following the 72nd Annual Awards Banquet.

5. Tree Sale Report

Amanda Goldsmith highlighted the Tree Seedling Sale details, when pick up is, and what to expect on April 11.

6. Education Advisory Committee Report

Sallie Gregory highlighted her spring activity report.

7. Municipal Outreach Report

Amanda Goldsmith highlighted the summary of the four regional municipal outreach meetings.

VI. Additional Public Comment:

No additional comments.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Morgan Regan".

Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist

MEMORANDUM

TO: Christopher Thompson, Lancaster County Conservation District

FROM:

Gordon B Hoover

SUBJECT: Abstention from Voting and Deliberations

In order to comply with Section 1103(j) of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, I wish to publicly announce at today's meeting my abstention from voting or deliberating on Agenda

'Item # 111.5 - 5220 Paes Road Salisbury Twp Compliance
Please also have this memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting.

Reasons for Abstention:

TWP Supervision


Signature

4/2/2025
Date

Lancaster County Makes the Switch to Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring Systems

By [Samantha Baxter](#) on March 3, 2025

SHARE TWEET SHARE 0 COMMENTS

Continuous data collection in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, started about 5 years ago, and the county will be making a major upgrade over the next year—switching from relying solely on the internal storage of water quality sondes to telemetry units that enable real-time data viewing.



The first telemetry unit was installed at LCCD along Little Conestoga Creek. (Credit: Tyler Keefer / LCCD)

Telling Lancaster County's Story Through Data

Since the Lancaster County Conservation District started monitoring county waterways, the goal has remained the same, according to Amanda Goldsmith, Watershed Specialist for the Watershed Department.

"Our goal is to tell our own story as we try to restore Lancaster's streams through restoration and other best management practices," states Goldsmith.

Because Lancaster is predominantly an agricultural county with about 5000 farms and a lot of urban development, according to Goldsmith, there is a lot of conflicting land use in the county that makes reducing outputs difficult.

However, the department works with county, state, and federal groups to respond to non-point source pollution by working with farms, land owners, and construction companies to implement specialized best management practices and reduce influxes of contaminants.

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Amanda Goldsmith at a recently planted riparian buffer on Mill Creek. (Credit: Tyler Keefer, LCCD)

At the same time, the Lancaster County Conservation District oversees and manages stream restoration projects that improve waterway health via the installation of forested riparian buffers and targeted habitat restoration projects.

Monitoring efforts help establish a baseline of conditions in the waterways before, during, and after restoration and implementation of best management practices. Current efforts will contribute to a future data pool that allows operators to see the history of the county in water health.

Presently, the data collected helps the Lancaster County Conservation District measure outputs from county waterways to the Chesapeake Bay. In the Bay Watershed in Pennsylvania, Lancaster alone is tasked with reducing 21% of nitrogen and 23 % of phosphorous loads.

Switching to telemetry units is just the next step in improving the department's data collection and building a better data pool for future use.



Noelle Cudney and Amanda Goldsmith demonstrate stream measurements for water quality monitoring volunteers. (Credit: Linda Saad)

Switching to Telemetry in Lancaster

The small water quality monitoring team of Goldsmith, Noelle Cudney (Data Coordinator), and Tyler Keefer (Watershed Resource Specialist) manage a network of 15 **YSI EXO2** sondes throughout Lancaster County. The sondes continuously measure turbidity, pH, conductivity, temperature, total dissolved solids, and dissolved oxygen at various stations in the county.

While the team has historically relied on the internal storage of the sondes to hold data, this approach led to data gaps when instrumentation failed in the field without the team knowing. Since the team is so small, sites are typically only visited every seven weeks to collect data and calibrate sondes, meaning that a failure could lead to days or weeks of lost data.

Thanks to funding from the Lancaster County Commissioners through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, the Lancaster County Conservation District purchased 15 **NexSens X3 data loggers** in 2024 to be added to their existing sonde deployments. The addition of the telemetry units will allow the team to view water quality data at any time, removing the need for site visits to download data.



Amanda Goldsmith, Noelle Cudney, and Grace Chamberlain checking for fish in the Conestoga River. (Credit: Dawn Rise Ekdahl)

The use of NexSens' **WQData LIVE** platform also allows the team to set up alerts for when water quality conditions are above or below an allotted threshold or if data collection has been paused for any reason.

