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52nd Annual Tree Seedling Sale

Orders and Payment Due: March 6, 2026

Tree Sale Order Pick-up

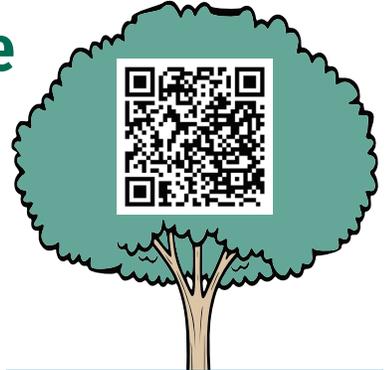
Friday, April 10, 2026

8 am-5 pm

Walk-In Pick up at the
Farm and Home Center

1383 Arcadia Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601

Free
Compost
available at
pick up! Bring
1-3 buckets
to fill.



Scan to Order Online & Read
Complete Tree Descriptions

Happy 52nd Tree Seedling Sale! At the Conservation District, we're grateful for your support over the past five decades, helping to get green in the ground. Your investment allows the Conservation District to continue important conservation education programs related to streams, watersheds, wetlands, and conservation practices.

As a thank you, we are offering 5% off all ONLINE ONLY orders with code "NATIVE."

Visit www.lancasterconservation.org. Thank you!

This year, we will have many returning favorites on sale, including some new options that we are very excited to offer! Some highlights of our sale this year include the wildlife pack and habitat pack, which includes 10 tree seedlings for \$30. Yellow raspberry is also a new item for our garden growers at \$15 for a bundle of 3 plants.

Also, some fan-favorites are back – sassafras, little bluestem, and sweetbay magnolia. Happy shopping, and we'll see you for order pick up on Friday, April 10, 2026!

District Agriculture Spring Updates

The Agriculture Department at the district continues with a steady and increasing workload, helping to serve the community through conservation efforts. The Act 38 Nutrient Management Plan program keeps the Ag Conservation Technicians busy reviewing approximately 100 plans a year, as well as annual review meetings with farmers. The Ag Engineering Team is now fully staffed. Landowners continue to request technical assistance to design and install practices like manure storage, barnyards, or terraces.

Spring 2026 will bring more project funding resources for the district to offer farmers cost-sharing opportunities for best management practices (BMPs). In addition to BMP cost share opportunities, farmers in Upper Leacock Township may receive cost share funds county wide through the Reeser's Run Initiative for reimbursement of Agriculture Plans, which may include Ag Erosion and Sedimentation Conservation Plans, Act 38 Nutrient Management Plans, or Manure Management Plans. Funding is also available through the Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) and Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP).



To apply or request more information, please call Lauren Brodbar at 717-874-2534 or email at laurenbrodbar@lancasterconservation.org.

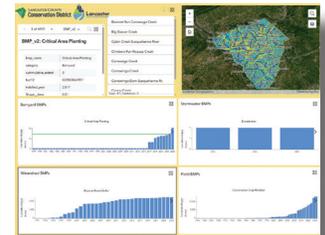
- Lauren Brodbar, Ag Conservation Technician

Data Dashboard, BMP Verification, CAP Program Update

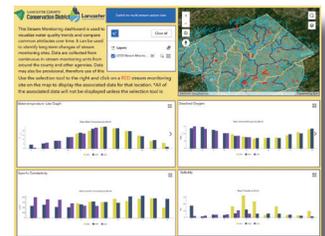
Data Dashboard

Clean water in Lancaster is a goal that will not be achieved singlehandedly; instead, it must be worked on collaboratively, strategically, and with dedication. One tool the district and its partners have created is the Lancaster County Data Dashboard, a program users can interact with to explore the various Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Water Quality data throughout the county. This tool allows users to visualize trend data for various BMP implementations by sub-watershed or countywide. Water quality data that are collected by multiple continuous in-stream monitoring units located throughout the county are also included in this dashboard to further identify the progress towards a clean water standard. Now, we may think this new tool is pretty “nifty,” but don’t just take our word for it; go and explore it some more by visiting our website or www.dashboards.lancasterconservation.org, and let us know what you think! We encourage the use of a computer to interact with the dashboard, as mobile phones and tablets are not yet equipped to handle the program.

