



LANCASTER COUNTY Conservation District

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Lancaster Farm & Home Center

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

Business Meeting 7:30 PM

Timer

- 7:30 Invocation –
 Call to Order, Sonia Wasco, Chairperson
 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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(Directors, please call the District office if you will not be attending.)

Dates to Remember:

7/4, LCCD Office Closed – 4 th of July Holiday	7/ 31, Cons. Foundation Ex Comm Mtg @ F&H 10-11am
7/9, Staff Meeting & Summer Picnic @ F&H	8/8, Legislative Tour
7/20-25, Youth Conservation School	

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 7:30 pm

At the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center

***Action Required**

Item I.1

Activity Report to LCCD Board of Directors June 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	-	-	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	-	10
362 - Diversion (ft)	2,847	630	630
367 - Roofs & Covers (no)	5	-	7
382 - Fence (ft)	23,260	436	15,461
412 - Grassed Waterway (ac)	9.01	-	2.9
516 - Livestock Pipeline (ft)	1,548	-	3,843
561 - Heavy Use Area Protection (sq ft)	28,364	1,180	29,779
575 - Trails & Walkways (ft)	2,389	62	2,713.5
578 - Stream Crossings (no)	6	1	3
600 - Terraces (ft)	4,209	2,823	25,606
614 - Watering Facility	8	-	1
620 - Underground Outlet (ft)	7,538	-	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	\$35,966.62	\$2,247,822.63

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	-	-

Administrative & Staffing Updates:

- Lari Jo Walker, Program Assistant, will retire 7/31/2025. The vacancy is currently being advertised by Capital RC&D.
- Jeff Sholly, PACD Engineer, will retire 9/30/2025. It's unknown at this time if the position will be filled.

Notable Meetings & Trainings:

- 6/3 & 10 – Mastering Online Collaboration (Microsoft Teams & Planner), Virtual (Grove)
- 6/3-5 – Working Effectively with Organic Producers, Virtual & Kutztown (Martinez Sanchez)
- 6/11 – PA Act 38 Plan Review Workshop, Harrisburg (Martinez Sanchez & Morris)

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather L. Grove
District Conservationist

Item II.1

LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 4, 2025

The 876th 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 June 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 Brady Bosworth.

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

The following visitors were present: None present.

Kent Weaver provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: Sonia Wasco shared some fun facts about the month of June.

Additions to the Agenda: No Additions but Sonia announced that an Executive Session would be held at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

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 highlighted her written report.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberlig reviewed the written report and highlighted the Technical Assistance Program (TAP), Manure Management Plans Nutrient Balance Sheets, SPEED Program, and Chapter 102 documents being updated on his report.

II. Consent Agenda

No Additions. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

#1 – Minutes of May 7, 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)
May 2025 Activity
June 4, 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 #
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	18
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:									
NMP Name	Municipality	Plan Update Submission Date	Original NMP Approval Date	Planner ¹	Species ²	AEUs	Regulated Operation Type ³	Date Plan Acknowledge ment 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, 2024 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

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

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

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Agenda.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported that the Raymond James fund has a balance of \$829,000. She also highlighted the Income and Expenses report, specifically the Grants.

3. Ag Committee Meeting Report/Outstanding Cooperator/Open Position

Kevin Lutz requested approval to post the position for Ag Compliance Coordinator. Roger Rohrer moved to approve to post the position, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Lutz requested approval to accept the recommendation of Robert & Michael Shearer, Twin Lane Farm, as the 2026 Outstanding Cooperator award. Roger Rohrer moved to approve, seconded by Gordon Hoover. The motion passed unanimously. Kevin highlighted that during the committee meeting it was discussed that having a list of criteria for those that qualify to be an Outstanding Cooperator would be helpful for the selection committee.