Only five have been installed so far, with plans to deploy five more over the winter into early spring and the remaining five before the end of 2025. The team has already benefited from the change as they were alerted of a sonde failure due to battery life on the Little Conestoga, allowing the team to respond quickly and minimize interruptions.

Future site updates will depend on agreement from landowners as several of the systems are located on private property and will build on existing and future conservation efforts in the county.

Conclusion

Though the county's monitoring program is relatively new compared to older programs in the region, like the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and US Geological Survey, the program is important and ties back into the bigger picture of improving Lancaster streams.

Goldsmith explains, "We're not going to see these trends right away, but knowing that my work now, decades later, will finally start to show improvements, is really important."

She continues, "In Lancaster, we're starting to see tiny changes. They're not huge—they're not dramatic. We have a huge goal to reach... but we're seeing little changes. We're seeing fish communities improve, and that's from decades of work prior. It's rewarding to know we are contributing to that bigger picture and improving our local and downstream community."



Tyler Keefer installing an X3 telemetry unit along the upper Conestoga River. (Credit: Amanda Goldsmith / LCCD)

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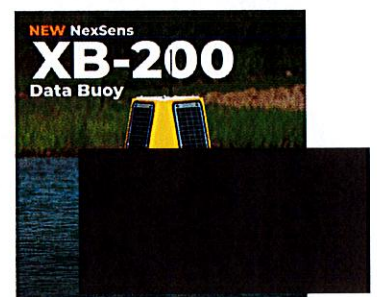
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State Technical Committee (STC) Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday, April 24, 2025

This meeting will be conducted both in-person at the PA NRCS state office and remotely via Microsoft Teams internet conferencing. The office address, meeting link and a call-in telephone number are provided at the end of this document.

1:00 pm Welcome – Denise Coleman, NRCS State Conservationist

1:10 pm Program Highlight/Presentation

- PA Fish and Boat Commission- PA NRCS Partnership for Voluntary Public Access-Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP); Penny V. Ayers, Esq., Division Chief, Public Access and Property Services

1:45 pm Technical Updates

- Engineering – Tim Peters, State Engineer
- Ecological Sciences – Dan Ludwig, State Resource Conservationist
- Soils – Yuri Plowden, State Soil Scientist

2:00 pm Partnership and Easement Program Updates

- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) – Melissa Hanner, Easement Program Manager

2:15 pm Financial Program Updates

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Ryan Cornelius, Program Manager
- Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) – Ashley Lenig, Program Manager
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)- Haley Dukes

2:35 pm Committee Input for Fiscal Year 2025

- Topic and/or Committee Suggestions?
- Open Forum for State Technical Committee members

***2025 Dates for State Technical Committee Meetings:**

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Wednesday, October 2025

Thursday, January 22, 2026

April 24, 2025; Microsoft Teams meeting link:

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Item II.2
Requests for Technical Assistance

APPLICANT	TITLE	TOWNSHIP	SIZE	ASSISTANCE
None				

Item II.3
Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
April 2025 Activity
May 7, 2025 Board Meeting

To: The Lancaster County Conservation Board of Directors Nutrient Management Plan Review Committee:
I respectfully submit these Nutrient Management Plans and/or Plan Amendments to the Nutrient Management Plan Review Committee.

I recommend these plans to be approved by the Board. The plans are for the following operations:

OWNER	TOWNSHIP	Operation	DESIGNATION	AEU's/ ACRE	REVIEWER	PLAN #
Lee & Sherrie Brown	Caernarvon	Equine	CAO	4.20	Heigel	352
Daniel S. Smucker	Caernarvon	Dairy	CAO	2.81	Heigel	334
Mike/Curtis Buckwalter	East Donegal	Swine/Beef	CAFO/VAO	1.66	Schavnis	387
Dennis Groff	Strasburg	Layer	CAFO/CAO	6.87	Brodbar	915
James Charles	Manor	Layer/Swine	CAFO/CAO	3.38	Reuter	234
Keith Frey	Manor	Layer	CAFO/VAO	1.98	Reuter	115
Jonas/Gerald Sensenig	Drumore	Swine	CAFO/VAO	1.59	Adams	268
Brian Nolt	Rapho	Swine	CAO	5.66	Riebling	141