- Noelle Cudney, Data Coordinator



BMP Dashboard



Stream Monitor Dashboard

Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Funding

Conservation has different meanings for different people. Here at the Lancaster County Conservation District, our focus with the DEP Clean Water Fund - CAP Grant funding - is on creating healthier streams and watersheds in Lancaster County that, in turn, impact water supply as far south as Chesapeake Bay!

Here are just a few of the conservation efforts that were implemented on local Lancaster County farms, parks, and private properties with CAP 2024 funding. These amazing eight conservation projects completed **16,373 feet** of streambank and shoreline protection, **5 acres** of wetland restoration, **3,181 feet** of fencing, **17 acres** of riparian buffers and flood plain restoration, **1,885 feet** of muddill installation, and **3** stream crossings.

We look forward to installing the CAP 2025 funded projects, which will include numerous best management practices (BMPs) to help meet Lancaster County CAP's goal of Clean and Clear Water by 2040. Thirty projects have been CAP-funded in 2025, providing BMPs such as improving and increasing manure storage capacity, which allows for better manure/nutrient management, reducing nutrients that ultimately end up in the streams. We have also installed roofing over animal-heavy use areas to help reduce nutrient-laden run-off, planted riparian buffers to help filter the water as it flows toward streams, repaired and stabilized streambanks to help fight erosion, and so much more.

Since the inception of CAP grant funding in 2019, we have funded the implementation of 48,448 feet of livestock fencing, 20,622 square feet of roof/coverings, 37,703 feet of Streambank & Shoreline protection, 60,0097 square feet of heavy use protection, 70 acres of Riparian Forest Buffer, and several other BMPs. All of this was done in just a few short years. We look forward to continuing to support the vision of property owners who want to make a difference not only for themselves but for their community. Visit www.lancasterconservation.org, our website, to learn more about the CAP program.

- Pam Wise, Grants Coordinator

Best Management Practice (BMP) Verification

Once BMPs have been implemented, they must be verified to ensure they are installed correctly and function as intended. Each BMP is assigned a specific lifespan based on the average number of years before it begins to deteriorate or can no longer function properly. Structural BMPs typically have an average lifespan of 10–20 years, while most agricultural BMPs implemented in the field have a lifespan of approximately one year.

When a BMP reaches the end of its assigned lifespan, it is automatically considered no longer functional and is removed from any nutrient reduction models in which it was included. Reverification is required to assess BMPs that have reached their lifespan. This process generally involves inspecting the structural integrity of the BMP to ensure it has not been degraded by environmental conditions and can still perform its intended function. Once a BMP is successfully reverified, it is re-entered into its respective data model, and its lifespan is reset, increasing the accuracy of what Lancaster is doing to achieve nutrient reductions that flow to the Chesapeake Bay. Contact our office, 717-299-5361 ext. 5, and we would be glad to let you know if the BMPs on your property are active and credited in the Chesapeake Bay model.

- Colin Wiest, BMP Verification Coordinator

WATERSHED PROGRAM – “Springtime Plantings”

Springtime brings a sense of renewal as the world awakens from winter’s rest and new growth begins to appear everywhere. Longer days, warmer temperatures, and increased sunlight create the perfect conditions for plants to sprout, trees to bud, and flowers to bloom. This spring, the Watershed Department will be planting almost 2,000 trees across the county, marking one of our biggest tree planting seasons yet!

Spring is a good time to plant riparian buffers because growing conditions help new plants become established more easily. Warmer temperatures and increased rainfall support root growth, allowing trees, shrubs, and grasses along streams to settle in before the heat of summer. Planting in spring also helps riparian plants begin stabilizing stream banks early, reducing erosion and improving water quality as spring rains increase runoff. Plants coming out of winter dormancy use spring as a time to heal any wounds received during the colder months. Trees planted during the spring get a boost in growth as they instead focus on root establishment and hardening before summer.

Planting trees in the spring is especially good for pollinators because it helps them find food and shelter right when they need it most. As temperatures warm up, bees, butterflies, and other pollinators become active after winter and begin searching for nectar and pollen. Spring-planted trees are more likely to bloom at the right time, providing these essential resources early in the season. Trees also create safe habitats where pollinators can rest, nest, and stay protected from harsh weather. By planting trees in the spring, we support healthy pollinator populations, which are important for plant growth, food production, and balanced ecosystems.