Kevin Lutz requested approval for the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Technician & Engineer Funding Agreement, and for the Nutrient Management Delegation Agreement. The conditions and work plan of the programs remain unchanged from last year. Roger Rohrer moved to approve both the agreements, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CEG Project Approval

Kent Bitting requested approval for the two projects listed below. Roger Rohrer moved to approve, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

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

5. Watershed Committee Report

Amanda reviewed the June 4th, 2025 Watershed Committee report saying the committee met before the Board meeting to review 319 Nonpoint Source Management grant proposals. The first application will be two habitat restoration projects on the Big Beaver and Calamus Run. The total request will be between \$300,000-\$350,000. The Big Beaver Project, owned by Aaron Esh and Matt Buckwalter, includes a 2050’ habitat restoration project with a 1.6 acre riparian buffer. This will be the third project completed in a row on the Big Beaver Creek. The Calamus Run Project, owned by Mark Beiler, includes a 1,240’ habitat restoration project with a 2.0 acre riparian buffer. Total reductions for both projects based on Model My Watershed are 288 T of sediment, 4,291 lbs of nitrogen, and 715 lbs of phosphorous.

The second application is intended to support the new position (WIP & Monitoring Coordinator) in the Watershed Department and includes a small amount for two projects in Watershed Implementation Plan/Advanced Restoration Plan (Mill, Conewago, Conowingo, and Fishing) watersheds. The grant will pay for the management of sondes in WIP/ARP watersheds and support project permits, design, and implementation for internal and partner projects in WIP/ARP watersheds. The Watershed team already works with many watershed groups and partner groups on projects, so this grant will provide more funding and technical expertise to support this relationship. Approximately \$100,000 will be requested for two restoration projects in any WIP/ARP watershed, and approximately \$100,000 will be requested for salary time designing and managing projects.

The Watershed Board Committee unanimously recommended both grants for approval. Roger Rohrer made the motion to apply for both grants, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously. We expect an award in Fall 2026.

6. Executive Committee Report

Chris Thompson reported that there is further discussion to be had regarding offering an invocation at public meetings, but Chris also reported on the committees recommendation to change the board meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. After a few minutes of discussion, Roger Rohrer moved to change the start time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm starting January 2026, seconded by Gordon Hoover. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Associate Director Appointment

Chris Thompson highlighted the application for a new Associate Director, Kyle Solyak. There was discussion regarding his background and how his experience in Archtechure could be helpful. Directors also questioned if he should start within the next few months or to wait to have him start in January. Deryk Shaw moved to appoint Kyle as an associate director starting right away depending on his availability, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports & Information

1. Correspondence, News, and Updates

- Letter from a student “Our Family Farm”.
- Landstudies updated leadership.
- PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference Invitation

2. Ken Depoe Remembrance

Matt Kofroth highlighted articles about the former Board Member, and his wife that recently passed.

3. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern reported the numbers of plans submitted for the month, and also talked about Steve Wyld leaving the district and Chelsea McKenzie starting to take her own territories. He mentioned that the Resource Conservationist role is posted.

4. Tree Sale Report

Co-chair of the Tree Sale Committee, Brady Bosworth, reported on the 2025 Tree Sale highlights. Specifically for the 75th celebrations, for those that spent over \$75.00 dollars they received a gift of a seed depth indicator. He also highlighted that gross sales topped \$40,000 and there was a net profit of \$7,537.90, which was approximately \$700.00 more than last year.

5. Envirothon Events Report

Sallie Gregory reported that there are growing number of schools interested in the Envirothon, and the Persistent Possums from Warwick High School that won the local Senior Envirothon, placed 23rd out of 65 in the State Envirothon Contest.

6. PACD/SCC JAC Registration Announcement

Chris Thompson and Sonia Wasco reminded everyone that the JAC will be July 15-17. Sonia also mentioned that PACD was able to balance budget, and that there are some possible future changes regarding the treasurer and other positions.

7. Lancaster OLN Report

Sallie Gregory highlighted the Outdoor Learning Network Initiative, showing all the partners that help make it possible. She also reviewed where they are planning to go this year. Dates for the 2025 OLN Training are June 17-19.

V. Additional Public Comment:

There was some discussion regarding Solar Panel Companies and Farms. Herb Kreider mentioned that he was approached by a solar broker about leasing a new farm his brother bought at \$5,000 per acre for 5 years.

