



LANCASTER COUNTY Conservation District

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Lancaster Farm & Home Center

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

Business Meeting 7:30 PM

Timer

- 7:30 Invocation – Kent Weaver
Call to Order, Chairperson Sonia Wasco
Welcome & Introductions – Sonia Wasco
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Public Comment: Survey media/guests: Agenda items of interest – Sonia Wasco

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

Dates to Remember:

6/5 3:30 pm, Conservation Foundation Meeting	6/19, Juneteenth, Floating Holiday for LCCD
6/6-14 Lancaster County Water Week	7/4, LCCD Office Closed
6/11-13, Family Farm Days	7/15-17, PACD/SCC Joint Annual Mtg, State College, PA
6/17-19 Lanc. OLNi Teacher Professional Development	

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, July 2, 2025, 7:30 pm

At the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center

***Action Required**



Activity Report to LCCD Board of Directors May 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	6	75.6	39	1,468.3

*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	1	10
362 - Diversion (ft)	2,847	-	-
367 - Roofs & Covers (no)	5	1	7
382 - Fence (ft)	23,260	1,263	15,025
412 - Grassed Waterway (ac)	9.01	0.6	2.9
516 - Livestock Pipeline (ft)	1,548	-	3,843
561 - Heavy Use Area Protection (sq ft)	28,364	9,594	28,599
575 - Trails & Walkways (ft)	2,389	-	2,651.5
578 - Stream Crossings (no)	6	1	2
600 - Terraces (ft)	4,209	7,061	22,783
614 - Watering Facility	8	-	1
620 - Underground Outlet (ft)	7,538	691	6,623
634 - Waste Transfer System (no)	10	-	5
327 - CREP Conservation Cover (ac)	6.91	-	-
391 - CREP Riparian Forest Buffer (ac)	38.5	3.86	38.24
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 (\$)
EQIP/AMA	9	\$930,145	8	\$314,900
EQIP 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	\$150,635.29	\$2,211,856.01

Conservation Easement Program Activities (ACEP):

- ACEP Acquisition Activities:

Program/Activity	FY24 Total (#)	FY24 Total (ac)	FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (ac)
ALE Easement Requests	-	-	1	12.21
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:

- 5/1 – Urban & Small Scale Farm Conservation Opportunities Meeting, Lancaster (Grove & Alicea Hernandez)
- 5/12 – Homeland Security Training Safety/Security Training (NRCS Team)
- 5/21 – Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) Wetland Walk, Annville (Morris & Ramer)

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather L. Grove
District Conservationist

Item II.1

LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 7, 2025

The 875th 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 May 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

The following Directors were present: Sonia Wasco, Chairperson; Herb Kreider, Gordon Hoover, Kent Weaver, Deryk Shaw, Commissioner Ray D'Agostino, and Roger Rohrer.

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

The following District Staff were present: Chris Thompson, Amanda Goldsmith, Stacey Hertz, Matt Kofroth, Sallie Gregory, Kent Bitting, Kevin Lutz, Adam Stern, and Madison Rettenmaier.

The following Cooperating Agency representatives was present: Chaz Heberlig; DEP Field Representative, Heather Grover; NRCS-USDA.

The following visitors were present: None present.

Gordon Hoover provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: Sonia shared a quote about goals. Everyone then sang Happy Birthday to Roger Rohrer. Roger followed up with an anecdotal story. Kevin Lutz introduced Madison Rettenmaier, a new Ag Engineering Tech.

Additions to the Agenda: No Additions.

Adam Stern reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

An opportunity was given for public comment: None offered.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS

Heather Grove updated that NRCS has lost 50 staff in Pennsylvania, and that they are still working through contracts. Chris and Heather discussed the loss in other counties and what is being done to assist with the loss.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberlig reviewed his report. Chris highlighted the Pennsylvania Agriculture Conservation Stewardship (PACS) Certification Verifier Training, the SPEED program, and the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) updates.

