

Lancaster County Conservation District

2023 Accomplishments

Agricultural Conservation Program

Project dollars to landowner projects \$8.06 mill

Funds allocated through NRCS \$3.2 mill

- Awarded 55 projects with funding from a variety of programs including: ACAP, CEG, CAP, Exelon, ARPA.
- Planned more than 1,600 acres with an Ag E&S Plan.
- Designed 190 Best Management Practices and Installed over 100 BMPs.
- Reviewed 123 Act 38 Nutrient Management Plans.
- Developed 17 Manure Management Plans.
- Conducted status reviews of over 300 Act 38 regulated operations and/or CAFO's.
- Completed 147 Chesapeake Bay farm compliance visits.
- Distributed more than \$120,000 to farmers through the PACD Plan Reimbursement Program.



Watershed Program

Project dollars totaling more than \$1.2 mill

- Installed 2 more Continuous Instream Monitoring units in priority watersheds for a total of 12 in the county.
- Nearly 1.5 miles of streams have been restored by the District's Watershed Program in 2023: Over 3,400 ft. of mounds installed, 3 log/cross vanes and over 13.3 acres of riparian buffer planted (2,000 trees/ shrubs planted).
- Assisted more than 10 local volunteer watershed associations with education, funding, monitoring, and volunteer recruitment.
- Expand our Buffer Maintenance Program.



Erosion & Sediment Control Program

Total Fees Generated \$788,200

The E&S Department administered the Chapter 102 program to help protect our natural resources from impacts of new development and construction projects. The Team was co-led by a Program Manager and New Technical Manager and a total

of 1,425 acres were disturbed.

E&S Plans Reviewed	243
NPDES General Permits Processed	154
NPDES Individual Permits Processed	19
Site Inspections Conducted	313
Complaints Received & Processed	76
Enforcement Cases	2

Dirt & Gravel Road Program and the Low Volume Road Program

Allocated to Municipalities \$610,000

The DGR and LVR programs assisted 4 municipalities with 8 road projects improving conditions on more than 5 mile of roadways and cleaner streams, creeks, and rivers throughout

Conservation Education Program: \$143,803 Grants & Fees

- Conducted 228 educational programs involving 3,953 participants.
- Facilitated teacher professional development, "Outdoor Learning Network Initiative" (OLNI).
- Coordinate in-person events for each of the County's Envirothon events and LCCD's 45th week-long Youth Conservation School.
- Expanded LCCD's social media platform and Tree Sale CRM database management.
- Subcontracted with the South Central Task Force to complete "Livestock Behavior in an Emergency" and "Grain Bin Rescue" training and resources.
- Coordinated 23 fly complaint responses and assisted with multiple outreach events to inform and educate public officials

Grant Money Brought to the County in 2023 from Conservation District Efforts

\$13,363,200

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More Work to Do

- Implement our 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.
- Retain our 42 staff and on-board 2 new Directors.
- Finalize a Grants Management database system.
- Move to digital operations for the 102 Program.
- Implement \$12.7 million in project grants.
- Work to implement CAP goals and objectives.
- Install 2 more in-stream monitoring stations.
- Expand the Buffer Maintenance Program.
- Expand the Manure Injection Incentive Program
- Grow the impact of the Conservation