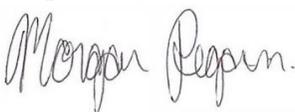
VI. Executives Session:

The Chair called for an executive session at 9:04 PM to discuss a personal matter, and invited the associate directors to stay if they wished.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

The Chair reconvened the meeting and adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist

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Jeff Mitchell	East Cocalico	Beef, Broiler	VAO	1.2	Zirkle (York)	451
Eli Weaver	Brecknock	Turkey	CAO	177.77	Heigel	1892
Gideon F. Stoltzfus	Salisbury	Dairy	CAO	2.97	Brodbar	1340
Jeffrey Barley	Manor	Pullet/Steer	CAFO/VAO	1.16	Reuter	485
Ken Meck	Strasburg	Pullet	CAFO/CAO	5.76	Brodbar	92
Dwight Leaman	West Lampeter	Layer	CAO	25.19	Brodbar	2458
Christ Esh	Drumore	Sheep, Layer	CAO	3.7	Adams	2777
Nelson Burkholder	Fulton	Broiler	CAO	109.41	Adams	335
Ken Martin	East Drumore	Swine, Dairy	CAO/CAFO	6.58	Adams	178
Dean & Angie Stoner	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	183.82	Riebling	156
Alan Harnish	Manor	Swine, Beef	CAFO/CAO	16.44	Reuter	76
Mike Cassel	Penn	Broiler	CAFO/VAO	1.79	Riebling	444

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors

Technician:

Date

Range: Jun-25 Jun-25

NMP Name	Municipality	Plan Update Submission Date	Original NMP Approval Date	Planner ¹	Species ²	AEUs	Regulated Operation Type ³	Date Plan Acknowledgement Letter Sent	Reason for Update
Harvest Lane Farm, LLC	Manheim	6/6/2025	11/1/2023	Amber Funk	Layers	312.51	VAO CAFO	6/9/2025	Yearly Plan Submissions Update

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None			

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

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Jonas B. Miller	1	Jason Reuter	Bart
Lester Nolt	1	Lauren Brodbar	West Earl
Michael Nolt	1	Lauren Brodbar	West Earl

**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
Lynn Royer	District	Mount Joy Twp	2 Grassed Waterways	\$17,000.00	\$15,300.00
Jeffrey Landis	District	East Hempfield Twp	Roofed Stacking Shed, Heavy Use Area, Access Road, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet	\$110,000.00	\$99,000.00
Totals				\$127,000.00	\$114,300.00

The Ag Program Manager and Assistant Ag Program Manager recommend positive action for approving \$114,300.00 worth of ACAP/CEG funding for the multiple applications.

***Action Required**

Item III.6
RC&D Membership

The Capital Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Council is a locally led nonprofit program, primarily funded through grants, that helps promote the wise use and conservation of our natural and community resources. Capital RC&D includes members from its seven-county area of South-Central Pennsylvania: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York counties.

The 2024 Capital RC&D Accomplishments Update is included in the meeting packet. In addition to the state-wide activities reported in the update, Capital RC&D was able to bring \$647,937 to projects focused on the needs of our seven-county region and \$79,056 specifically spent to bring services to Lancaster County.

LCCD has been an active member on the Capital Board of Directors for several years and is being asked to continue our involvement by submitting a check for annual dues, which total \$350.

***Action Required**



Capital RC&D 2024 Impact

www.capitalrcd.org

Oct. 2023 - Sept. 2024

Serving Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties

Our Vision: A clean, healthy region that preserves and conserves natural and community resources and uses resources for responsible/sustainable economic development.

Financial Impact—Fiscal Year 2024

Funds spent for programs in FY '24 \$ 1,078,228

Program Outcomes in 2024

Outreach and Media

Media Development

- Capital RC&D YouTube Channel: 1150 Subscribers, 13,265 views of educational videos: www.youtube.com/@CapitalRCD
- Capital RC&D Social Media
[Instagram](#): 128 Followers
[Facebook](#): 63 Followers

Technical and Financial Assistance to Private Landowners

Financial assistance for rotational grazing

- Grazing projects on 22 farms, supporting the transition of 351 acres to managed grazing.

