

# Pike County Conservation District

## AGENDA

### Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2022– 9:00 AM

Pike County Conservation District, 556 Route 402, Hawley, PA

*Pike County Conservation District is committed to the long-term protection and sustainable use of Pike County's natural resources.*

*We accomplish this through partnership, education, technical assistance, planning, enforcement, and leadership.*

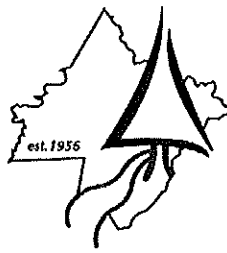
**Meeting will be done VIA ZOOM & in person – see email and website**

- I Call to order – Pledge of Allegiance – Introductions
- II Public Comment on Agenda Items
- III Action on Minutes June 27, 2022 meeting (vote) JULY MEETING CANCELLED
- IV Financial Report (review/file subject to audit)
- V Correspondence Report
- VI Executive Director Report
- VII OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Communications & Outreach ad hoc committee
- VIII NEW BUSINESS
  - 2021 District Audit – Michele Long
  - Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road contracts – Palmyra and Porter Township projects– Ellen Enslin
  - 2022 Fund Analysis – Michele Long
  - Conservation District Fund Allocation Program FY 22/23 – Michele Long
- IX PACD Update
- X Cooperating Agency and Other Organization Reports
- XI Public/Press Questions
- XII Executive Session
- XIII Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, September 19, 2022, at 9:00am.**

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## PIKE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 27, 2022

The Board of Directors meeting was also held via Zoom Video Conference call.  
Information regarding the conference call was posted on the District website.

### ATTENDANCE:

**Directors:** Scott Savini, John Milliken, Jay Morrow, Kelly Stagen Ken Coutts

**Associate Directors:** Paul Ranello

**Staff:** Michele Long, Devan George, Ellen Enslin, Lisa Dolci, Rachael Marques, Jeremy Oettinger, Marianna Quartararo

**Cooperating Agency Representatives:** Shane Kleiner and Janet Creegan, DEP, Jen Mathews, NRCS, Patricia Dawson and Ralph Cozzolino, Twin and Walker Creek Watershed Conservancy, John Hahn

**Directors/Associate Directors Absent:** Commissioner Ron Schmalzle, Carole Linkiewicz, Mike Spencer, Jo Ann Rose

Scott Savini called the meeting to order at 11:32 am.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS AGENDA ITEMS: None

**ACTION ON MINUTES of May 16, 2022:** Kelly Stagan made a motion to approve May 16<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting minutes. Jay Morrow seconded. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Jay Morrow stated the Financial Report looked good, on track for the year. Report subject to audit.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:** The following were distributed correspondence: a letter from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC regarding the audit services for 2021, a letter from Pennsylvania Delaware River Basin for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), a policy on Utilizing Communications Technology to Facilitate Conservation District Business Meetings from the State Conservation Commission.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** DEP Secretary, Pat McDonnell will be retiring on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ramez Ziadeh to serve as Acting Secretary. A fee waiver was requested by Palmyra Township Supervisors for the Old Greentown Road project which was approved by the Executive Committee. We've had about 60+ phone calls for Spongy Moth infestation mostly in Lackawaxen, Greeley and Shohola areas. A majority of the calls received were from community associations. Michele will be meeting with a DCNR Representative this week to do an assessment of the damage from the areas that were not sprayed. Devan is working with the Partnership on an end of July program titled "Welcome to the Neighborhood" to promote the new rack card for homeowners as well as provide information on our partners. It will be held on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Wallenpaupack Learning Center. We have been working on a Growing Greener Grant for a stream restoration project at Moon Valley in Milford. The grant would require a 15% match from the landowner and unfortunately the landowners are not able to provide the money. The recommendations provided by the NRCS were given to the landowners. Rachael stated the Keystone 10 Million Trees program will have enough funding to provide 500 trees and some equipment to Pike County between the Fall of 2022 and Spring of 2023. Rachael has put together an informational sheet and will begin promoting the program.

### **OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Communications & Outreach Committee – We sent out the municipal survey out several weeks ago and received 5 responses. We will be following up and resending the survey.

Operating Account – The operating account has been frozen since we discovered fraudulent checks cashed in our account. Due to the way the bank handled the incidents and fees for additional fraud protection, it has been recommended that we switch to a different bank. Jay Morrow made a motion to close the NBT bank Operating account and transfer those funds to a new account with Dime Bank. Kelly Stagan seconded. Motion carried.

2021 PCCD Environmental Education Grant – A video was shown from a student at Wallenpaupack Area High School for the composting PCCD EE grant they received last year and what they were able to accomplish with the grant.

Milford Wellhead Ordinance updates – A letter from Pike County Office of Community Planning stated that their office is unable to conduct a complete review of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment due to the lack of proper mapping of proposed Zones A & B as well as a number of comments referencing the District be contacted for additional guidance. There has been no correspondence from the Township to the District regarding these recommendations.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

2022 PCCD Environmental Education Grant – A grant application was received from Wallenpaupack to remove invasive species growing around the school and replace them with native trees and plants. Kelly Stagan made a motion to approve the 2022 Environmental Education Grant. Jay Morrow seconded. Motion carried.

Conservation District letter to State Conservation Commission re: proposed Nutrient Management/Manure Management Delegation agreement – The PACD drafted a letter on behalf of conservation districts to the State Conservation Commission regarding the changes, development, and approval process of the Nutrient Management and Manure Management Delegation agreement. The districts would like to have more of a say and be able to provide more input on any required output measures and standard operating procedures that relate to the delegation agreements that would equally be beneficial to both parties. John Milliken made a motion to add Pike County Conservation Districts name to the letter. Jay Morrow seconded. Motion carried.

Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Quality Assurance Board meeting update – The Quality Assurance Board meeting was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ellen Enslin stated there were 2 project applications for review and 5 program updates. It is the recommendation of the QAB that the Whitaker Farm Road, Phase 1 project be funded for \$83,723.00 after the district receives their 2022/2023 allocation. It is also recommended that the Panther Brook Road, Phase 1 project be revisited in the fall once the current contracts are fulfilled. There is some concern regarding the 3 current projects exceeding the contract costs due to increased pricing. Kelly Stagan made a motion to approve the funding for Whitaker Farm Road, Phase 1. Jay Morrow seconded. Motion carried.

### **Cooperating Agency and Other Organization Reports:**

PACD – There is a proposed increase to PACD dues over the next 3 years. Jay Morrow made a motion to approve the increase in dues. John Milliken seconded. Motion carried.

DEP – Janet Creegan is the new field rep at DEP who will be working in our county. Shane will continue to work with the Growing Greener Grant and other programs throughout the county.

NRCS – Jen Matthews stated that they have started work on 2 contracts that were approved. They should have a listing of the fund code, amount, and county next month. Right now, they are focused on contracts and Growing Greener Grants for their district.