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors

Technician:

Date

Range: Mar-25 Apr-25

NMP Name	Municipa lity	Plan Update Submission Date	Original NMP Approval Date	Planner ¹	Species ²	AEUs	Regulated Operation Type ³	Date Plan Acknowled gement Letter Sent	Reason for Update
Hershey Farms, LLC	Mount Joy	3/27/2025	9/7/2022	Devin Gerlach	Broiler s/ Swine	837.69	VAO CAFO	4/2/2025	Simple Update

Item II.4
Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)
The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the
May 7, 2025 Board Meeting:
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
David G. Bollinger	5	McKinley Morris	East Hempfield
David G. Bollinger	1	McKinley Morris	West Hempfield
Jacob R. Hess	1	McKinley Morris	Mount Joy
Shawn D. McKinney	1	Mark Myers	Brecknock
Cedar Meadow Farm LLC	3	Joel Alicea-Hernandez	Martic
Sweigart Farms LLC	1	McKinley Morris	East Donegal

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Wayne Powell	1	Emma Riebling	Rapho
Amos & Reuben Lapp	1	Jason Reuter	Colerain
Stephen Stoltzfus Jr.	1	Lauren Brodbar	West Earl
Randy Kreider	1	Josh Pullen	Manor
Jeff Mitchell	1	Josh Pullen	West Whiteland (Chester County)

Item III.2

10:25 AM
04/29/25
Cash Basis

Lancaster County Conservation District

Balance Sheet

As of April 29, 2025

ASSETS

Dst Accts

District General Fund

1001 · General Fund INVEST 1,466,542.70

1015 · General Fund Citizens 11,206.91

Total District General Fund 1,477,749.61

Raymond James/Fulton Advisors

Investment Unrealized Gain/Loss 72,500.92

Raymond James/Fulton Advisors - Other 750,000.00

Total Raymond James/Fulton Advisors 822,500.92

E & S

1002 · E & S - A 846,620.16

1005 · Clean Water - R 427,460.22

Total E & S 1,274,080.38

1003 · Youth Conservation School - C 1,065.08

1006 · Separation - A 39,546.15

1007 · Reserve

Reserved-LCCD Health 22-23 -A 899.80

Reserved-LCCD Health 21-22 -A 16,034.10

Reserved-LCCD Health 20-21 - A 0.00

Reserved-LCCD Health 19-20 - A 0.00

Reserved-LCCD Health 18-19 - A 0.00

Reserved-Capital - A 46,869.69

Reserved-Communication - A 24,000.00

Reserved-Computer Hardware - A 26,725.77

Reserved-NM Program - A 62,863.97

Reserved-NMP Vehicle - A 71,109.42

1007 · Reserve - Other 275,230.86

Total 1007 · Reserve 523,733.61

1008 · Scholarship - C

Bond Unrealized Gain/Loss - C -3,320.32

Scholarship Bonds - C 35,000.00

1008 · Scholarship - C - Other 12,027.03

Total 1008 · Scholarship - C 43,706.71

1009 · Dirt & Gravel Roads - R 237,889.44

1013 - Exelon - R 912,644.67

1014 - Low Volume Roads - R 369,576.69

1115 · Conservation Excellence - R 942,259.28

1118 · American Rescue Plan Act 1,191,968.87

1119 · Agriculture Conservation Assist 7,840,829.75

1120 · CAP 2024 875,983.82

1121 · ARPA 2024 104,538.08

1122 · SCC ACAP 24/25 2,065,171.24

1123 · DEP CAP 2025 1,518,936.00

1017 · Self-Funded Health Insurance -R 123,971.84

TOTAL ASSETS 20,366,152.14

\$1,154,013.61	General Operations - U
\$212,692.95	Grants without bank account - R
\$67,690.09	Activities Account - A
\$43,352.96	Tree Fundraiser Account - U
\$1,477,749.61	TOTAL

Fulton Advisors	Fulton + INVEST
Funds Invested	Balance
5/2/2022	4/29/2025
350,000	1,196,620.16
	<u>427,460.22</u>
	1,624,080.38
25,000	26,065.08
25,000	64,546.15
25,000	25,000.00
50,000	50,000.00
25,000	25,000.00
100,000	162,863.97
125,000	400,230.86
25,000	68,706.71
750,000	Initial Investment
822,501	Current value
9.7%	ITD Gain/Loss