Planting trees is as much a human experience as it is an environmental act. Spring invites people outdoors after months of cold, making the simple act of digging into the soil feel restorative. The ground is softer and easier to work with, the air is cooler and more comfortable, and there’s a shared sense of renewal that encourages people to slow down and participate. At the conclusion of spring, the District will have planted more than 10 acres of trees, all made possible through lots of planning and coordination with local volunteers and contracting companies. In spring conditions, planting becomes less of a task and more of a moment of connection—to the land, to the season, and to one another—reminding us that caring for the environment often begins with how we feel when we engage with it.

- Grace Chamberlain, Assistant Watershed Specialist

Dirt & Gravel Road/Low Volume Road Program

Did you know that the Conservation District works with municipalities to improve rural roads and water quality? Spring marks the start of Driving Surface Aggregate or DSA placement season. Driving Surface Aggregate is an unbound mixture of aggregate designed specifically as a wearing course for unpaved roads. It’s been designed to be as dense as possible, offering erosion resistance and excellent traffic wear, and ultimately less maintenance for municipalities. Since DSA is placed with 5-7% moisture, it can’t be installed when freezing temperatures may occur while it dries; this makes April through September the official placement season for DSA!

If you have questions about DSA or any other practices that could help reduce maintenance on your low-use roads, reach out to the conservation district today! We will have two funding opportunities in 2026, and projects will be awarded in March and September at the District’s Quality Assurance Board (QAB) meetings. Application due dates will be sent out to all municipalities through email, along with QAB meeting dates. Meeting dates/times will also be announced on the district website. We look forward to working with all municipalities for better roads and cleaner streams!

Contact the Conservation District at 717-299-5361 x.5 for more information.

- Tyler Keefer, DG/LVR Program Coordinator

Youth Conservation School (YCS) High School Students – Summer Field Experience



The Lancaster County Youth Conservation School will take place July 19-24, 2026, celebrating 47 years of education through experiential learning. Open to students ages 14-16 years old; this is a local overnight summer adventure worth taking.

The Lancaster County Conservation District, with local Sportsmen's Clubs, proudly offers a weeklong summer field school focusing on outdoor activities and the conservation of our natural resources. Students reside at the school with tents and cots to demonstrate low-impact camping at the Northern Lancaster County Fish and Game Protection Association in West Cocalico Township.

Motivated students should apply. Students learn about wildlife and conservation, leadership experience, career opportunities, and communication skills. There are many study topics to empower students, ensuring a sustained conservation legacy. Topics include stream restoration, forestry, canoeing, wildlife management, archery, survival, and firearm safety. Students will meet professionals in various environmental and conservation-related fields and discuss career options with them.



Students benefit from generous County Federated Sportsmen's Clubs and Community Organizations, which provide 90% of the tuition to the Conservation School. Students are responsible for a \$25 registration fee. Application is available online. Contact the Education and Operations Coordinator at the Conservation District at 717-299-5361 x.5 with questions or click www.lancasterconservation.org. Applications remain open until June 5, 2026, or until the class fills.

-Sallie Gregory, Education and Operations Coordinator

Conservation District's Ann Brown Scholarship Open to Graduating High School Seniors



The Lancaster County Conservation District will offer a \$1,000 scholarship to two Lancaster County high school seniors. Applications will be accepted from students continuing their education in the 2026/2027 school year to major in a curriculum that focuses on natural resources and/or conservation. Examples of acceptable programs of study include Environmental Sciences; Wildlife and/or Fisheries Biology; Environmental Resource Management; or other related programs, leading to an advanced degree (2 yr. associate degree or 4 yr. Baccalaureate Degree). Completed applications must be received in the Conservation District office or by email by **Thursday, March 26, 2026**. Please email application materials to Morgan Regan at morganregan@lancasterconservation.org.

The scholarship committee of the Conservation District will conduct a review of the applicants beginning in April 2026. The basis for the selection will be determined by the applicant's past academic performance and activities, current school and community involvement, future purpose and direction, and communication skills. The scholarship committee, before final selection, will interview top candidates. The successful candidates will be announced by mid-May 2026.

The scholarships are made possible by a bequest of Ann Brown to the Conservation District and an annual scholarship auction (see back page). Additional information and scholarship applications are available on the Conservation District's website: www.lancasterconservation.org/ann-brown-scholarship/.

