



YORK COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*Conserving Natural Resources for Our Future*

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



## A Message from our Chair & Manager

### **Remarkable teamwork, turnover and tragedy sums up the year 2016 for the Conservation District.**

Long-time Director and Vice-Chairman Jeffrey Gossert became our new District Chair - trading seats with Harry Bickel in a smooth transition. New Commissioner Susan Byrnes brought much energy and enthusiasm to our Board as Commissioner Director. We also welcomed three new associate directors - Rochelle Black who works with the York County Farm & Natural Lands Trust; Dan Innerst, a farmer in the Dallastown Area; and Dan Paulus, who with his wife, operates an Orchard and Farm Market in the Dillsburg area.

The New Year started well with new Ag Technician, and York County Native, Joe Rebert joining our Ag Team. Anticipating the planned retirement of Karen Ward on our E&S Team, we successfully hired Emily Neideigh - Karen's replacement - a month prior, in order for Karen to have time to pass the baton. But soon after, life as we know it at the District began to change rapidly.

We received news that two experienced members of our Ag Team were about to embark on new opportunities as Sally Barnes accepted a position in Lancaster with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, while Wendy Kindig moved just across the hall to work for the Farm Service Agency.

Then tragedy occurred when we lost our long-time Office Manager, Whitney Leland, to a sudden and brief illness. Whitney was involved in nearly every aspect of the District's programs to some degree. With very heavy hearts and more than a few tears, we were in the midst of our busiest season of the year. It was some extraordinary teamwork and a talented temporary employee named Mary Jean Serrano that ushered us through our programs and projects. Everyone, both experienced and novice, jumped in where they were needed in order to get the work completed.

At the same time, the Board made a very difficult decision to step away from nearly three decades of working with the PA Chesapeake Bay Program effort, fearing the policy changes were moving us too far into compliance and enforcement and too far from education and assistance with our farm cooperators.

Soon after making our way through such a difficult season we received word that E&S Engineer Tech Garrett Miller would be taking his talents to another workplace and vocation. OK, so now we're developing a bit of a complex. Turnover is not new here, but wow, five departures in 3 months alongside 3 new faces? Already in recruitment mode, we were fortunate to find talented folks to fill the empty seats. First Meghan Anderson on our E&S Team, followed by York Countians Brita Runkle and Michele Grove, who both joined our Ag Team, several months apart.

We then did some shuffling of our administrative staff promoting Chris Dehoff to Office Manager and Robin Sharp to Administrative Assistant. The last piece fell into place in fall, as we sadly said farewell to Mary Jean when we completed our search for our Program Assistant, by hiring Alexia Woodard.

I'm pleased to say that in spite of the tragedy and turnover, teamwork won the day, as we were able, (in some cases barely), to keep our diverse and heavy program workload moving forward, issuing permits, writing plans, providing oversight to Best Management Practice Implementation, educating young and old, coordinating Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Road projects, overseeing a host of watershed restoration projects and providing funds for work to improve and protect water quality throughout the County.

Perhaps the most challenging year in my tenure with the District covering parts of four decades, but looking back, maybe one of the most rewarding, as I saw a good team become an even better one. As you review accomplishments detailed in this report, I hope you will agree that much has been accomplished, though much remains to be done. I trust we can count on your support and cooperation as we accept the challenges that await us in 2017.

*Sincerely Yours in Conservation, Jeff Gossert, Board Chair  
and Mark Kimmel, District Manager*

## **Staff**

District Manager - Mark Kimmel  
Assistant Manager - Jennifer Risser  
Office Manager - Christine Dehoff  
Administrative Assistant - Robin Sharp  
Receptionist/Program Assistant - Alexia Woodard

E&S Resource Conservationist/  
Program Manager - Eric Jordan  
E&S Resource Conservationist/  
Network Administrator - Robert Fetter  
Engineering Technician II - Tiffany Crum  
Engineering Technician I - Emily Neideigh  
Engineering Technician I - Megan Anderson

Senior Ag Resource Conservationist - Mark Flaharty  
Ag Resource Conservation Specialist II - Grant Deller  
Ag Resource Conservation Specialist I - Joe Rebert  
Ag Resource Conservation Specialist I - Brita Runkle  
Ag Resource Conservation Specialist I - Michele Grove

Watershed Specialist - Gary Peacock  
Education/Communication Coordinator - Kim J Young



### **York County Commissioners 2016**

President, Susan Byrnes (C)  
Vice President, Doug Hoke (R)  
Christopher Reilly (L)

### **Conservation District Directors 2016 Officers:**

Chairman Jeff Gossert  
Vice Chairman Harry Bickel  
Treasurer Michael Flinchbaugh  
Assistant Treasurer Gordon L Brown

**Directors:** Commissioner Susan Byrnes, Jack Dehoff, Pat Sueck, Travis Sherman, Jim Rexroth

**Associate Directors:** Kenyon Miller, Randy Craley, Leroy Bupp, Bruce Holbrook, Kevin Grim, Jackie Kramer, Beth Lucabaugh, John Riedel, Rochelle Black, Dan Innerst, Dan Paulus