II. Consent Agenda

Sonia Wasco gave the opportunity for Directors to withdraw any of the items from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion. Roger Rohrer wants to make a correction to the April 2, 2025 minutes, stating that he was in attendance. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the agenda as corrected, and was seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

- #1 – Minutes of April 2, 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)
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:									
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
Hershey Farms, LLC	Mount Joy	3/27/2025	9/7/2022	Devin Gerlach	Broilers/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, 2024 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	McKinely Morris	East Donegal
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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)

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Agenda.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz highlighted the Raymond James account, there was a 9.7% gain, \$820,500 value which remains steady. The interest rate in the invest account is also steady currently at 4.3%. Currently 2.4 million spent so far this year. There was discussion about what they think the future could look like regrading funding and funds available.

3. ACAP/CEG Project Approval

Kent Bitting presented the seven district projects for approval. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the listed projects, seconded by Herb Krieder. The motion passed unanimously.

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

4. Watershed Department – NFWF Small Watershed Grant

Amanda Goldsmith requested approval to apply for a NFWF Grant for a new position in the Watershed Department. Roger Rohrer moved to approve as presented, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Watershed Specialist Agreement Renewal

Amanda Goldsmith requested approval for the renewal of the 2025-2026 Watershed Specialist Contract. Gordon Hoover moved to approve the renewal, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Scholarship Committee Report

Adam Stern reviewed the committee report and requested approval to accept Ellie Eshleman and Lauren Smith as the Scholarship winners. Roger Rohrer moved to approve as presented, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Envirothon State Contest Additional Cost

Sallie Gregory highlighted that Elizabethtown Area High School has only approved a single-day travel. The school is not approving an overnight stay, and students would have to be housed at a hotel. Sallie highlighted conversations she's had with Chris regarding the State Envirothon and concerns they have regarding school policies having a future impact on programs.

IV. Reports & Information

1. Correspondence, News, and Updates

None.

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern highlighted the E&S report showing that, compared to last year, we are about on track with what was anticipated. He also informed the board that Resource Conservationist, Steve Wyld, is moving away within the coming months.

3. Annual Awards Banquet Report

Chris Thompson highlighted the Summary report of the awards banquet.

4. Tree Sale Report

Amanda Goldsmith reviewed highlights of the 2025 tree sale. There will be a more in-depth report in the upcoming months.

5. PACD JAC Meeting Announcement

Chris Thompson highlighted the PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference announcement and asked directors to let the office know if they needed registration assistance.

6. Farm & Home Center Updates

Chris Thompson reported that Deanna Grager is moving and leaving her position as Building Manager. He also reported that the upstairs renovations are on hold pending updates from USDA/NRCS

7. 75th Diamond Jubilee Gala/Photo Contest

Matt Kofroth highlighted that with the One Ask from earlier in the year, some of the funding will be going towards the Gala. He showed the form for patrons who would like to donate to the District, and highlighted the limited room available for spots at the Gala. Sallie Gregory highlighted the Photo Contest.

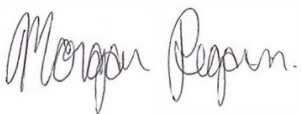
VI. Additional Public Comment:

Sonia commented that there has been a discussion at the Executive Committee regarding the continuation of offering an Invocation at our public meetings. She expects to address this topic in June. Sonia also notified directors about the potential to change the meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7 pm.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist

Item II.2
Requests for Technical Assistance

APPLICANT	TITLE	TOWNSHIP	SIZE	ASSISTANCE
None				

Item II.3
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Walter Zeiset	Penn	Broiler	CAO	76.11	Riebling	279
Delmar Martin	West Cocalico	Poultry	CAO	105.82	Heigel	310
David H. Martin	Little Britain	Swine/Pullets	CAFO/CAO	3.61	Adams	9
Jeffrey & Diane Kile	Providence	Pullet	CAO	96.38	Reuter	32
Nathan Brubaker	Brecknock	Turkey	CAO	493.25	Heigel	2474
Dale Graybill	East Donegal	Equine/Swine	CAO	13.68	Schavnis	1648
Noah Kreider	East Donegal	Layer	CAFO/CAO	16.24	Schavnis	239
Tom Zartman Jr.	Clay	Swine/Pullets	CAFO/CAO	1.58	Bosworth	15
John Hoover	Caernarvon	Dairy	VAO	1.65	Schavnis	847
Brian Weaver	Rapho	Layer	CAO	3.4	Riebling	22
Keith Martin	Clay	Broiler	CAFO	269.26	Bosworth	189
Stephen Beiler	Leacock	Dairy	CAO	2.31	Brodbar	2411
Benuel Fisher	Leacock	Dairy	CAO	2.24	Brodbar	3106
David Buch	West Earl	Broiler	CAO	3.51	Brodbar	515
Leon Zimmerman	East Donegal	Steer/Swine/Pullet	CAFO/CAO	2.96	Schavnis	14
Lamar Zimmerman	Rapho	Broiler	CAFO/CAO	54.47	Riebling	72
Jacob Kauffman	Drumore	Dairy	CAO	2.2	Adams	395
Richard W. Rutt	East Donegal	Swine/Goat	CAFO/CAO	5.29	Lutz	70
Don Risser	Conoy	Dairy	CAFO/VAO	1.66	Schavnis	40
Robert Brubaker Jr.	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	247.28	Riebling	78