Something Fishy in Lancaster County

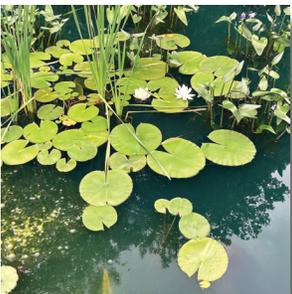


Lancaster County Conservation District Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) Department has recently received a few inquiries about pond construction, removal, and maintenance. Adding a pond to your property can be a way to start a fish farming business, enjoy recreational activities with family, and appreciate ecological diversity in your own backyard. But constructing a pond can be like a fish swimming upstream if you don't know where to start.

Let's put the fish on the table; the ecological benefits of a man-made pond are subject to debate. One study "*Contribution of artificial waterbodies to biodiversity: A glass half empty or half full?*" found that when compared to natural ponds, artificial ponds supported 54% of the natural pond's species diversity. Some argue that, despite moderate contributions

to the ecosystem, conservation strategies should focus on conserving existing natural ponds and creating new "near-natural" ponds. Another study suggested that multiple small ponds can maintain higher species richness and have higher conservation value than a single large pond (Oertli et al. 2002). A study on farmland ponds found that, whilst they are not direct analogues of natural ponds, they do fulfil a role in preserving high local biodiversity, albeit representing a different community of species (Reyne et al. 2021). Many scientists agree that there is no one right answer to the ecological implications of artificial waterbodies. I'll leave the rest of the pondering to you.

The Conservation District provides limited permitting assistance when it comes to the removal, construction, or maintenance of ponds. Chapter 102 regulations (administered by Conservation District E&S Department) require preparation and implementation of an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (E&S Plan) for the construction or maintenance of ponds if earth disturbance is 5,000 square feet or greater. Remember to always place adequately sized perimeter controls, such as a compost sock or silt fence, downslope of stockpiles and soil areas.



Depending on the size of the pond, you will need to verify if it will fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) or require a Dam Safety permit through the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Depending on the water source (groundwater, stream inflow, or otherwise) and the location (adjacent to a stream, near wetlands, etc.), further permitting may be required from the PA DEP. Stream intakes and outfalls often require permitting under Chapter 105 (a General Permit 4 may be applicable). General Permit 4 is not valid in wetlands or waterbodies classified as high-quality and exceptional value. Before starting any work on a pond, it is recommended that you connect with your local municipality, the Conservation District, PA DEP, the PA

Fish and Boat Commission, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to verify all permitting requirements and applicable regulations. Contact information for these agencies and additional resources can be found at <https://lancasterconservation.org/ponds/>. For information on how to manage rural ponds and farm ponds, go to <https://extension.psu.edu/water/pond-management>.

In review, ponds can be a great addition to your property. Making sure a pond is right for your property, beneficial to the environment, and in accordance with all applicable regulations is a great first step before you dive into pond ownership. Don't forget that Lancaster County's public waterbodies like Muddy Run Lake, Lake Aldred, and Lake Grubb are easily accessible to all without the work of installing a private pond. Whether constructing your own pond or visiting a public waterbody, we wish you happy fishing and many ecological discoveries!

- Ava Lang, Resource Conservationist

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29 years of Service – Thank You, Kevin Seibert



As 2026 gets underway, the Conservation District would like to celebrate and recognize Kevin Seibert, who has been a seasoned District staff member for 29 years. He briefly worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at the Smoketown Field Office before joining the Conservation District in March 1997. Over the past 3 decades, Kevin has grown a wealth of knowledge throughout his career.

Kevin served in the role of the district's first Act 6 Nutrient Management Technician while Don Robinson was District Manager. Shortly after, he became the first Nutrient Management Program Manager in the District, managing 3 Nutrient Management Technicians. With the growth in the new Nutrient Management Program, Kevin encouraged the district to develop a plan for fleet vehicles, as District staff were using their personal vehicles for site visits. An in-office research study proved that it was more cost-effective to have fleet vehicles instead of reimbursing employees, which marked the start of District vehicles. As the 90s concluded, Kevin added the role of the Biosolids Program manager to his service. This position allowed him to work closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to facilitate the details of the Biosolids program at a local level.

In 2004, during the transition to a new District Manager, Don McNutt, the district Agriculture department was restructured. Kevin became the Agriculture Program Manager. During this time, he managed 10 Ag Conservation Technicians and 2 Chesapeake Bay Program Technical Specialists. Kevin collaborated with staff and board members to develop a new structure for the Ag Program. Territories were outlined for technicians to cover to build relationships with landowners in respective townships.

