

About Us

The York County Conservation District commits to being an innovative leader, assisting and educating the public to make the best choices for conserving and preserving our natural resources.

Our Watershed Program provides technical assistance which will improve the development and coordination of watershed conservation throughout York County. This will in turn promote the implementation of watershed stewardship principles including assessment, planning, procurement of funding, development of work plans and strategies and best management practice implementation, to restore and protect water resources of York County and the Commonwealth.

The District's Watershed Specialist will assess your streams condition and make recommendations of how to best rehabilitate and protect it, at no cost to you. To request assistance, call 717-840-7430. Call us today!



Help your stream today! Contact us.

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HELP-Streams Financial and Technical Assistance for Landowners



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About HELP-Streams



The Headwaters Environmental Legacy Program for Streams (HELP-Streams) was initiated in 2003 by the District to educate landowners

about making the best choices for managing their small streams and providing financial and technical resources for rehabilitating and protecting them.

Who's eligible?

All landowners in York County, Pennsylvania, may be eligible for assistance if they meet the following requirements:

- Landowners with first and second order headwater streams
- Stream previously assessed under Growing Greener Program and determined not to be severely impaired
- Meet the eligibility criteria of DEP's General Permit GP-3
- Total project length is less than 250 linear feet

What's allowed?

The DEP's authorizes, by General Permit (GP-3), the installation, operation, modification, and maintenance of stream bank rehabilitation and protection projects and the removal of gravel bars in and along the regulated waters of the Commonwealth.

Specifically, the General Permit GP-3 allows landowners to do one of the following Best Management Practices, and they are:

- Slope protection
- Slope fill and dumped rock protection
- Gabion slope protection
- Walls (concrete, gabion, stone)
- Cribbing
- Gabion channel deflector
- Rock channel deflector
- Log frame channel deflector
- Live cribwall
- Vegetative stabilization (fascines)
- Vegetative stabilization (branch packing)
- Gravel bar removal

The General Permit GP-3 registration process is free, takes approximately 4-6 weeks to obtain your GP-3, and is good for up to one year from the date of issuance.

How much does it cost?

The typical HELP-Streams projects may cost between \$1 and \$50 per linear foot of stream bank rehabilitated and protected. Cost varies between the project's length, your BMP choice, site conditions, and the economy. The Conservation District's Watershed Specialist can assist you with developing a cost estimate for your project.



HELP-Streams headwater stream bank rehabilitation and protection project

Why is protecting headwater streams important?


We all live in a watershed. Everything we do at home affects water downstream. Keeping clean water clean is everybody's business. Headwater stream bank rehabilitation and protection of your headwater stream is important to you because of:

- Reduces stream bank erosion and sedimentation
- Protects water quality
- Maintains channel flow capacity
- Protects aquatic and riparian wildlife habitat
- Protects real estate, recreational and aesthetic values

Where can I get help?

The York County Conservation District's Headwaters Environmental Legacy Program for Stream Stewardship (HELP-Streams) provides financial and technical assistance to landowners, at no cost. A landowner must submit a Watershed Cooperator Request for Assistance application to the District for approval by the Board. Once approved, then the landowner may receive technical assistance with design, permitting and construction. Additionally, if a landowner needs financial assistance they may apply to the District for cost sharing and must enter into a contractual agreement with the District prior to doing any work.

Contact York County's Watershed Specialist today!



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