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors									
Technician:									
Date Range:	May-25	May-25							
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
Rohrer Farms, LLC	Penn	5/2/2025	10/2/2024	William Rogers	Swine/ Pullets/ Layers	2158.33	CAO CAFO	5/2/2025	Simple Update

Item II.4

Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)

The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the
June 4, 2025 Board Meeting:

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Brian K. Mull	1	Heather Grove	Providence
Mending Meadows LLC	1	Heather Grove	Manor
Thomas F. Nikolaus	2	Mark Myers	West Hempfield
Jasmine Kelliehan	1	Camila Martinez Sanchez	West Hempfield
Douglas K. Kauffman	1	Christine Griesemer	Conoy

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Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Vicki Newman	1	Josh Pullen	East Donegal
Richard Rutt	1	Kevin Lutz	East Donegal

Item III.3

Agriculture Committee

Request to Post Position

The Ag Department is requesting to post the Ag Compliance Coordinator position in hopes of finding a suitable replacement for Kevin Seibert prior to his retirement. Filling the position with an overlap in staffing will allow for adequate training of the new person. Funding for this position will be covered by the existing Bay delegation agreement funding provided by DEP for compliance. Upon positive action, the position would be advertised in June, with hopes of bringing a selected applicant for approval to the August Board meeting.

*Action Required

Item III.4
ACAP/CEG Grant Approval

The Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) and Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) currently have two applications that have been reviewed by district staff and are ready for board action. The following table outlines the projects and amounts requested.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Stephen M. Stoltzfus	District	Clay Twp	Roofed Stacking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, Heavy Use Area Protection	\$105,709.05	\$95,138.15
Melvin S. Allgyer	District	Caernarvon Twp	Waste Storage Fence	\$6,446.43	\$5,801.79
Totals				\$112,155.48	\$100,939.94

The Ag Program Manager and Assistant Ag Program Manager recommend positive action for approving \$100,939.94 worth of ACAP/CEG funding for the multiple applications.

***Action Required**

Item III.5
Watershed Committee Meeting

6/4/2025

6:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

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

Committee Members: Jenny Engle, Deryk Shaw, Roger Rohrer, Dan Zimmerman, Jay Snyder, Amanda Goldsmith, Tyler Keefer, Grace Chamberlain, Matt Kofroth, Chris Thompson

The Watershed Committee will meet prior to the June 4, 2025 BOD meeting to discuss two completed projects in 2025, current Watershed department grants, two 319 grant applications, and other updates. The District Board will receive 319 grant recommendations from the Watershed Board Committee during the June 4th board meeting. Board action will be required to approve the 319 grant applications.

***Action Required**

Item III.6
Executive Committee Meeting Report
May 7, 2025
5:30 pm, F&H Conference Room

Committee Members:

Sonia Wasco-Chair, Kent Weaver, Roger Rohrer, Dan Zimmerman, and Chris Thompson.

Purpose of the Meeting: To review and discuss actions impacting public meetings.