Twin and Walker Creek Watershed Conservancy – Patricia Dawson let us know that Ralph Cozzolino is the new President Elect for the conservancy. After the annual meeting in August, he will likely take over as the new President. The newsletter is out with a lot of information, including the Spotted Lanternfly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**PUBLIC/PRESS QUESTIONS:** None

**ADJOURN:** Kelly Stagan made a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting. Jay Morrow seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dolci, Administrative Assistant

**Pike County Conservation District**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
January through July 2022

	Jan - Jul 22	Jan - Jul 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>					
4255 · Low Volume Road Allocation	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	-40,000.00	0.0%
4000 · Other Grant Income	9,211.81	400.00	25,140.00	-15,928.19	36.64%
4100 · State Cost Share Funds	0.00	14,916.00	66,449.00	-66,449.00	0.0%
4107 · County Contribution	258,844.81	259,064.75	443,734.00	-184,889.19	58.33%
4125 · UGW Income	67,123.03	61,921.62	56,818.00	10,305.03	118.14%
4150 · Watershed Specialist Grant	21,901.36	19,831.84	45,250.00	-23,348.64	48.4%
4200 · County Appropriation	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	-15,000.00	50.0%
4250 · D&G Rd Allocation	0.00	70,955.27	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.0%
4300 · Fees Collected	21,120.00	44,340.00	35,000.00	-13,880.00	60.34%
4400 · Program Income	1,822.50	1,500.00	3,000.00	-1,177.50	60.75%
4500 · Misc Income	3,886.72	0.00	100.00	3,786.72	3,886.72%
4700 · Interest Income	1,690.21	99.63	150.00	1,540.21	1,126.81%
Transfer from Conservation Fund	43,393.00	0.00	28,250.00	15,143.00	153.6%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>443,993.44</b>	<b>488,029.11</b>	<b>873,891.00</b>	<b>-429,897.56</b>	<b>50.81%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>443,993.44</b>	<b>488,029.11</b>	<b>873,891.00</b>	<b>-429,897.56</b>	<b>50.81%</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
5255 · Low Volume Road Expenditures	446.22	576.35	36,000.00	-35,553.78	1.24%
5000 · Other Grant Expenditures	7,847.30	3,825.00	20,485.00	-12,637.70	38.31%
5100 · Salary/Benefits to County	42,692.08	46,294.34	121,925.00	-79,232.92	35.02%
Transfer to UGW Funds	0.00	0.00	35,318.00	-35,318.00	0.0%
5250 · D&G Rd Expenditures	720.34	122,582.93	91,000.00	-90,279.66	0.79%
5505 · Telephone	864.58	1,422.10	2,900.00	-2,035.42	29.81%
5510 · Postage	171.09	0.00	500.00	-328.91	34.22%
5520 · Supplies/Equipment	3,199.00	3,225.90	13,020.00	-9,821.00	24.57%
5531 · Leased Equipment	6,874.19	6,064.84	11,500.00	-4,625.81	59.78%
5535 · Advertising	1,896.76	448.29	600.00	1,296.76	316.13%
5540 · Professional Services	325.85	406.12	7,580.00	-7,254.15	4.3%
5550 · Personnel Expenses	258,844.81	259,064.75	443,734.00	-184,889.19	58.33%
5608 · Programs	1,753.13	2,531.79	7,000.00	-5,246.87	25.05%
5700 · Water Monitoring-Chem/Lab	0.00	0.00	12,450.00	-12,450.00	0.0%
5805 · Travel/Meals	20.00	0.00	2,900.00	-2,880.00	0.69%
5815 · Training/Conferences	382.94	773.19	3,750.00	-3,367.06	10.21%
5820 · Dues & Subscriptions	3,051.62	2,390.83	4,149.00	-1,097.38	73.55%
1 5870 · Repairs & Maintenance	24,428.32	11,074.73	17,830.00	6,598.32	137.01%
5880 · Heat & Electric	5,955.11	3,752.59	8,000.00	-2,044.89	74.44%
5900 · Vehicle Expense	3,149.11	2,098.14	4,400.00	-1,250.89	71.57%
2 5940 · Capital Improvements	17,970.00	0.00	28,250.00	-10,280.00	63.61%
5950 · Misc Expense	18,403.26	275.27	600.00	17,803.26	3,067.21%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>398,995.71</b>	<b>466,807.16</b>	<b>873,891.00</b>	<b>-474,895.29</b>	<b>45.66%</b>
	<b>44,997.73</b>	<b>21,221.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>44,997.73</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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1 Includes (\$4285) for Step repair; (\$6,740) for painting offices and hall; \$1700 for generator repair

2 Includes heating system repairs (\$14,968) and YSI meter (\$3,002)

**Pike County Conservation District**  
**Summary Balance Sheet**  
As of July 31, 2022

	Jul 31, 22	Jun 30, 22	Jul 31, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings	776,783.85	778,427.25	760,127.76
Accounts Receivable	8,927.34	24,327.34	0.00
Total Current Assets	785,711.19	802,754.59	760,127.76
Fixed Assets	158,364.78	158,364.78	167,576.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>944,075.97</b>	<b>961,119.37</b>	<b>927,704.13</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	11,344.98	24,682.86	3,102.58
Other Current Liabilities	107,692.75	107,692.75	152,581.24
Total Current Liabilities	119,037.73	132,375.61	155,683.82
Total Liabilities	119,037.73	132,375.61	155,683.82
Equity	825,038.24	828,743.76	772,020.31
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>944,075.97</b>	<b>961,119.37</b>	<b>927,704.13</b>

**Account Balances 7/31/2022**

	Jul 31, 22	Jun 30, 22	Jul 31, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
008 - Dime Operating Account	190,844.12	0.00	0.00
007 - UGW Fund	263,441.03	263,104.37	289,914.76
006 - Low Volume Road Fund	24,361.55	24,330.42	6,315.15
005 - Clean Water Fund	14,933.01	13,756.79	13,154.64
002 - Conservation Fund	167,030.44	166,816.98	169,204.36
003 - Dirt & Gravel Municipal	116,173.70	118,431.07	120,552.93
004 - Operating Account	0.00	191,987.62	160,985.92
Total Checking/Savings	776,783.85	778,427.25	760,127.76
Total Current Assets	776,783.85	778,427.25	760,127.76
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>776,783.85</b>	<b>778,427.25</b>	<b>760,127.76</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