\$1,777,359.15	A - Assigned Funds
\$94,771.79	C - Committed Funds
\$16,823,922.85	R - Restricted Funds
\$1,670,098.35	U - Unassigned Funds
\$20,366,152.14	TOTAL

10:25 AM
04/29/25
Cash Basis

Lancaster County Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of April 29, 2025

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2200 · YCS Liability 26,065.08

2016 · Health Insurance Liability 123,191.06

Total Other Current Liabilities 149,256.14

Total Current Liabilities 149,256.14

Total Liabilities 149,256.14

Equity

3000 · Opening Bal Equity 893,054.68

3900 · Retained Earnings 16,177,319.32

Net Income 3,146,522.00

Total Equity 20,216,896.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 20,366,152.14

Lancaster County Conservation District
Income and Expenses
January 1 through April 29, 2025

	General Operations	E&S	Activities & Tree Sale	Grants	Scholarship	Separation/ Reserve	Jan 1 - Apr 29, 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income									
520 · County Funding	295,000.00						295,000.00	295,000.00	0.00
530 · Program Contracts	671,876.49	53,000.00					724,876.49	579,540.92	145,335.57
560 · Grant Administration	224,572.83			180.00			224,752.83	271,877.75	-47,124.92
570 · Grant Project Income				5,130,204.57			5,130,204.57	2,530,958.25	2,599,246.32
580 · Fee / Reimbursement Income	2,302.40		1,950.00				4,252.40	1,531.92	2,720.48
581 · E&S102 Review Fees		249,375.00					249,375.00	223,951.38	25,423.62
582 · NPDES Permit Fees		45,500.00					45,500.00	28,097.21	17,402.79
590 · Interest Income	15,565.70	16,171.76		201,715.14	476.33	8,173.75	242,102.68	11,569.42	230,533.26
540 · Activity Income			9,076.21		2,463.00		11,539.21	2,479.17	9,060.04
585 · Tree Sales Income			39,677.00				39,677.00	0.00	39,677.00
595 · Other Income	(3,500.00)		4,000.00	531.30		6,905.40	7,936.70	0.00	7,936.70
599R · Interfund Transfer In			10,000.00			2,215.86	12,215.86	0.00	12,215.86
Total Income	1,205,817.42	364,046.76	64,703.21	5,332,631.01	2,939.33	17,295.01	6,987,432.74	3,945,006.02	3,042,426.72
Gross Profit							6,987,432.74	3,945,006.02	3,042,426.72
Expense									
7100 · Staff Salary	766,547.68	214,818.65		63,951.34			1,045,317.67	1,092,042.13	-46,724.46
710 · All Emp Benefits	197,714.87	53,898.13	1,051.95	13,075.75			265,740.70	315,016.38	-49,275.68
720 · Vehicle & Travel Expenses	6,351.13	516.57		1,087.78			7,955.48	17,023.51	-9,068.03
722 · Meeting Expenses	3,746.21	1,053.17		292.06			5,091.44	7,635.83	-2,544.39
730 · Supplies	5,390.98	305.79	197.77	83.94			5,978.48	5,404.46	574.02
735 · IT - Communication	6,771.17	362.50					7,133.67	11,734.61	-4,600.94
740 · Postage	1,686.63	229.51	265.28	68.83	1.38		2,251.63	2,165.01	86.62
745 · Office Rent	27,675.27	7,676.42		852.94			36,204.63	36,096.61	108.02
750 · Equipment	1,204.87	105.29					1,310.16	12,296.55	-10,986.39
830 - Administrative	22,565.24	505.15	1,410.45	235.08			24,715.92	1,785.00	22,930.92
810 · Activity Expenses	137.70	32.54	38,166.55				38,336.79	1,677.82	36,658.97
820 · Grant Project Expenses				2,388,392.54			2,388,392.54	2,750,000.00	-361,607.46
805 · Allocated Cost Transfer	(5,983.46)	4,933.01		1,050.45			0.00	41,148.78	-41,148.78
890 · Miscellaneous Expenses	265.77						265.77	330.54	-64.77
899E · Interfund Transfer Out	2,215.86					10,000.00	12,215.86	0.00	12,215.86
Total Expense	1,036,289.92	284,436.73	41,092.00	2,469,090.71	1.38	10,000.00	3,840,910.74	4,294,357.23	-453,446.49
Net Income	169,527.50	79,610.03	23,611.21	2,863,540.30	2,937.95	7,295.01	3,146,522.00	-349,351.21	3,495,873.21