In 2010, district innovation established an Agriculture Compliance program.

Kevin accepted the opportunity in the new position as the Agriculture Compliance Coordinator. He held this role up to his retirement. In this capacity, he handled complaints and referrals across the county.



In 2014, Chris Thompson became the District Manager. Chris, the board, the Ag team, and Kevin developed the Agriculture Compliance Program. Kevin managed the Chesapeake Bay Program in conjunction with his role as Agriculture Compliance Coordinator from 2016 to the present. This program includes two additional staff members working with Kevin, creating a team that has completed a minimum of 150 farm inspections per year. As Agriculture Compliance Coordinator, he has handled complaints that have come through the office with a listening ear, an educational response, and regulatory action when needed.

Kevin Seibert is a jack of all trades, master of all, and a valued mentor to many.

Kevin credits the start of his career to several of his predecessors: Don Robinson, Don McNutt, and Frank Lucas of NRCS. He continued their legacies by passing on the vast knowledge that they once shared with him to new technicians throughout the past three decades. Throughout the years, Kevin has met several milestones and helped coordinate new resources to the district, making it a better place to work, while serving the community in support of conservation. Working through various positions at the district gave him a wide variety of skills and knowledge, which he always shared with others.

The Board of Directors and staff thank Kevin Seibert for his years of service. They recognized his dedication to conservation in Lancaster County with a retirement luncheon. We will miss him but look forward to hearing what retirement brings to him. Happy Retirement, Kevin!



Don Robinson, District Manager 1993-2003, left and Kevin Seibert, right

- Lauren Brodbar, Ag Conservation Technician
- Samantha Adams, Ag Team Lead

Welcome to New Staff at the Conservation District



Tristan Conrad is the new Agricultural Compliance Coordinator at the District. Originally from Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, he found his way to the area when he attended Millersville University and graduated in 2014 with a B.S. in Environmental Biology. Before his current role at the District, Tristan worked for Denali Water Solutions as an Environmental Manager, mainly focusing on the beneficial reuse of Food Processing Residuals on agricultural operations. Tristan has also served as an Agronomic Products Inspector for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Lancaster and York counties.

With a family of three boys, Tristan and his fiancée Lauren have limited free time, but when they have some to take advantage of, they enjoy spending it on friends, outdoor activities, and visiting museums.



Morgan Brough is a new Ag Engineer Technician at the District. He is a 2023 graduate from the University of Kentucky, where he received his B.S in Plant and Soil Science with a minor in Pest Management. Morgan had previously worked with the USDA in Lancaster as a Soil Conservationist and started with the District in February 2025. During his free time, he enjoys working out, cooking, and just getting outdoors and going on hikes or golfing.



Grace Wisely joined the Conservation District in January 2025 as an Agriculture Engineering Technician. She graduated from Temple University in 2023 with a B.A. in Environmental Studies. She currently resides back in her hometown in Chester County. Grace enjoys traveling, going to the beach, cooking, and playing with her niece. She is excited about growing her engineering knowledge by implementing more projects and helping people out!



Ava Lang is a new Resource Conservationist at the District. Originally from Lehigh County, Ava is a new Lancasterian. She is a 2025 graduate of Susquehanna University, where she received a B. S. in Earth and Environmental Science. Previously, Ava interned with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alaska, PA Department of Environmental Protection in Waterways and Wetlands, and with Chesapeake Conservancy's PA team. In her free time, she enjoys backpacking, tending to her indoor plants, eating snacks, and traveling.



Colin Wiest is a new BMP Verification Coordinator at the district. He is a 2023 graduate of Penn State University, where he received a B. S. in Plant Sciences. Colin interned at Penn State's Southeast Agricultural Research Center, gaining hands-on experience in farming and data collection practices. In 2025, Colin verified the best management practices of over 100 farms, with hopes to verify the BMPs of 200 farms in 2026. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, working out, and coaching lacrosse at his local high school.



Gary Ballina is a new Civil Engineering Technician with the District. He has worked for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for 35 years in Lancaster County, 5 years in York County, and 5 years in Iowa. Gary works on designing and installing best management practices and assists other District technicians. In his free time, he enjoys paddling, kayaking, canoeing, and stand-up paddleboarding.