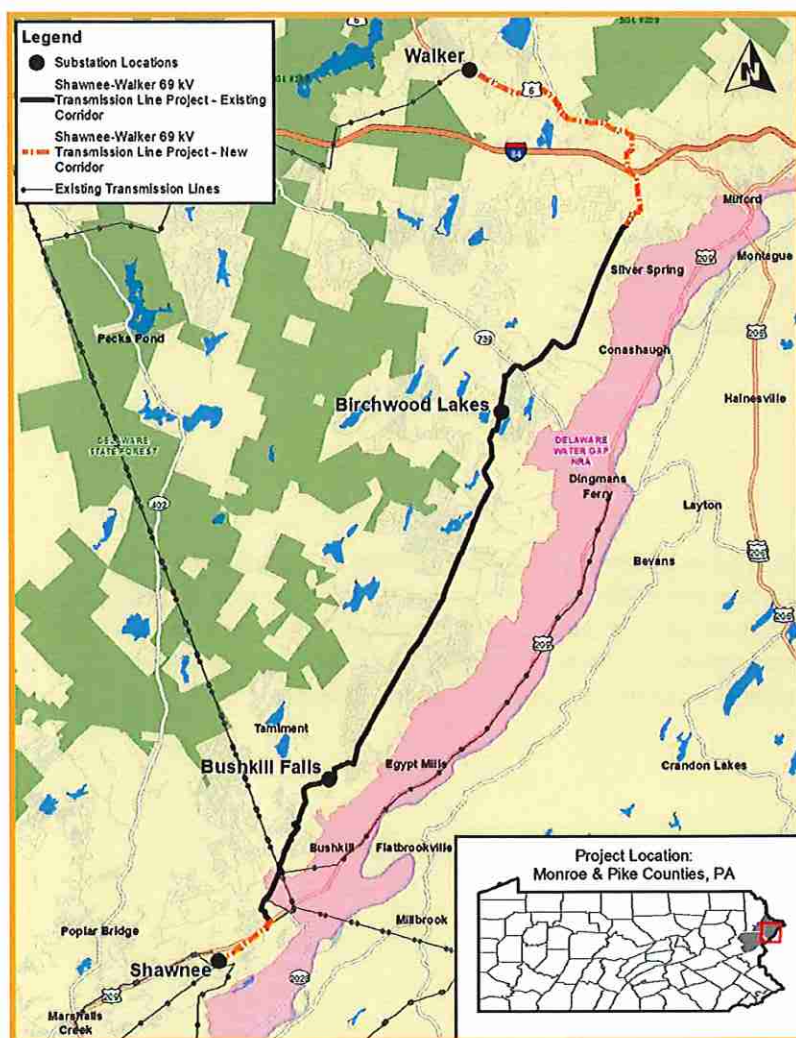


# SHAWNEE-WALKER 69-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

At FirstEnergy, it is our responsibility to deliver the power our customers depend on in their daily lives. Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (MAIT), a FirstEnergy transmission subsidiary, is planning to strengthen the regional electric system in northeastern Pennsylvania to improve electric service reliability for approximately 13,600 customers in Monroe and Pike counties, including Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company, Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Bushkill Elementary School and East Stroudsburg North High School Campus.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

MAIT completed an evaluation of the existing electric transmission system in Monroe and Pike counties and identified a need to construct the new Shawnee-Walker 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line.



The approximately 30-mile line will provide a new transmission source extending from the existing Shawnee substation in East Stroudsburg to the existing Walker substation in Shohola Township. The new line will connect to two additional substations in Bushkill and Dingmans Ferry, and upgrades to all four substations along with construction of the new line will help enhance system capacity, reduce overloading conditions and mitigate reliability concerns on the existing 13.2 kV and 34.5 kV systems. The project will also provide additional capacity to accommodate future load growth and improve the operational flexibility of the system.

The project area includes Middle Smithfield Township in Monroe County and Delaware, Dingman and Lehman townships in Pike County.

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PJM, the regional transmission system operator, and the PJM stakeholders have reviewed the proposed project and have assigned the supplemental upgrade identification number s1880. More information about the project can be found at [www.pjm.com](http://www.pjm.com).

**TRANSMISSION LINE SITING**

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A detailed routing study was performed to identify potential transmission line routes for the project. These routes were carefully evaluated to minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, property owners and communities. The proposed line route will utilize a combination of existing right-of-way, roadways and other utility corridors where feasible.

**EASEMENTS**

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The new 69-kV transmission line will be located within a 60-foot-wide right-of-way. Field representatives will contact property owners to discuss transmission line easements and/or any temporary access needed during construction.

**PRELIMINARY PROJECT TIMELINE**

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Due to the length of this project, MAIT anticipates a phased approach to construction. Below is a preliminary schedule, which is subject to change as work progresses:

- Virtual Public Outreach Program ..... July 2022
- Environmental Field Surveys ..... Ongoing
- Right of Way Negotiations..... 3rd Quarter 2022 -4th Quarter 2023
- Anticipated Construction Start ..... 1st Quarter 2024
- Project Completed and Placed in Service..... 4th Quarter 2026

**ABOUT ENERGIZING THE FUTURE**

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Through *Energizing the Future*, FirstEnergy is upgrading and strengthening the transmission grid to meet the existing and future needs of our customers and communities. Projects are focused on upgrading or replacing aging equipment to strengthen our transmission infrastructure, reduce outages and cut maintenance costs; enhancing performance by building a smarter, more secure transmission system; and adding flexibility by building in redundancy and allowing system operators to react more swiftly to changing grid conditions.

For more information, visit [firstenergycorp.com/transmission](http://firstenergycorp.com/transmission).





**Pennsylvania Envirothon**

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TO: Conservation District Board of Directors

CC: District Manager

FROM: Vince McCollum, Vice-Chairman

DATE: August 1, 2022

RE: Pennsylvania Envirothon Director Nominations

Why is the Pennsylvania Envirothon so successful? It's because of our commitment to conserve and sustain our natural resources for future generations. In order to keep the program thriving, we need dedicated individuals with fresh ideas, a commitment to conservation, and a willingness to collaborate with like-minded individuals to help us.

The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors currently has openings for director and associate director positions. With that in mind, we are inviting the districts and staff members to serve as Directors on the Envirothon Board so that we may continue to influence our youth and prepare them for the natural resource challenges of today as well as tomorrow. Please give careful consideration to this opportunity.

If you are unable to serve as a director then maybe an associate director is just right for you. As an associate you will be able to gain a better understanding of the program and become more involved in the state event. This opportunity will then prepare you for a director role in the future, if you wish to hold one of those positions.

**Why would I want to serve as a Director? It is an opportunity to:**

- Impact the most successful statewide and international natural resource education program.
- Improve your county event.
- Learn "the nuts and bolts" of the state program.
- Obtain Envirothon apparel (clothing, promotional items).
- Minimize the generation gap by connecting with our youth through a common passion.

**What are the expectations of a Director?**

- Attend a minimum of 8 of 10 meetings throughout the year but are encouraged to attend all. (The meetings are usually held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in Centre, Mifflin or Snyder County.)

The Envirothon Program is offered and operated on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.



- Attend and assist with the state event.
- Serve on a committee(s) of your interest.
- Contribute ideas and assist with planning of the event in a collaborative effort.
- Ability to work with a diverse group with a common goal.

**What are the expectations of an Associate Director?**

- Attend a minimum of 3 meetings per year but are encouraged to attend as many as possible.
- Serve on at least one committee (examples include Current Issue, Oral Component, Logistics, Education Outreach, etc.)

**How Do I become a Director?** The conservation district board must nominate a director or staff person and approve it at a district board meeting. Travel time and a four-year term should be a consideration when making any nomination. We must receive a nomination letter from your Conservation District's Board of Directors indicating the recommendation has been approved at a district board meeting. For your information, attached is a current listing of directors and associate directors.