Item III.3
ACAP/CEG Grant Approval

The Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) and Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) currently have seven applications that have been reviewed by district staff and are ready for board action. The projects will permit the District to fully allocate the remaining ACAP money set aside for District-designed projects. The remaining projects will be funded with the CEG funds. The following table outlines the projects and amounts requested.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Amos K. Lapp	District	Colerain Twp	Grassed Waterway, Lined Outlet, Animal Trail, Stream Crossing, Terrace, Fence, Underground Outlet	\$53,546.14	\$48,191.52
Benuel Smucker	District	Caernarvon Twp	Waste Storage, Fence, Lined Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Animal Trail, Stream Crossing, Waste Transfer, Underground Outlet	\$380,817.54	\$342,735.79
Kenneth Martin	District	East Drumore Twp	Mortality Facility, Roofs, Roof Runoff Structure, Access Road, HUA, Underground Outlet	\$124,576.50	\$112,118.85
Stephen S. Stoltzfus	District	West Earl Twp	Roofed Stacking Shed, Lined Outlet, Access Road, HUA, Terrace, Underground Outlet	\$106,395.25	\$95,755.72
John Rohrer	District	Upper Leacock Twp	Waste Storage, Fence, Grassed Waterway, Pumping Plant, HUA, Animal Trail, Underground Outlet, Waste Transfer	\$240,653.05	\$216,587.75
Warren Sensenig	District	Caernarvon Twp	Roofed Stacking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Underground Outlet	\$101,686.67	\$56,741.16

James Shirk	District	East Earl Twp	Waste Storage, Fence, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Underground Outlet	\$98,378.02	\$88,540.22
Totals				\$1,106,053.17	\$960,671.01

The Ag Program Manager and Assistant Ag Program Manager recommend positive action for approving \$960,671.01 worth of ACAP/CEG funding for the multiple applications.

***Action Required**

**Item III.4
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant
Planning and Technical Assistance**

The Watershed Department is applying for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants – Planning and Technical Assistance (NFWF SWG PTA). The grant will pay for a new position in the Watershed Department – Watershed Project & Monitoring Technician. The role will take over the management of the sondes, in-stream continuous monitoring units, and manage watershed projects in watershed implementation plan/advanced restoration plan watersheds (Upper Conestoga, Mill, Pequea, Conowingo, Conewago, Fishing). The flexibility of this position will allow current staff to dedicate more time to their projects/focus areas while expanding our capacity to install projects both internally and with partner agencies. The Watershed Department staff recognize the need to increase our capacity to monitor and install projects and are excited for the opportunity to expand. Other grants to support the position long-term are also being explored, including private sources and public sources (319, Growing Greener, etc.). The total grant request is approximately \$116,538.46 and will be submitted by the deadline on 5/13/2025. Awards are expected in September 2025, and the grant would run for approximately 18 months. Board approval is needed to move forward with this grant request.

***Action Required**

Item III.5

Renewal of Watershed Specialist Contract

It is once again time to renew the PA DEP Conservation District Watershed Specialist contract. This is the contract that pays for the partial salary of the Watershed Specialist. The renewal contract will run from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The contract will be for a maximum of \$50,250.00, including an optional nonpoint source pollution (NPS) mini-education grant for \$5,000.00. We plan to apply for the full \$5,000 to support the revival of the Pequea Creek Watershed Association and an outreach event during the 10th Annual Water Week. All deliverables and project goals will remain unchanged from the previous Conservation District Watershed Specialist contract so no changes are needed at this time. The Watershed Specialists are viewed by DEP as valuable assets for the state and are looking at ways to reap further benefits from the program in the future. Board approval is needed for this contract renewal.

***Action Required**

Item III.6

Scholarship Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee has completed the application and interview process for 2025. The Committee received 13 applications and conducted in-person interviews of 6 candidates on May 1, 2025. After much deliberation, the Committee would like to offer \$1,000 scholarship awards to the following individuals:

- Ellie Eshleman – Ephrata High School – planning to attend Houghton University to study Environmental Science.
- Lauren Smith – Manheim Central High School – planning to attend Penn State University to study Agricultural Sciences.