**Directors Emeritus:** Ellis Crowl, Rolla Lehman, Keith Eisenhart

*Board Members photographed at  
Annual Awards Picnic, August 2016*

*Sitting L-R: Jack Dehoff, Jackie  
Kramer, Kenyon Miller, Harry  
Bickel, Pat Sueck*

*Standing L-R: Dan Innerst, Travis  
Sherman, Rochelle Black, Jeff  
Gossert, Bruce Holbrook, Gordon L  
Brown, John Riedel, Michael Flinch-  
baugh*





### Director's State & National Involvement

We are fortunate to have tremendous leadership from our Board of Directors, with several of them active on the state and national level. **Director Pat Sueck**, *left top*, continued to serve as the PA Representative to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Board of Directors in addition to serving on the PA Association of Conservation District's (PACD) Executive Board.

**District Treasurer Michael Flinchbaugh**, *left center*, continues to serve as a farmer member of the PA State Conservation Commission (SCC) and was elected Vice-Chair for 2015/2016. Michael was also elected as a new executive officer for the Penn State Alumni Society.

**Director, Jack Dehoff**, *left below*, serves on the PACD Conservation Committee and **Manager, Mark Kimmel**, serves on the PACD District Operations Committee.

### Pennsylvania Envirothon News

The District's **Education & Communication Coordinator, Kim Young**, continues to serve as an Associate Board member for the state Envirothon as well as serving on the state's Current Issues committee.



### Capital Resource Conservation and Development Area Council (RC&D)

The Capital RC&D Area Council builds partnerships of concerned citizens, businesses, agencies and organizations to work together improving the quality of life within the seven county area: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York. The District has three representatives serving on the RC&D board: Julie Flinchbaugh represents the District Board of Directors, Nedette Otterbein of the Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education, represents the County Commissioners, and Patricia Devlin, Dillsburg, is a member-at-large. Patricia Devlin agreed to reappointment to a 3-year term as our member-at-large, and has served as Council President. Capital RC&D Council consists of volunteer representatives from local government, conservation districts, business, development organizations, nonprofit groups and individuals.



This council of 21 volunteers initiates and directs program activities. Projects are selected by evaluating local needs that promote conservation of our natural and community resources. The council provides the selected projects with necessary tools, such as technical expertise and assistance in locating funds. Resource Conservation & Development projects can focus on land conservation, water management, community improvements, alternative energy applications, recreation and tourism, forestry resources, recovery/recycling, rural economic development, as well as public information and education. We contracted with Capital RC&D to assist with the tillage survey in York County.

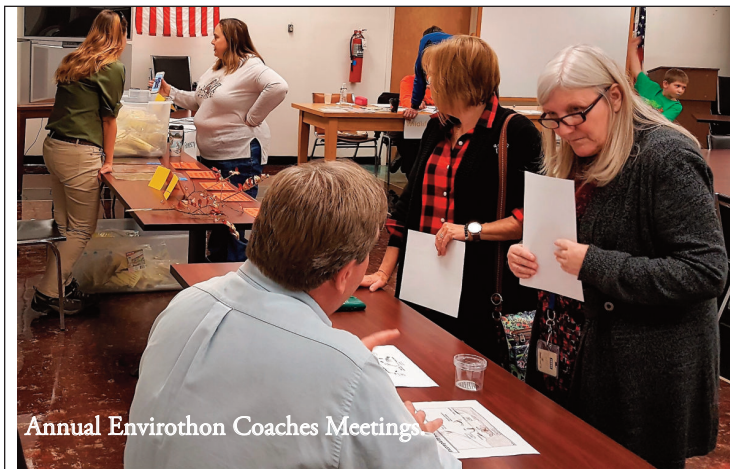
For more information about the Council, contact: Susan Richards, RC&D Coordinator at (717) 241-4361 or e-mail [srichards@capitalrcd.org](mailto:srichards@capitalrcd.org) or [www.capitalrcd.org](http://www.capitalrcd.org)

## District Finances

The audit of the Conservation District accounts for the calendar year of 2016 will be available at the Conservation District office.



Monthly Board meeting



Annual Envirothon Coaches Meetings



York County Conservation District Manager, **Mark Kimmel** (right, above), Assistant Manager, **Jennifer Risser** (left, above) & Office Manager, **Christine Dehoff** (center)



### GOAL: To Build The York County Agriculture and Natural Resource Service Center

The mission of the York County Conservation District is to protect and improve the natural resources of York County. To fully realize this mission, the Conservation District is planning to build the York County Agriculture and Natural Resource Service Center at an estimated cost of \$9,000,000. Constructed with numerous green technologies, this building will house offices and meeting space for the Conservation District as well as our key cooperating agencies, and thus serve as a headquarters for agriculture and natural resource conservation in York County. Citizens from all walks of life – farmers, developers, conservationists, municipal officials, students, etc. – will visit the Center to get technical assistance, apply for programs, attend workshops, investigate green building options, or partake in the numerous other services offered there.