1. Offering an invocation at public meetings - LCCD has had a longstanding practice of opening our public meetings with an invocation. Occasionally, that practice has involved a recitation of a poem, an inspirational statement, or a reflective moment of silence, but most often it has involved a “Christian” prayer. Recently, some staff have raised concerns about the practice and met with the Executive Committee to explain how they feel it is inappropriate for our organization, as it creates a non-inclusive impression for those who don’t share the same convictions. The directors want to continue the practice of an invocation prior to our meetings, but they were convicted by the respectful exchange of how the practice is perceived. It was suggested that all staff be given a chance to express their thoughts prior to the full board making a decision, which would likely be discussed and acted on at the July or August meeting.
2. Meeting Start Time - Committee members questioned the 7:30 pm start time for our monthly Board meetings. It was understood that years ago, a 7:30 pm start allowed the farmer directors time to get to the meeting after a full day “in the field”. The later start also allowed for committee meetings to be held prior to board meetings, but Executive Committee members were in agreement that a proposed earlier start of 7:00 pm should be considered by the full board.

Meeting was adjourned at 7.15 pm.

***Action Required**

Item IV.2
Ken Depoe Passing

Long-time District Director Ken Depoe passed away on May 14th. Ken was nominated as an “Urban Director” on the Conservation District Board in 1968 alongside Robert Mowrer. He served on the Board for 24 years until he left the board in 1993. Ken had a passion for fishing and, more specifically, fly fishing. This led to him creating two organizations that the District still works with today. The Donegal Fish & Conservation Association and the Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited. His other passion was teaching in the Donegal School District. He joined his two joys together to create a fly-fishing club at Donegal High School. This led to him and the club looking for ways he could improve local water quality in his favorite limestone stream, Donegal Creek. He used this conservation passion to help the District create a watershed program before the state even considered this concept. Working alongside Mark Metzler, the District’s first Watershed Specialist, Ken and Mark did countless stream habitat improvement projects along the Donegal Creek under the District's umbrella. Ken was 96 years old. His longtime wife, Yvonne (64 years together), unfortunately, died 9 days after Ken’s passing on May 23rd. Yvonne was also a faithful volunteer who showed up at numerous District events, from conferences, banquets, and tree sales. Both will be sorely missed. We will be passing around both obituaries at the Board meeting.

Item IV. 4
2024 TREE SEEDLING SALE FINAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:		
Payments Received (Cash & Checks)	\$7,328.00	
Payments Received (Credit Cards)	\$ 1822.50	
Online Sale (Square Website)	\$26,756.00	
Day of Sales	\$3,037	
Sale of Extras (Cash, Checks, & Credit Cards)	\$949.05	
GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 40,158.55	\$ 40,158.55
Customer Refunds	(\$45.00)	
FFA & Watershed Association 20% Refund	(\$280.10)	
NET RECEIPTS	\$ 39,833.45	\$ 39,833.45
EXPENSES:		
Alpha Nursery, Inc	\$ 10,166.41	
Walker Brothers	656.07	
Minders Nursery	2,392.60	
Miller's Greenhouse	4,026.00	
Wahmhoff Farms	199.68	
Octoraro Native Plant Nursery	2,902.46	
Fruit Tree Nurseries	3,385.00	
Plantra Tree Protectors	992.58	
Nursery Dealer Registration	40.00	
Food	243.08	
Farm & Home Rental	600.00	
Postage & Newsletter	3,105.83	
Square Account Card Fee	890.47	
PA Sales Tax	2,007.93	
Supplies	687.44	
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,295.55	32,295.55
NET BALANCE		7,537.90

Following is a list of the number of trees, perennials, and potted stock customers ordered this year.

E. Hemlock: 1219	White Cedar: 1140	E. White Pine: 1144	Arrowwood: 224
Northern Bayberry: 345	Redbud: 423	W. Flowering Dogwood: 398	Black Cherry: 242
Red Maple: 246	Shagbark Hickory: 262	Sweet Birch: 206	White Oak: 629
Wild Berry Pack: 96	Wildlife Pack: 98	DA Rosa Apples: 82	RubyRush Apples: 106
Chicago Hardy Fig: 105	Alleghany Serviceberry: 168	Witchhazel: 200	Tulip Poplar: 52
Chestnut Oak: 123	Asparagus: 1950	Phlox: 260	Daisy: 133
Centaurea: 131	Armeria: 144	Penstemon: 161	Monarda: 190
Carex Red Rooster: 77	Liriope: 27 Flats	Carex Pensylvanica: 49 Flats	Tree Tube Bundles: 142