The Scholarship Committee recommends approval of offering a \$1,000 scholarship award to the 2 individuals listed above for a total expenditure of \$2,000.

This year's scholarship committee includes Shelly Dehoff (co-chair), Adam Stern (co-chair), Sonia Wasco, Matt Kofroth, Joshua Pullen, Kevin Seibert, Noelle Cudney, and Eric Hout. Committee members who conducted interviews included Sonia Wasco, Shelly Dehoff, Noelle Cudney, and Eric Hout.

***Action Required**

Item III.7

Envirothon Team Sponsorship

On April 30, LCCD held the Lancaster County Senior High Envirothon competition at the County's Central Park. Several schools scored well at the individual stations. The Persistent Possums team from Elizabethtown Area High School placed first overall with a score of 369/500 points. Unfortunately, the Elizabethtown Area High School has not approved covering the cost of sending the team to the State Envirothon in Johnstown, PA. Additional details will be included in the "Day of packet". A request will be presented to the LCCD Board to provide sponsorship to the high school to help offset costs.

Item IV.3 2025 Banquet Committee Final Report

The 72nd Annual District Banquet was held at the Farm and Home Center on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, with 136 in attendance. Yoder's Catering supplied a wonderful meal and was a pleasure to work with. Seventeen sponsorships helped to defray costs. The 18th Annual Ann Brown Scholarship Auction was held during the banquet. Thank you to Randy Ranck for being our guest auctioneer. Six awards were presented. The evening of recognition was facilitated by a team including the District banquet committee and additional staff who assisted with set up, prepared presentations, and coordinated various elements of the evening. Thank you to everyone!!

2025		
INCOME	Amount	
Banquet Sponsor	\$1,000 (1)	
One Ask District Sponsors	\$4,000 (16)	9 attended
Ticket Sales	\$2,065	
Program Reimbursement	\$1,660.32	
Total Income	\$8,725.32	

2025	
EXPENSES	Amount
Catering	\$2,985.20
Table clothes	\$ 432.00
Social gathering	\$ 104.15
Postage	\$ 103.50
Centerpieces	\$ 265.92
Venue	\$ 200.00
Ag Picture and Framing	\$1,400.00
Plaques	\$ 260.32
Misc.	\$ 61.82
Total Expenses	\$5,812.91

Item IV.4 Tree Sale Update

The Lancaster County Conservation District's 51st annual Tree Seedling Sale was held April 11th from 8 AM-5 PM. Through our staff's collective efforts, we managed to package a total of 510 orders to be handed out to customers. The District sold over 17,000 trees and plants to the public. We had received a good amount of positive feedback from customers who commented on how streamlined order pickup was and the readily available information from our educational booths (Bureau of Forestry, Lancaster Conservancy, NRCS, & LCCD). Kudos to all staff and volunteers who helped to make this year's Tree Sale a success. A final report will be shared at the following board meeting.

Item IV.5
PACD /SCC Joint Annual Mtg
Registration Announcement

On Monday, registration for the 2025 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference, July 15-18 at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA. Additional details will be provided in the Day of Packet, but take note of the following Committee meeting dates and times.

The PACD summer committee meetings will take place as a series of Zoom videoconferences prior to the conference. Members and partners can participate online or via phone.

Registration is free, but required. You will need to register for each committee meeting separately. To register, please click on the meeting you would like to attend.

PACD Conservation Committee

June 18, 2025 | 10-11 a.m.

PACD District Employees Committee

June 20, 2025 | 10-11 a.m.

PACD Education & Outreach Committee

June 24, 2025 | 10-11 a.m.

PACD Legislative Committee

June 30, 2025 | 10-11 a.m.

PACD Ways & Means Committee

July 10, 2025 | 10-11 a.m.

PACD Operations Committee

July 11, 2025 | 10-11 a.m.

Questions? Contact Molly at mburns@pacd.org.