Peer-to-peer grazing advisement

- 16 farm visits , 1 pasture walk

NRCS office technical assistance

- 17 positions based in NRCS offices

Other Projects

Carbon monitoring project: Installed soil probes, conducted initial comprehensive soil tests, and discussed potential practice changes installed at four participating farms located in Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, and Lancaster Counties. Project evaluation and summary will be completed in Fall 2025.

Biennial Survey of Annual Conservation Practices: 34 counties surveyed in 2024

Agriculture Best Management Practice verification: NFWF project BMP verification in specific areas of Adams, Cumberland, and Franklin counties completed. Implementation of BMP projects ongoing in these and other regional counties.

Administrative Support

Administrative and outreach support for the Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition (PAGLC):

- Content development and management for [PA GLC website](#), Facebook and Instagram accounts
- Produced 3 podcasts for PA GLC's Graziers Grapevine Podcast

Ag Conservation in our Communities:

www.capitalrcd.org/agconservation



Item III.7
Dirt & Gravel / Low Volume Road Program
Quality Assurance Board Recommendation

In order to complete the Evans Road Soil Pinning project in Elizabeth Township, a minor cost amendment is required. The original cost of the project is \$184,000, and an amendment was made in October of 2023 for an additional \$7,700 when the scope of the project was changed to include rock armoring in the stream. Once work was completed and all invoices were sent for reimbursement, it was discovered that one of the subcontractors for the project did not pay prevailing wage rates. After back-paying the employees, an additional invoice was submitted for \$1,673.33. The DGLVR program allows for projects to be amended up to 40% of the original cost without SCC approval. The combined amendments would make up 5.1%, keeping us well below the allowed amount.

The Lancaster DGLVR QAB was notified of this proposed amendment via Email on 6/23, and enough votes were cast by 6/24 to approve the amendment in the amount of \$1,673.33. In order to sign this amendment, the LCCD board must approve of the additional funds.

***Action Required**

Item IV.3
Lancaster County Youth Conservation School Invitation

The Lancaster County Youth Conservation School will be held July 20-25, 2025. The school is a cooperative effort of the Lancaster County Conservation District and the Federated Sportsmen of Lancaster County. Conservation District staff and more than 19 volunteers facilitate the overnight immersive field school for students 14-16 years old. Each year, students form a new class as it was designed to attend one year. The 2025 class has 24 students registered and sponsored by sportsmen clubs throughout Lancaster County. All Conservation District board directors and associate directors are invited to attend the sponsor dinner, Sunday, July 20, at 5:00 PM. If you'd like to attend, RSVP **by Friday, July 18** at 299-5361 x.5 or email: salliegregory@lancasterconservation.org.

Conservation School Sponsor Dinner
Sunday, July 20
5:00 PM
Northern Lancaster Co. Game and Fish Protective Association
180 Forest Rd., Denver, PA

Item IV.4

Lancaster County Conservation District Hosts Teacher Professional Development

Sallie Gregory, District Education and Operations Coordinator, facilitated the Lancaster Outdoor Learning Network Initiative (OLNI) teacher professional development in cooperation with educators on the leadership team, including PA DCNR State Parks, Stroud Water Research Center, and teachers from three school districts. The three-day professional development, June 17-19, was supported with funding from three grants received by the Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County. The professional development was entitled, Advancing Environmental Literacy included a full group of 30 teachers from ten school districts. This year, the program is offer small grants to all participants who submit proposals by August 15.



Data Dashboard Demo

Over the last several months, some Conservation District staff and staff from the Lancaster Clean Water Partners have been working with a private consultant to create a centralized Data Dashboard focusing on Best Management Practice (BMP) and Water Quality data pertinent to the county. The idea of the Dashboard is to tell the Lancaster story and how we are doing in regards to water quality and the Countywide Action Plan (CAP) goals. We have worked with GeoDecisions, the same firm that assisted the District in creating the PracticeKeeper program, to create this dashboard. Funding for this project came from the American Rescue Plan and CAP funds. Finally, the dashboard will be housed on the District's webpage (www.lancasterconservation.org) and will be updated 2-4 times a year with local data gathered by partners throughout the county. We will have a short demonstration on how the data dashboard works, who the intended audience for the dashboard is, and how you can assist in promoting it to others.