Thank you for your interest in the Pennsylvania Envirothon; we look forward to hearing from you.

**Please send your responses no later than September 2, 2022  
to [paenvirothon@gmail.com](mailto:paenvirothon@gmail.com)**

Thank you,



Vince McCollum, Vice-Chairman  
Pennsylvania Envirothon

# Pike County Conservation District

Michele Long, Executive Director (ED) Report for August 2022

## Board Agenda

### **OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Communications and Outreach ad hoc committee – The municipal survey was mailed to all the municipalities with a self-addressed postage paid envelope; Hope to schedule another committee meeting in late August or early September.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2021 District Audit – The Final report will be sent out prior to the Board meeting for review.
- Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road contracts – Palmyra and Porter Township projects – Ellen will provide an overview on the requests for the contract extensions for Palmyra Township and with the approval of the State budget, we can now execute the contract with Porter Township for the Whittaker Road D&G road project as was recommended by the District Quality Assurance Board.
- 2022 Fund Analysis – Each August the Finance Committee reviews the current fund balances and the anticipated capital reserve expenditures for the building, vehicles, and equipment. The committee will be meeting the week of August 8<sup>th</sup> and the recommendations will be sent out prior to the Board meeting.
- Conservation District Fund Allocation Program FY 22/23 – The District will be receiving an increase in funding as the State Budget included an increase in the Conservation District line items in both the Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection. These funds are distributed to the State Conservation Commission who then distributes them to Districts based on their Statement of Policy. The Finance Committee will review the statement of policy and provide a recommendation to the Board on how these funds should be allocated for FY 22-23.

### **NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION**

Provide advocacy for Pike County's natural resource assets – protecting sensitive natural environments, conserving the quality and quantity of soil and groundwater resources and Pike County's special protection surface water resources.

#### Surface Water Quality Monitoring

- Staff will be fish sampling with ARC Consultants in mid-August. Rachael did some reconnaissance of the sites to be sampled this year and has ordered supplies needed.

#### Groundwater Monitoring

- Well run was completed in July by the Watershed Specialist and Quarterly report to the SRCP was submitted for this grant funded project.

#### 102/105 Delegated Programs

- See attached July Technical staff report for specifics on projects/permitting activity.
- Blue Heron Woods has a number of projects currently in different phases of construction; PPL Canadensis and Westfall Senior Center – submitted Notice of Termination paperwork; Continue to work with Pine Hill Farms on compliance issues; Pre-Application meetings – Camp Shohola, Milford Preserve, and Hopping Eagle Brewery; Delaware Plaza still working on resolving on-going violations; There are a number of Interstate 84 projects in different phases of construction - 84/450 - 84/494 – 84/495
- The Executive Committee approved a waiver of District Fees for Services for the Lehman Township Park NPDES permit renewal of \$750.
- There seems to be an uptick in complaints and Chapter 105 plan submittals.
- The District received information on the Shawnee- Walker 69 -Kilovolt Transmission Line project whose project area includes Delaware, Dingman and Lehman Townships in Pike County. A pre-application meeting has been rescheduled for the fall of 2022.

#### Forest Stewardship/ Spongey Moth Program/Spotted Lanternfly

- Spongey Moth – Will be meeting with the Pike County Commissioners, DCNR representatives and Board Chairman on how we can provide assistance to landowners in 2023 for the increase in spongey moth activity. We will provide an update at the Board meeting in August.
- Rachael submitted an order of trees for some interested groups through the 10 Million Trees program. We will be assisting these groups with plantings in September.
- Staff have been reaching out to Municipalities as we have a few Circle traps left for distribution. We also hung one up at the District office.

#### Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Roads

- The State Conservation Commission approved allocations of \$100,000 for the Dirt and Gravel and \$40,000 for the Low Volume Road program to Pike County for FY 2022-2023.
- Bluestone Boulevard should be completed soon as they are remobilizing to complete the paving on the Low Volume Road project.
- Shohola Township will be submitting an application for a LVR project on Chauncey Thomas Road.

### Lake Communities water quality/Invasive Species

- Reviewed iMapInvasives mapping tool put together by the PA Natural Heritage Program which provides a snapshot of invasives that have been reported throughout Pennsylvania. This tool has laid out the reported invasives based on legislative districts.  
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/56f1252c72854b8eba2e6234fd63d253>

### CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Expand conservation education, integrating it as a component of all District conservation programs. Market the District as a recognized leader in natural resource protection in Pike County by utilizing branding techniques in promotion of the District to all audiences.

#### 102/105 education

- In August staff will be developing a format for a Contractors workshop to be held this fall that will cover Chapter 102 and 105 program related questions and concerns.
- A Twilight Pond Walk will be held September 8, 2022 at the Delaware Township Building which Rachael will be presenting with Peter Wulforst from Penn State Extension. Worked with County Chief Clerk to get insurance coverage needed for the program.
- Devan is working with technical staff on updating the *Do I Need A Permit* brochure that explains the Chapter 105 permitting.

#### Pike/Wayne Conservation Partnership

- "Welcome to the Neighborhood" program was held with over 40 participants on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Wallenpaupack Learning Center. There were members from the Conservation Partnership also in attendance.

#### Relationship building

- August E-Newsletter- August is Forestry Month- Article on Riparian Buffer Basics was highlighted; Twilight Pond Walk flyer; Article by Devan George Climate Change and Forests
- On the Road –In July Devan visited the Zane Grey Festival in Lackawaxen, Newfoundland Public Library, and the Hemlock Farms Conservancy Day demonstrating the Groundwater Flow Model to visitors.
- Devan is working with the Pike County Office of Community planning staff on a trails video which will be promoted in September.

### Source Water Protection/Water Quality

- Work continues on the HHW program for October 29<sup>th</sup> including putting together the DEP application for funding and finding educational materials to distribute for the event.
- First survey to water operators went out in July. Two others to be developed and distributed in the next month or so. These surveys will identify the needs of the operators and will be reviewed by the Collaborative.

### GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT and FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Support the District's Mission through responsible governance, financial management, capital resource management and continued professional development of staff and board.

#### Grant activities

- DEP EE Grant – Pollinator Project with Dingman Township – The grant has been finalized. Ellen & I met with the Township, the township engineer, and a representative from the Penn State Master Gardeners to go over the timeline, plant selection and come up with a date for the program in September. The plantings will be done the week of September 5<sup>th</sup> and the public program will be September 17<sup>th</sup>. Ellen has been working on ordering the plants and the signs will be ordered the first week in August.
- DEP EE Grant – LeafPack Network – There will be an October 22<sup>nd</sup> program for the public to learn about macroinvertebrates and collect samples in a stream at Promised Land State Park. Materials have been ordered and working with Stroud on final logistics for the Public program in October.