SUMMARY COMPARISON

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cash Rec'd	\$ 38,551	\$ 44,159	\$ 35,333	\$ 46,087	\$49,973	\$42,652	\$40,158
Profit	\$ 8,544	\$ 10,607	\$ 8,354	\$ 10,033	\$15,343	\$6,851	\$7,537
# Orders	443	487	434	556	623	519	510

TREE SALE TIDBITS

- 2025 was the 51st Seedling Sale Program.
- **A total of 510 orders were submitted with a net profit of \$7,537.90.** Remaining trees and shrubs were donated to DCNR, school groups, and local watershed groups with buffer projects this spring.
- Two varieties of apple trees were offered at the sale along with a fig tree and asparagus; DA Rosa Apples and Ruby Rush Apples along with Jersey Knight Asparagus, and Chicago Hardy Fig
- 2 FFA Chapters participated in this year's sale. We were able to donate 20% of total sales provided by this one group. Total sales for the FFA was \$2975.50 so **\$59.50** was refunded for these sales to the local FFA chapters.
- 4 local Watershed Associations participated in the tree sale as a fundraiser for their groups. These orders totaled \$1,103. A total of **\$220.60** was refunded to the organizations for their 20% refunds. A booth was also on display for the watershed groups, highlighting different ways to get involved.
- Continuing this year was the ability of customers to order online through our Square account. This was very popular with over 300 orders coming in through this online service and over half of the total orders coming from online purchases.
- The sale was an in-person pick-up event this year including education tables and day of sale inside along with free compost donated by Manheim Township.
- The average order was \$70.95 and orders over \$75 were given a free gift, a seed depth indicator, to celebrate LCCD's 75th Anniversary.
- Continued to offer a "Round Up" feature this year to the Order form for folks to donate to Environmental Education. This garnered an additional \$206.00 for the Education program.
- Over 12,000 pieces of plant/ tree material were planted into the soil of our Commonwealth.
- Our staff managed to package over 500 orders by working in 4-hour shifts leading up to the day of Tree Sale. We had received a substantial amount of positive feedback from customers who commented on how streamlined the pickup process was, as well as an appreciation for the educational booths (Bureau of Forestry, Lancaster Conservancy, NRCS & LCCD) that were set up. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support from our staff, so a big thank you to all of them.

STAFF AND BOARD INVOLVED IN COMMITTEE WORK:

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Respectfully submitted, Tree Sale Co-Chairs
Amanda Goldsmith, & Brady Bosworth

Item IV.5 2025 Lancaster County Envirothon Report

Junior Envirothon, May 14, 2025

Grades 3-6

Participation Summary

- Schools: Elementary, Intermediate, Middle 13
- Teams 46
- Number of Students 230

Ecosystem: Fields and Meadows

Students studied 12 species for each station, including mammals, birds, trees, and pollinators.

Event Summary

- 3rd grade 1st place – Doe Run Elementary
- 4th grade 1st place – Centerville Elementary
- 5th grade 1st place – Treasures of Grace (High score overall)
- 6th grade 1st place – Montessori Academy of Lancaster



Middle School Envirothon, May 15, 2025

Grades 7-8

Participation Summary

- Middle Schools 4
- Teams 12
- Number of Students 60

Event Summary

- 5th place – Ephrata Middle School
- 4th place – Ephrata Middle School
- 3rd place – Lancaster Mennonite Middle School
- 2nd place – Garden Spot Middle School
- 1st place – Manheim Township Middle School



Senior High Envirothon, April 30, 2025

Grades 9-12

Participation Summary

- High Schools 6
- Teams 16
- Number of Students 80

Event Summary

- 5th place – Conestoga Valley High School
- 4th place – Lancaster Mennonite High School
- 3rd place – Conestoga Valley High School
- 2nd place – Hempfield High School
- 1st place – Warwick High School



Elizabethtown Area High School won the Lancaster County Senior High Envirothon and went on to the State Envirothon held near Johnstown. The team of all seniors placed 23rd at the State event.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to a successful year of Envirothon and the incredible generosity of donors that made it possible.