Monique Dykman is the Director of Programs and Partners for Lancaster Clean Water Partners. Growing up on a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay instilled a drive to work to support local water quality improvement. Through her career, Monique has worked in outdoor education, volunteer/program management, river garbage cleanup, and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). Monique loves living in Lancaster for the easy access to day hikes, kayaking, and city life.

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75th Diamond Anniversary Gala



A 75th Diamond Anniversary Gala was held in September 2025, honoring the past and the future of the Lancaster County Conservation District. A crowd of over 155 gathered at Moonstone Manor near Elizabethtown to celebrate 75 years of conservation efforts in Lancaster County. Guests checked in at the historic barn, where they picked up a nametag to network and took time to explore more than a dozen poster displays illustrating historical highlights.

Beautiful décor led guests down a path to the elegant pavilion lit with thousands of lights on a cloudy night near the Conewago Creek. In the pavilion, tables were decorated with lanterns, candles, and fall leaves, inviting guests to reconnect and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and make-your-own food stations catered by Food

for Thought. Attendees were directed to a Gala picture before reviewing a rolling slide presentation of old photos and news clippings from the last 75 years.

The evening program began with Commissioner D'Agostino sharing a proclamation from the county for the 75th anniversary of the district. This was followed by 4 brief presentations regarding the People, Partners, Programs, and Projects the district has worked with over the last 75th years. Speakers included: Sonia Wasco, Christopher Thompson, Doug Wolfgang, Jill Whitcomb, Jim Caldwell, Donald McNutt, Dan Zimmerman, and Matthew Kofroth.

PA Secretary of Agriculture Russ Redding's closing presentation connected to the district's mission and the Diamond Jubilee. The evening ended with a toast by Chris Thompson, recognizing the past and looking to the future.

Thanks to the many directors, staff, and partners who made the 75th Diamond Anniversary Gala such a special event.



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Annual Appeal – Rooted in Growing Conservation

Last year was such an amazing year, celebrating 75 years of the Lancaster County Conservation District. Building off the momentum of 2025, the annual appeal for 2026 will develop and enhance hallmark events, such as the Annual Awards Banquet, Envirothon program, and Youth Conservation School. In 2026, the appeal will also support 'Telling the District Story' through the work of the Data and Analysis department with an online Data Dashboard featuring real-time water monitoring and best management practices, along with the Watershed department's stream restoration projects, and the Education department's communication projects. Donations carry the conservation message even farther and reach a broader audience while highlighting your business in the process. There are 5 different sponsorship levels.

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. Contact the office to learn more about company donations, 717-299-5361 ext. 5 or visit <https://lancasterconservation.org/donate/>.

2026 Annual Tree Sale Items



Red Cedar



White Cedar



White Pine



American Hazelnut



Honeylocust



Sweetbay Magnolia



Black Chokeberry



Hackberry



Pussy Willow



Silky Dogwood



River Birch



Sassafras



Sugar Maple



White Oak

Plant Type Legend:

Green	Conifers
Red	Containerized Seedlings
Light Blue	Wildlife
Dark Blue	Hardwoods
Blue	Tree Packs
Pink	Fruit and Garden Plants
Purple	Perennials
Orange	Ground Cover



Black Oak



Coralberry



Sargent Crabapple



Washington Hawthorn



Wild Grape

Species	Age/ Size	Growing Conditions
Red Cedar <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	1 yr, (5-10")	Tolerant of many soils. Full sun to partial shade
White Cedar <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	2 yrs (7-12")	Tolerant of Many Soils, Full Sun to Partial Shade
White Pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	2 yrs, (7-10")	Well-drained soils. Full sun to partial shade
American Hazelnut <i>Corylus americana</i>	Potted	Tolerant of many well- drained soils. Full sun to partial shade
Honeylocust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Potted	Tolerant of many soils. Full sun
Sweetbay Magnolia <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Potted	Prefers moist, well- drained soils. Full sun to partial shade
Black Chokeberry <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	1 yr, (12-18")	Moist to wet, well-drained soils. Full Sun
Hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	1 yr, (12-18")	Tolerant of many soils. Full sun to partial shade.
Pussy Willow <i>Salix discolor</i>	1 yr, (12-18")	Tolerant of many soils. Full sun to partial shade
Silky Dogwood <i>Cornus amomum</i>	1 yr, (12-18")	Well-drained medium to wet soils. Full sun to partial shade.
River Birch <i>Betula nigra</i>	1 yr, (12-18")	Tolerates acidic, moist, well-drained soils. Full sun to partial shade
Sassafras <i>Sassafras albidum</i>	1 yr, (12-18")	Tolerant of most well- drained soils. Full sun to partial shade
Sugar Maple <i>Acer saccharum</i>	2 yrs, (12-18")	Tolerant of most well- drained soils. Full sun to partial shade
White Oak <i>Quercus alba</i>	1,2 yrs, (12-18")	Tolerant of moist, well- drained soils. Full sun