#### Staff Training

- Ellen Enslin completed her ELP Training; Rachael completed a Penn State Extension mapping webinar, iMapInvasives training, and a Ponds and impoundments webinar on the Clean Water Academy.
- The county has offered training to staff through CCAP which offers a variety of topics. Staff will be reviewing the course load. Lisa has already taken a few courses. Thank you to the Commissioners for this free resource!

#### Personnel

- Marianna received her 10-year pin at the PACD Annual Conference held in July. Congratulations Marianna!
- We have three interviews scheduled in the beginning of August for the District Engineer position. MCCD staff and DEP personnel were helpful with the interview process.
- Monthly staff meeting and two weekly morning check-ins were held in July.
- Staff evaluations for two staff members will be done in August.
- Weekly Technical Staff meeting/ Bi-weekly meetings with each staff member to review projects, workloads, etc.
- Biweekly Education and outreach meetings with staff.

### Operations/Building

- The step repairs have been completed. The paving patchwork was completed in July and the sealcoating will be done in August.
- We should be receiving the 2022 Ford Escape which was ordered in January. We are trading in the 2015 Ford Escape with the purchase.
- Lisa and Devan spruced up the hallway display board with new information – please check it out when you come for our Board meeting.

### Financial

- Management discussion and analysis developed by ED and reviewed by Treasurer. Submitted to Auditor for final audit report for August Board meeting.
- Completed the setup of the Dime bank account. All notifications to the State, Municipality and new checks have been received.
- ED participated in the Conservation District Advisory Committee to provide feedback on how the increase in District allocations should be distributed to Districts through the State Conservation Commission.

### LAND USE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

Provide leadership by promoting conservation of natural resources for land use and sustainable development in accord with the integrity of our natural resource base. Promote a collaborative relationship with stakeholders involved with economic development and resource management for sustainable growth.

#### Stakeholder Collaborations – Economic Development and Resource Management

- Worked with Pike County Office of Community Planning staff on the comments submitted by our office in relation to the Pike County Hazard Mitigation plan.

**PCCD Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 Delegated Program Report for  
Inspections**

Date	Project Name	Municipality	Program	Inspector	Site Status
7/7/2022	S&S Construction	Milford Twp.	102	MQ	Routine
7/14/2022	Aracdia, Lots 8 and 9	Dingman	102	EE	Non-compliance
7/14/2022	Raymondskill Creek Estates	Dingman	102	JO	Routine
7/14/2022	Pocono Lakefront	Palmyra	102	JO	Routine
7/15/2022	Pine Hill Farm	Westfall	102	MQ	Non-compliance
7/15/2022	Riverside on the Delaware	Westfall	102	MQ	Non-compliance
7/22/2022	Westfall Senior Center	Westfall	102	MQ	Final/NOT Ackn.
7/29/2022	Pine Hill Farm	Westfall	102	MQ	Non-compliance
7/21/2022	SR 0084 Section 450	Multiple	102-State	JO/EE	Routine
7/21/2022	Aikolai Lots 1 & 6	Blooming Grove	102	JO/EE	Routine
7/21/2022	Aikolai Lot 4	Blooming Grove	102	JO/EE	Routine
7/29/2022	SR 0001, Section 402	Multiple	102-State	EE	Routine

**Plan & Permit Reviews**

Date	Project Name	Municipality	Program	Tech	Project Status
7/1/2022	Mattison Dock	Dingman	105	JO	GP acknowledged
7/12/2022	1005 Pennsylvania Avenue	Westfall	102	MQ	Initial Technical Plan Review
7/22/2022	Suger Yu Dock	Delaware	105	JO	GP acknowledged
7/22/2022	Lewis Fish Habitat	Blooming Grove	105	JO	GP acknowledged

**Complaints**

Date	Complaint #	Municipality	Program	Tech	Action
7/7/2022	22-14	Lackawaxen	105	MQ	Initial
7/21/2022	22-15	Palmyra	102	JO	Initial
7/29/2022	22-18	Shohola	105	MQ	Initial

**Technical Assistance**

Date	Name/Project	Municipality	Program	Tech	Type/Topic of Assistance
7/1/2022	Sandra Mattison	Palmyra	105	JO	GP2 timeframes
7/5/2022	SR 0084 Section 450	Multiple	102-State	JO	Progress meeting
7/6/2022	Camp Shohola	Shohola	102	MQ/EE	pre-application meeting
7/6/2022	Hopping Eagle Brewery	Palmyra	102	JO	Preapplication meeting
7/6/2022	Russel Macleavy	Dingman	105	JO	Wetland delineations
7/7/2022	Tom Alders	Palmyra	105	JO	GP3 walkthrough
7/7/2022	Donna	Dingman	102	JO	Milford aquifer construction
7/11/2022	107 West Shore Dr	Shohola	105	MQ	Wetland determination
7/11/2022	Dru Whitacre	Milford Boro.	105	MQ	PASPGP-6 issuance for old GP3
7/11/2022	Grace Anderson/Masthope	Lackawaxen	105	MQ	Wetland/stream determination
7/11/2022	Mark Soden	Lackawaxen	105	MQ	Driveway pipe installation
7/11/2022	Laurie McCollough(Westfall Bldg insp)	Westfall	102	MQ	Pine Hill Farm