Item IV.6
Farm & Home Center Updates

- a. Farewell – Over the past nine years, Deanna Creager has served as the Building Manager here at the F&H Center. She will be leaving Pennsylvania later this summer to take a teaching position in North Carolina. The F&H Board of Directors is hosting a sendoff celebrating Deanna on June 3, 2025, from 12-1 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please RSVP [here](#) by May 23, 2025, if you plan to attend.
- b. Renovation Freeze – LCCD and NRCS have been in discussions with the Farm & Home Center about remodeling/renovating office space on the 2nd floor. Late last year, USDA/NRCS began the evaluation processes to verify space needs for the team and determine local market leasing conditions. At their last meeting, the F&H Foundation allocated \$15,000 to LCCD to engage an architect/designer to draft a new office floor plan. Because we are co-located with NRCS, and what we can do with the available space is dependent on the GSA analysis, we have been waiting to start the planning process. The federal funding freeze in February and RIF in March have put the pursuit of office space analysis on hold. Last week, we notified the F&H Board that we would need to again delay the start of our planning for new space.

Item IV.7

District One-Ask Campaign, Patron Sponsorships, and 75th Diamond Jubilee Gala Update And Photo Contest

The Conservation District, in coordination with the Conservation Foundation, recently completed the 75th Anniversary One Ask Campaign. Local businesses and organizations that the Conservation District works with or has ties to were solicited for donations for this campaign. This campaign ran from December 2024 through February 2025. A Total of \$48,055 was collected during this time period. Our goal was \$50,000. These funds will be housed under the Conservation Foundation, so the organization gets a tax deduction for assisting a non-profit organization. The funds will be used to support various District activities, from the annual Banquet, Envirothons, Youth Conservation School, and the 75th Diamond Anniversary Gala later in September.

There has also been an effort to solicit additional donations from individuals or organizations that might have missed the One Ask campaign. For that, we have a Patron form that we have been putting out at events, and these funds will be added to the One Ask and assist in supporting programs throughout the year as well. See attached form.

The 75th Anniversary Committee is finalizing a program and invitee list for the September 25th 75th Diamond Anniversary Jubilee Event. Because of limited space at Moonstone Manor, an invitation will be going out first to all One Ask Sponsors, Directors, Associate Directors, and Staff asking if they will be attending this event. This is to garner approximate numbers for this event so that a second invite list can be created for agencies, partners, and other dignitaries. All Directors, Associate Directors, and staff will get a complimentary ticket to the Gala, but if they would like to bring a guest, that will be an additional \$100/person. This is to defray the cost associated with this unique event. We wanted to share this information with all directors and associate directors prior to them getting an invite in the coming month so they can plan accordingly.

Also, the District will run a photography contest as part of the 75th anniversary to celebrate conservation across the county. The contest will run from May 12th through July 31st, and the contest winners will be recognized at the Gala.



2025 Lancaster County Conservation District Patron

The Lancaster County Conservation District is celebrating 75 years in 2025.

Please celebrate with us. It's not too often you can celebrate 75 years of something great; that is what the Lancaster County Conservation District is doing in 2025. Formed in 1950, the District has spent years protecting and conserving the county's natural resources. This is a momentous occasion, and the Board of Directors would like to celebrate this occasion with a host of events and memories. The 75th Anniversary will be a part of the District's hallmark events, including the Annual Awards Banquet, the Lancaster County Envirothon program, the Tree Seedling Sale, and the Lancaster County Youth Conservation School.

Contributions support the mission of the Conservation District, which has grown stronger year by year: Promoting the conservation of natural resources in Lancaster County. A tax-deductible donation may be made payable to Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County and sent to the following address: Lancaster County Conservation District, Attn: Matt Kofroth, 1383 Arcadia Rd. Room 200, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Donations are accepted until May 31, 2025. Legacy tickets to the Gala are limited based on capacity.

Check Box	Patron
	Conservation Steward \$25-75 Helps support educational components of the program. Donations will be acknowledged in the 75 th Anniversary Commemorative Book.
	Conservation Legacy \$200 – 500* Provides recognition at the 75 th Gala. Donors will receive one ticket to the 75 th Gala on September 25, 2025, and be recognized in the 75 th Anniversary Commemorative Book.
	*Please contact Matt Kofroth for donations of more than \$500.

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Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County gratefully acknowledges receipt of your donation of \$_____.

A gift to the Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County supports Lancaster County Conservation District Programs. The IRS recognizes the Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County as a public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code.