



LANCASTER COUNTY Conservation District

**EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - Virtual
June 9, 2025 @ 9 am**

1. Welcome – attendance: Jenny Engle, Roger Rohrer, Matt Kofroth, Sallie Gregory
2. Conservation Education Program Report
 - ★ Education Programming Recap 2024-2025 – Sallie reviewed the program costs of the current school year and three lessons: soils, watershed enviroscape, and stream study, which have remained free to teachers and county residents.
 - 2025-2026 Program Guide – new costs – Committee recommended Sallie increase program costs to \$80 for the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour.
 - ★ Program Opportunities in 2025
 - ★ Collaboration with DCNR, Stroud Water Research Center, CBF, PGC
 - Lancaster OLNI – June 17-19 – Sallie discussed the development of the planning network over the past six years, the increased interest in participation, and growth of teacher confidence in creating a Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience for students.
 - Lancaster Conservancy has reached out to Sallie about replicating aspects of OLNI in a teacher training facilitated by the Conservancy. Sallie will meet with their educator. Discussion continued to explore Conservation District in leadership role with benefits to partnering organizations.
 - ★ Envirothon Recap – April 30, May 14, May 15
 - Junior Envirothon and Middle School Envirothon – Sallie explained interest in reviewing location suggestion at park in Neffsville. Jenny mentioned parking may be an issue. Matt reminded committee of long standing commitment in partnering with County Park.
 - ★ Youth Conservation School – July 20-25 – Planning is underway at the time of the meeting registration was at 20 students. To date 24 students have registered.
 - ★ Grants Recap – ThingLink – Sallie is applying for grants to provide support to gain a subscription to ThingLink an application for immersive virtual learning and engaging, inspiring, and accessible training and development tool.
 - A teacher who had attended Lancaster OLNI used the application to create a virtual tour before taking students into the field. The Conservation District is looking at creating training and development tools, and tours for residents.

3. 2025 Budget Review – The Education budget will be reviewed in June.
4. Goals for 2025 – Roger asked that a focus include finalizing “Legacy Gifts” with the Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County. Jenny suggested making Financial Planners aware of CFLC gifts and distribution donation options for Conservation Education.
5. District Projects – 75th Anniversary, Legislator Tour – Committee discussed updates regarding Communications committee and Core committee along with plans for Legislator Tour on August 8.

Thank you,
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