7/12/2022	Grace Anderson/Masthope	Lackawaxen	105	MQ	Stream/wetland on lot in Masthope
7/12/2022	Mark Soden	Lackawaxen	105	MQ	Stream/wetland on lot in Masthope(contractors)
7/12/2022	Patrick Hearn	Multiple	102-State	JO	SR 0084 Section 495 co-permittee
7/12/2022	Jeff (Wayco)	Dingman	105	JO	Culvert replacement guidelines
7/13/2022	Laurie McCollough(Westfall Bldg insp)	Westfall	102	MQ	Meeting to discuss Pine Hill Farm violations
7/14/2022	Resident	Lackawaxen	105	MQ	GP3 information
7/14/2022	SR 0084 Section 494	Multiple	102-State	JO	Progress meeting
7/15/2022	Sandyston Construction	Milford Twp.	102	MQ	PCSM detail for parking area
7/15/2022	Dru Whitacre	Milford Boro.	105	MQ	GP3 site assessment
7/15/2022	Gene Ruzanski	Dingman	102	JO	Small projects E&S
7/15/2022	Al	Delaware	102	JO	Municipal stormwater
7/18/2022	Tad Moser (BHW Lot 134)	Blooming Grove	102	MQ	NOT requirements
7/18/2022	Nicky ( realtor)(Lot 68)	Milford Twp.	102	MQ	Milford Highlands NPDES permit requirements
7/18/2022	Mark Manello	Palmyra	102	MQ	Status of Lot 68 permit amendment BHW
7/18/2022	Howard Jacoby	Greene	102-State	JO	Fill site E&S
7/19/2022	Fred Sakacs	Palmyra	102	MQ	Lot 68 BHW preconstruction mtg
7/19/2022	Angelu Yu	Delaware	105	JO	GP2 criteria
7/19/2022	Mike Qualiana	Palmyra	105	JO	Stone step placement
7/19/2022	Robbie Mulberger	Blooming Grove	105	JO	GP1 timeframe
7/20/2022	SR 0084 Section 495	Multiple	102-State	JO	Preconstruction meeting
7/20/2022	Matt Livingston	Dingman	102	JO	Raymondskill Creek Estates compliance
7/21/2022	Eric Briard	Matamoras Boro.	105	MQ	Waivers Matamoras Gasline project
7/21/2022	Scott Quinn	Lehman	102	JO	NPDES permit fees
7/21/2022	Joe Hudak	Porter	105	JO	GP fees
7/21/2022	Tom Alders	Palmyra	105	JO	PNDI guidance
7/22/2022	701 4th St	Milford Boro.	105	MQ	GP3 information
7/22/2022	Ben Simpson(Fawn Lake Watermain)	Lackawaxen	105	MQ	Waivers Fawn Lake Watermain
7/22/2022	Westfall Site (Brewery)	Westfall	102	MQ	E&S questions
7/22/2022	Preserve at Milford Hills	Dingman	102	JO/EE	Pre application meeting
7/26/2022	Brett Hopkins (BHW Lot 148)	Blooming Grove	102	MQ	Possible amendment to PCSM plan
7/26/2022	Marge Gilbert	Milford Boro.	105	MQ	FEMA flood maps
7/26/2022	Bill Cole (Chant RE)	Milford Twp.	102	MQ	NPDES info for Milford Highlands
7/26/2022	Jo-Ann Rose	Palmyra	102	JO	Pocono Lakefront compliance status
7/27/2022	Mark Manello	Palmyra	102	MQ	Preconstruction mtg Lot 68 BHW
7/27/2022	David Chant	Milford Twp.	102	MQ	NPDES info for Milford Highlands
7/27/2022	B. Hopkins BHW Lot 148	Blooming Grove	102	MQ	E&S removal
7/27/2022	Bill Goodwin	Dingman	102	JO	Raymondskill Creek Estates compliance
7/27/2022	Chip Hanuscik	Multiple	102-State	JO	I84 494 visual site inspections
7/27/2022	Brian Ferkel	Multiple	102-State	JO	I84 450 redline change review

7/28/2022	Jason Nifler	Milford Twp.	102	MQ	Milford Highlands NPDES permit requirements Lot 68
7/28/2022	SR 0084 Section 494	Multiple	102-State	JO	Progress meeting
7/28/2022	Jenna Waggener	Dingman	102	JO	Permitting for residential construction
7/29/2022	Property assessor	Dingman	105	MQ	Potential for GP2- crossing community property
7/29/2022	Tom Voglino	Westfall	102	MQ	Construction Sequence amendment Pine Hill Farm
7/29/2022	Nachman Kanovsky	Westfall	102	MQ	Pine Hill Farm- new contractor- informed need co- permittee release and new co-permittee form
7/29/2022	Sue Mikulak	Dingman	102	JO	E&S plan revisions



## **PACD Rewind**

***Monthly Report 07/01/22 – 07/31/22***

Greetings everyone! Below is a recap of what's happening with your state association. The information is also available at [www.pacd.org](http://www.pacd.org) or you can always reach out to any member of our staff. Enjoy this month's 'Rewind!'



## **PACD STAFF REPORT**

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*Highlighting July 2022 activities as they relate to the 2018-2023 PACD Strategic Plan.*

**PACD will promote and advocate for conservation districts to elected officials, partners, and the general public.**

### PACD: Legislative Activities

- Sent last-minute budget emails to legislators
- Sent PACD thank you notes to legislators
- Sent personal thank you notes to House and Senate leadership
- Created Thank You and Press Release template for the membership
- Attended House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee meeting

### PACD: Exhibit Booths and Outreach Events

- Finalized volunteer schedule for Ag Progress Days
- Delivered PACD booth materials to Huntingdon CD for use at Ag Progress Days

**PACD will help districts with the recruitment, training, and development of directors, managers, and staff.**

### 102/105 Technical Training Grant

- Prepared and submitted quarterly reimbursement request
- Prepared budget vs. actual comparison and requested fund shift approval from DEP
- Clean Water Academy (CWA)
  - Opened courses on Hydrology and the Rational Method
  - Discussed contractor certification program with DEP staff and Chapter 102 workgroups
  - Discussed a timber harvest virtual meeting for membership to take place this winter

- Developed Environmental Educator training needs survey and presented to the PACD Education & Outreach committee
- 102/105 Technical Training | Basic and Topic-based sessions
  - Set date and scheduled September planning meeting at Shady Maple
  - Polled planning workgroup about 2023 Basic dates
  - Set 2023 Basic dates and requested contract from facility

#### Leadership Development Program

- Continued developing agenda for 2022 Management Summit Conference
- Submitted Quarterly Activities report to SCC
- Presented bi-yearly program report during July 20 SCC Meeting
- Ran Directors Breakfast programming on July 21 during JAC
- Launched Clifton Strengths for Managers initiative coinciding with promotion launch for 2022 Management Summit
- Began updating Strategic Planning Grants Program materials and preparing for 2022-23 launch

### **PACD will help districts attain sustainable, diverse funding.**

#### Ag Plan Reimbursement Program

- Presented program to managers at the JAC
- Advertised the August 9 informational webinar

#### CD-Umbrella Agreement with NRCS (Includes TAG and ACT)

- Prepared and submitted quarterly reimbursement request
- Intro to Conservation Planning Training
  - Updated the online application and opened application period
  - Updated the 2022 timeline
  - Advertised the training

#### Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Grant

- Prepared and submitted quarterly reimbursement request
- CREP Cost-share
  - Gathered cost-share data for quarterly report
  - Processed new cost-share
  - Made cost-share payments
- CREP Outreach Program Office (COPO)
  - Reviewed a CREP workshop flyer
  - Processed one final reimbursement request
  - Met with WWTW to review CREP marketing campaign and website updates
  - Posted the first two promotional ads to CREP Facebook
  - Posted three completed buffer projects to CREP Facebook
  - Completed the COPO Quarterly Report

#### DCNR Riparian Forest Buffer Program

- Processed two final reports
- Received two applications

- Completed the biannual progress reports for the 2018 & 2019 grants

#### PA Nonpoint Source Pollution Education Office

- Prepared and submitted quarterly reimbursement request
- Prepared and submitted final grant reports for the 18/20 grant round
- 2022-23 NPS Mini-grant Round
  - Reviewed one final report; issued reimbursement
  - Reviewed one mid-term report
  - Reviewed two mini-grant materials
  - Canceled one project at the district's request
  - Updated mileage rate on final report template
- 2022 Virtual Watershed Specialist Webinar Series
  - Set date for new CDWS training planning meeting
  - Continued reaching out to presenters
  - Worked on draft agenda

### **PACD will strengthen relationships and agreements with state and federal agencies.**

#### Partnership Activities

- Please see PACD: Meetings and Events Attended

#### NRCS Employee of Record (Funded by NACD)

- Prepared and submitted quarterly reimbursement request
- Provided on-going human resources and administrative support for position

### **PACD will strive to be adequately staffed and funded.**

Note: All of PACD's grants and special projects contribute to this goal.