Habitat Pack	Age/ Size
Includes 2 of each - Black Oak, Coralberry, Sargent Crabapple, Washington Hawthorn, Wild Grape	1 yrs (6-12")

2026 Annual Tree Sale Items



Allegheny Serviceberry



Elderberry



Native Flowering Raspberry



Red Mulberry

Wildlife Pack	Age/ Size
Includes 2 - Allegheny Serviceberry, 3 - Elderberry, 3 - Native Flowering Raspberry, 2 - Red Mulberry	1 yrs (6-12")



Crimson Gold Apple



Daybreak Fuji Apple



Bellaire Peach



'Anne' Yellow Raspberry



Lavender 'Munstead'



Gaillardia 'Mesa Peach' / 'Mesa Yellow'



Lupine 'Mini Gallery Blue'



Lobelia 'Starship Scarlet'



Achillea 'Summer Pastels'



Echinacea 'Magnus Superior'



Arenaria 'Blizzard Compact'



Little Bluestem



Pennsylvania Sedge



Variegated Liriope

Plant Type Legend:

Conifers
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Tree Packs
Fruit and Garden Plants
Perennials
Ground Cover

Species	Age/ Size	Growing Conditions
Crimson Gold Apple	2 yrs, (4-5')	Well drained, loamy soil. Full sun
Daybreak Fuji Apple	2 yrs, (4-5')	Tolerant of well-drained soils. Full sun
Bellaire Peach	2 yrs, (4-5')	Tolerant of well-drained soils. Full sun
'Anne' Yellow Raspberry	10-12"	Tolerant of moist, well-drained soils. Full sun to partial shade
Lavender 'Munstead'	3-6"	Low/moderately fertile soils, well-drained, neutral to slightly alkaline soil. Full sun.
Gaillardia 'Mesa Peach' / 'Mesa Yellow'	3-6"	Best in sand or gravel. Full sun
Lupine 'Mini Gallery Blue'	3-6"	Well-drained, moist soil. Full sun to partial shade
Lobelia 'Starship Scarlet'	3-6"	Best in normal soil or clay, has high water demands. Full sun to partial shade
Achillea 'Summer Pastels'	3-6"	Dry to medium moisture, well-drained sandy loams or soil. Full sun
Echinacea 'Magnus Superior'	3-6"	Dry to medium, well-drained soil. Full sun
Arenaria 'Blizzard Compact'	3-6"	Dry to medium, well-drained soil. Full sun to partial shade
Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	2-4"	Moist, well-drained soils. Will clump in dry soil. Full sun
Pennsylvania Sedge <i>Carex pennsylvanica</i>	2-3"	Partial Sun to Shade
Variegated Liriope <i>Liriope muscari</i>	2-3"	Full to Partial Sun



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Order Forms Due: Friday, March 6, 2026
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2026 Annual Awards Banquet & Scholarship Fundraiser Auction

March 24, 2026 - 6:15 PM

Social Gathering Starting at 5:30 PM

Farm & Home Center, Lancaster

Lancaster County Conservation District will recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to natural resource conservation within the county at the District's 73rd annual banquet on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

The evening program will also include the 19th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Auction, benefiting the District's collegiate scholarship program.

Contact 717-299-5361, ext. 5, to make banquet reservations, \$35.



19th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Auction

March 24, 2026

The Conservation District will hold the 19th Annual Scholarship Auction to raise funds that support individual scholarships to Lancaster County high school seniors going on to undergraduate studies in natural resources or conservation related field of study. The auction includes new items, gift baskets with local flavor, gift certificates, and promotional items that can be auctioned to the highest bidder. 100% of proceeds are donated to the Ann Brown Scholarship Fund. Please contact the Conservation District at 717-299-5361 ext. 5 if you or your place of work would be able to donate an item. Donations accepted until March 15, 2026.