ENVIROTHON STATION STAFFING

LANCASTER COUNTY SENIOR HIGH ENVIROTHON (GRADES 9-12)

Wednesday, April 30, 8 AM – 1:30 PM

REGISTRATION/TEST COLLECTING	MORGAN REGAN	MATT KOFROTH	
SCOREKEEPER	KEVIN LUTZ		
PHOTOS/AWARD SET UP	NOELLE CUDNEY		
LUNCH PICK UP	HOLLY SHAUB	LAUREN BRODBAR	
FORESTRY	AMANDA GOLDSMITH	TYLER KEEFER	MATT SCHAVNIS
	JAMES SALTSMAN	STAFF FROM DCNR FORESTRY SE 2	
CURRENT ISSUE	SAMANTHA ADAMS	SHANNON ERDMAN	
AQUATICS	GRACE CHAMBERLAIN	COLIN WUEST	JEFF SCHMIDT
SOILS	MARK MYERS	CAMILA MARTINEZ SANCHEZ	
WILDLIFE	BRIAN COLLETT	JOHN VEYLUPEK	

LANCASTER COUNTY JUNIOR ENVIROTHON (GRADES 3-6)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 8:15 AM – 1:30 PM

REGISTRATION	MORGAN REGAN					
SCORE KEEPER	KENT BITTING	MATT KOFROTH				
LUNCH PICK UP	HOLLY SHAUB					
PHOTOS/AWARDS/TESTS	NOELLE CUDNEY	JULIA KOFROTH				
TREES AND PLANTS	KATIE KRUIZA	RYAN RIEBLING	THUY KIEU LE	NOELLE CUDNEY	ISABELLA ALVARADO	TED GROFF
BIRDS	JASON REUTER	ERIC HOUT	MATT SCHAVNIS	EMMA RIEBLING	CHAZ HEBERLIG	MORGAN REGAN
POLLINATORS	PEGGY EPPIG	PAM WISE	MONICA DANIELS - BARBER	MAL BARBER	CONSERVANCY VOLUNTEER	CONSERVANCY VOLUNTEER
MAMMALS	BRIAN COLLETT	TEACHER VOLUNTEERS	JENNY ENGLE	JENN WANNER	JULIA KOFROTH	LAUREN BRODBAR

LANCASTER COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL ENVIROTHON (GRADES 7-8)

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 8:15 AM – 1:30 PM

REGISTRATION	MORGAN REGAN	
SCORE KEEPER	MATT KOFROTH	
PHOTOS/AWARDS/TEST COLLECTING	NOELLE CUDNEY	KEVIN LUTZ
FORESTRY	LISA SANCHEZ	MORGAN REGAN
POLLINATORS	MONICA DANIELS -BARBER	NOELLE CUDNEY
BIODIVERSITY	ADAM STERN	BRADY BOSWORTH
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6. FEDERATED SPORTSMEN OF LANCASTER COUNTY
7. OPTIMIST CLUB OF LANCASTER – GRADE LEVEL LIBRARY AWARDS
8. 75TH LCCD ONE ASK DONORS

Respectfully Submitted,

Sallie Gregory, Education and Operations Coordinator

Item IV.6
PACD /SCC Joint Annual Mtg
Registration Announcement

Registration for the 2025 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference, July 15-18 at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA., is open.

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.7
Lancaster OLNI**

Lancaster Outdoor Learning Network Initiative (OLNI) will be held June 17-19, 2025. The network is a leadership partnership of local and state agencies collaborating with a leadership team representing 4 school districts to host the 6th annual teacher professional development (PD) focused on the state education standards for environmental literacy and sustainability.

The Conservation District has a leadership role in addition to instruction regarding facilitating funding support, logistics, and communications.

The information below illustrates locations for this year's PD and the many partnerships working together to host 34 teachers. Please contact Sallie Gregory for more information or questions at salliegregory@lancasterconservation.org.

Lancaster OLNI
OUTDOOR LEARNING NETWORK INITIATIVE
6th Annual Lancaster OLNI
Advancing Environmental Literacy
June 17 – 19, 2025

June 17 - Susquehannock State Park, 1880 Park Drive, Drumore

June 18 - Middlecreek Wildlife Management Area, 100 Museum Rd, Stevens

June 19 - Stroud Water Research Center, 970 Spencer Rd, Avondale, PA

2025 Network Partners:



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