#### Engineering Technical Assistance Program Grant (TAG)

- Prepared and submitted monthly reimbursement request
- Provided on-going human resources and administrative support
- Advertised for vacant position

### **PACD will foster communication between conservation districts.**

#### PACD: Communications

- Updated and managed the PACD listserves
- Updated [www.pacd.org](http://www.pacd.org)
- Sent three Front Page e-newsletters
- Submitted thirty-one posts on social media channels
- Created social media messages for August shared district messaging
- Wrote and distributed press release thanking legislature for budget increase
- Wrote and distributed poster contest press release and uploaded photos to Flickr
- Wrote and distributed PACD awards press release and uploaded photos to Flickr

### **Other association activities that support conservation districts and PACD.**

#### PACD: Executive Board



- Held July board meeting
- Completed July minutes
- Completed August Staff Report

#### PACD: Human Resources and Office Management

- Processed three payrolls
- Managed accounts receivable and accounts payable
- Reconciled all bank accounts and credit card accounts

#### PACD: PACD Fall Region Meetings

- Reviewed task list to prepare for planning

#### PACD: PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference (JAC)

- PACD Committees (Conservation, District Employees, Education & Outreach, Legislative, Operations, Ways & Means)
  - Prepared and distributed materials
  - Sent reminders to committee members to register
  - Re-sent confirmation emails to registrants
  - Hosted virtual meetings
  - Took meeting minutes
  - Created and distributed council reports to chairs
- Added rooms to overnight block as needed
- Made overnight reservations for TAG staff
- Processed and managed regular and special registrations (board members, staff, award winners, and guests)
- Requested updated delegates from districts with outdated forms and made updates
- Finalized set-ups and sent to hotel with estimated counts
- Reviewed set-ups with hotel and worked with SCC on room assignments and set-ups
- Held final prep meeting
- Met with Final Focus Productions about set-ups and A/V
- Participated in Council dry-run with Final Focus Productions
- Coordinated with conference sponsor
- Pulled and packed conference items
- Sent final registration reminder to membership
- Prepared and printed delegate list and Council packets
- Prepared awards seating chart and assigned seating lists
- Distributed Council packet to virtual and in-person registrants
- Printed and stuffed nametags
- Held and staffed conference July 20-21

#### PACD Awards Program and Poster Contest

- Judged poster contest submissions
- Created and printed awards program and script
- Took photos of the awards luncheon
- Sent all 66 managers certificates of appreciation from the PACD President

#### PACD: Meetings and Events Attended

PACD staff attended/participated in the following events:

- Hosted partnership meeting
- Scheduled and hosted meeting with Acting DEP Secretary Ramez Ziadeh
- Discussed distribution of CDFAP funds with SCC staff
- Attended PRISM meetings
- Met with PA State Council of Farm Organizations Executive Secretary

#### PACD: Small Games of Chance License

- Prepared and submitted SGOC application and payment



#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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##### **Introducing PACD's Ag Plan Reimbursement Program for Conservation Districts Webinar**

- August 9, 2022, 10:00am – 11:00am

##### **Management Summit Conference**

- September 13-15, 2022 | Wyndham Garden State College, Boalsburg, PA

##### **PACD North West Region Meeting**

- September 21, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to Noon | Kinzua Bridge State Park, Mount Jewett, PA

##### **PACD South West Region Meeting**

- September 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to Noon | Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg, PA

##### **PACD South East Region Meeting**

- September 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m. to Noon | Henning's Market, Harleysville, PA

##### **PACD South Central Region Meeting**

- October 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to Noon | Cumberland Conservation District, Carlisle, PA

##### **Conservation District Watershed Specialist Webinar Series**

- October 5-7, 2022

##### **PACD North Central Region Meeting**

- October 18, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to Noon | Clinton Conservation District, Mill Hall, PA

##### **PACD North East Region Meeting**

- October 25, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to Noon | Schuylkill Conservation District, Pottsville, PA

##### **Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) Review Course**

- October 25, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, Harrisburg, PA

##### **Intro to Conservation Planning**

- November 1-3, 2022, Holiday Inn Harrisburg (Hershey Area), Grantville, PA

##### **CREP Partner Virtual Training**

- November 9-10, 2022

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## August 2022 DEP Conservation District Field Rep Talking Points

### CDFAP Allocations and Allocation Worksheet Webinars

The Commission approved allocations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (CDFAP), at their July 20, 2022 meeting. The increased line items in the State Budget enabled the SCC to increase the cost-share rates to Manager, 1<sup>st</sup> E&S Tech and ACT. The new Cost-share rates are Manager: \$30,000; 1<sup>st</sup> E&S Tech: \$20,000 and ACT: \$20,000. In addition, the SCC allocated \$117,145 to all districts as a general allocation of CDFAP Line Items and UGW Funds. Districts with unconventional gas wells also received a per well allocation for their District. A summary of the allocations was sent to districts on July 25.

SCC and DEP staff will be held 2 webinars to ensure Conservation Districts understand how they are able to utilize the funds allocated by the State Conservation Commission under the CDFAP Program. The webinars were held July 26 and July 27. District managers and administrative staff who work with district funding and completing the CDFAP Allocation Worksheet and Quarterly Reimbursement Forms were encouraged to participate. A follow-up summary and a link to the recording on the CWA was sent to all conservation districts on July 29. Questions on CDFAP Allocations and completion of the Allocation Worksheet may be directed to Jaci Kerstetter ([jackerstet@pa.gov](mailto:jackerstet@pa.gov) )

### Agricultural Conservation Technician (ACT) Program Application Revisions

Due to this increase in funding for the ACT position, the original submission of the FY2022-23 ACT application will need to be modified by conservation districts to incorporate the higher ACT based allocation and, if you choose, additional UGW funds. Essentially, the conservation district will be able to utilize the increased ACT based allocation and designated UGW funding to cover a larger portion of your ACT position costs and reduce your use of other allowable funding sources.

To facilitate this revision opportunity, the Commission is asking that conservation districts who wish to modify their original FY2022-23 ACT Program application submission, to complete and return the application Johan Berger sent out in an email on July 27. Districts should submit **pages 1 and 2** of the *Application* via email to **Barb Buckingham ([bbuckingha@pa.gov](mailto:bbuckingha@pa.gov))** no later than **August 31, 2022**. Districts do NOT need to re-sign the "Acknowledgement" (Page 3). Questions regarding the revisions may be directed to Karen Books ([kbooks@pa.gov](mailto:kbooks@pa.gov) )

### Nutrient Management Program

#### **Nutrient Management Fund Budget:**

The Commission approved the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Nutrient Management Fund (NMF) budget, based off the Governors proposed budget at the July 20, 2022 meeting. County conservation districts are the 1<sup>st</sup> priority and received 2,345,000 dollars followed by Conservation Excellence Grants (CEG) at 2,000,000. Combined funding to conservation districts for nutrient and manure management delegated duties, with the addition of DEP funds equals 3,220,000.

Note that the final state budget included an additional 22 million dollars in the NMF. The commission is working on details for the additional funding and will seek approval of a revised budget at a future commission meeting.

**Nutrient Management and Manure Management Delegation Agreement:**

The Commission approved a new joint delegation for nutrient management and manure management for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2027, at their July 20, 2022 meeting. The delegation agreement is between the SCC, DEP, and the CD.

The Commission also approved joint delegation funding allocations for conservation districts participating in Nutrient Management and Manure Management Program activities for State Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY 22-23). These funding allocations were based of a workload analysis combining Act 38 factors (75% weight) and Chapter 91 factors (25% weight)

The first year of this 5-year delegation agreement continues the combination of Clean Stream Law, Chapter 91 Manure Management Program activities, and Act 38 Nutrient Management Program duties, include funding resources from the Nutrient Management Program and the Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program to support respective nutrient management and manure management program activities.

To establish the delegation agreement and funding, conservation districts will need to submit an application through the Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Electronic Single Application (ESA) website. This change allows DEP/SCC to expedite the review process. Detailed directions will be sent to conservation districts the week of July 25, 2022 and the application will be open from August 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. No documentation needs to be mailed to DEP/SCC.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Frank Schneider at 717-705-3895.

**Regulatory Revisions:**

The Commission approved for staff to start the process of developing proposed regulatory revisions, at their July 20, 2022 meeting, for the following:

- Nutrient Management Program (Title 25. Environmental Protection - Chapter 83. State Conservation Commission; Subchapter D; Nutrient Management)
- Nutrient Management Funding Program (Title 25. Environmental Protection - Chapter 83. State Conservation Commission; Subchapter E; Nutrient Management Funding Program – Statement of Policy)
- Nutrient Management Specialist (Title 7. Agriculture - Chapter 130b. Nutrient Management Specialist Certification)
- Commercial Manure Haulers and Brokers (Title 7. Agriculture - Chapter 130e. Commercial Manure Hauler & Broker Certification)
- Odor Management Specialist (Title 7. Agriculture - Chapter 130f. Odor Management Specialist Certification)

Commission staff, working with the Nutrient Management Advisory Board (NMAB) will be forming several workgroups including members from agricultural organizations, conservation districts, public and commercial specialist, etc. Commission staff plan to have a working draft of proposed revisions for the April 2023 Commission meeting.



## **Stream Improvement Program - Update**

The Stream Improvement Program (SIP) continues to work with federal and local partners. There are 34 approved Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) projects in 13 counties. NRCS funds 75% of the cost of the EWP projects, and SIP funds the remaining 25% through state funding sources like the Chesapeake Bay Abatement Fund and/or the Environmental Stewardship Fund.

Two recent examples are in the Dewing Creek in Little Meadows Borough, Susquehanna County and Phoenix Run in Gaines Township, Tioga County. DEP staff work with the conservation districts and NRCS staff, as well as with other non-governmental entities like Trout Unlimited, to fund and construct these projects.

## **2023 DEP Environmental Education Grants**

The 2023 EE Grants Program will begin accepting applications on August 1, 2022. Application deadline is December 9, 2022. **Water, Climate Change** and engaging people living and or working within **Environmental Justice** areas are the EE Grants Program priorities.

This round funding levels have increased for Mini-grants (up to \$5000) and General Grants Level I (Up to \$30,000). Also, some eligible expenses have expanded including up to 50% of grant funds may be used for people costs.

The EE Grants Program free **live webinar** is scheduled for **September 27, 2022 from Noon-1:00. Registration is required.** The session will be recorded and posted.

Information about the 2023 EE Grants Program, including the 2023 EE Grants Program Manual is available on the EE Grants Home page. **Here are helpful links:**

**EE Grants Program Homepage:**

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/EnvironmentalEducation/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>

**EE Grants Program Fact Sheet:** [EE Grants Program Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#)

**2023 EE Grants Program Manual:** [2023 Environmental Education Grants Program Manual \(PDF\)](#)

**Questions?** Please contact: [RA-epEEgrants@pa.gov](mailto:RA-epEEgrants@pa.gov)

## **Clean Water Academy**

Here are a few new courses available in CWA that may be of interest to CD Staff.

[Course: CDFAP Allocation Worksheet - Webinar \(remote-learner.net\)](#)

[Course: Stream Restoration - 2021 Webinar Series \(remote-learner.net\)](#)

[Course: DEP Tick Surveillance and Testing Program \(remote-learner.net\)](#)

**Attachment B on the Clean Water Academy** – Districts are required to update the Attachment B on the Clean Water Academy for the Chapter 102 and 105 Programs anytime there are staff changes at the district. The Programs use the Attachment B online forms to enable e-permitting permissions for new staff. The Attachment B can be found under the Data Portal. [Course: Data Portal \(remote-learner.net\)](#)

## **Chesapeake Bay Watershed**

### **DEP Submits Final Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Watershed Plan**

DEP issued a press release on July 19: *DEP Submits Final Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Watershed Plan with New State Funds Supporting Partners' Progress*: [Article Viewer \(pa.gov\)](#)

- Announces that DEP submitted the final Phase 3 Chesapeake Bay WIP to EPA and highlights that the final WIP includes significant new funding from the 2022-23 state budget to support and accelerate the progress partners are making on water quality improvement.
- It not only highlights the new funds created, but also emphasizes the impact the Countywide Action Plans (CAPs) and county teams are having on partnerships, projects and progress across PA's Bay watershed.
- It also calls on EPA to improve and update computer modeling, and highlights the USGS 2020 Nutrient Report and DEP's 2022 Integrated Water Quality Report that document improving trends in water quality and nutrient levels.

**DEP's Chesapeake Bay Office team released two new information pieces that county partners can use:**

- Power of Countywide Action Planning fact sheet (analysis and summary of all 33CAPs that county partners provided)
  - Provides overview of Common Trends and Needs, County Highlights and State and Federal Programmatic Recommendations identified by county partners in their CAPs
  - Common trends and needs center around funding, workforce creation and data reporting and verification.
  - Programmatic recommendations to state and federal partners center around need for incentives and technical assistance, BMP verification and monitoring assessment, and ways to accelerate project implementation.
- Countywide Action Plans Impacts fact sheet
  - Based on a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interviews that our marketing contractor, Water Words That Work, conducted with county partners involved with their county CAPs late last year.
  - Focuses on how the CAPs have fostered new partnerships and streamlined implementation to projects, which has led to progress
  - Follow up piece to the previous CAP planning fact sheet generated from the first round of WWTW CAP partner interviews in 2020

## **Dates to Remember**

### **Leadership Development Management Summit**

Wyndham Garden, State College

Sept 13-15

### **Conservation District Watershed Specialist Webinar Series**

Webinar

Oct 5-7

### **SCC Meetings – 1:00 PM**

Hybrid Meeting

Sept 13

Hybrid Meeting

Nov 15

### **SCC Conference Calls – 8:30 – 10:00 AM**

Conference Call

Aug 16

Conference Call

Oct 15

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