Cooperating Agencies...  
Penn State Cooperative Extension  
York County Agricultural Land Preservation  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
USDA Farm Service Agency



Manure Management Workshop



## Ag Resources

### 2016 Agricultural Conservation Program Accomplishments

- Wrote conservation and grazing plans on 60 tracts – 2,499 acres.
- Implemented conservation plans and practices on 623 acres.
- Installed two Best Management Practices (BMPs) controlling erosion on one acre and prevented 150 tons of sediment loss.
- Developed plans and implemented incentive contracts using USDA-NRCS funding. Installed 12 Best Management Practices spending \$50,129 of incentive funds on 2 existing contracts.
- Provided educational opportunities to farmers, cooperators, and the general public about the York County Conservation District ag program and manure management planning. Staff took displays and handouts to the following four events: the York County Corn and Soybean Clinic, the Ag Recognition Banquet and Ag Night at the Revolution sponsored by the Ag Business Council, and the Ag Preservation Informational Meeting.
- Participated in the York County Farm Bureau's Farm Tour & Summer Legislative Update at Muddy Creek Meadows. About 12 PA legislators, York County Commissioners, and Farm Bureau members learned the process, benefits and challenges encountered when implementing Best Management Practices on the farm.
- Participated in PA Farm Bureau's Southcentral Regional Farm Tour at Muddy Creek Meadows and Flinchbaugh's Orchard & Farm Market. The purpose of this annual Environmental Tour is to acquaint regional DEP staff with progressive farming operations and highlight conservation and environmental farm management practices. District staff educated 20 attendees on the Best Management Practices implemented on these farms.
- Presented information on Chesapeake Bay Reboot and Conservation District Role to 16 attendees at York County Farmer Forum meeting on October 26.
- Published articles for the District newsletter about "Manure Management/Pastures & Animal Concentration Areas", "Don't Forget! Best Management Practices Maintenance," and "What Is Your Winter Strategy for Manure?"
- Provided support for the REAP program administered by the PA Dept. of Agriculture. Performed one plan verification for program applicant.
- Continued to support the agreement with DEP and the York County Solid Waste and Refuse Authority to monitor the Land Application of Biosolids program. Assisted with the monitoring of farms for conservation compliance and reviewed conservation plans for permitted farms.
- Continued Education and Outreach program to inform farmers and landowners of the changes to Chapter 102 (Erosion & Sediment Control) and Chapter 91 (Manure Management Manual). Completed 250 visits for the final year of this program on June 30, 2016.
- Assisted the District Erosion and Sediment program staff with implementing the Agriculture Complaint Handling Guidelines. This includes Ag E&S and manure complaints, site visits, and plan reviews.



## Ag Conservation Program Accomplishments, con't

- Partnered with NRCS on a Contributory Agreement to provide engineering design and construction in spection assistance on federally funded projects. The District earned \$12,000.
- Implemented conservation practices with funding provided by the York County Community Foundation. One cooperator installed a grass waterway and mulching system using \$4,423.
- Partnered with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on a new Contributory Agreement to provide conservation planning assistance earning \$44,250 and signed an additional agreement to increase overall funding by \$33,000. Funding will be used to support ag positons.
- Ag staff changes – Joseph Rebert was hired in January. Wendy Kindig & Sally Barnes moved on to USDA positions. Brita Runkle was hired in July, and Michele Grove started in September. All new employees are Ag Resource Conservation Specialist positions.



### 2016 Nutrient Management Act Program

The York County Conservation District is delegated by the State Conservation Commission to oversee Pennsylvania's Nutrient Management Act (Act 38) in York County.

#### Active plans on file:

- Twenty-two current nutrient management plans are on file for Concentrated Animal Operations (CAOs) in York County.
- Thirteen of these operations are also regulated as Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).
- One plan is for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFOs) only (not a CAO)
- Seven plans are for Volunteer Animal Operations (VAOs). These operations are not required by Act 38 regulations to have an approved plan, but voluntarily choose to do so.

#### Annual Status Reviews:

- Under Act 38 regulations all CAOs are required to have an annual review conducted to determine if they are in compliance with the regulations. Twenty-four Nutrient Management Plans received status reviews in 2016.

#### Plan Reviews and Approvals:

In 2016, 7 nutrient management plans were received for review by the District

- Six plans were updates for existing CAO or CAFO plans.
- One plan was for a new CAO/CAFO.
- One CAO plan was updated to a VAO.
- 11 CAO and/or CAFO plans were approved by the Board of Directors in 2016 (4 were under review from the previous year. 1 plan is still under review.
- One CAO plan was withdrawn.

*2016 Nutrient Management Act Program - cont.*

**Educational Activities:**

- In 2016 educational activities concerning nutrient management and manure management included displays at the York County Crops Day, South Central PA Cattleman's Association Banquet, York County Agricultural Recognition Banquet, York Revolution Ag & Farm Night and Stormwater Fair.
- o Approximately 80 attendees & 30 vendors had access our display & handouts at York Co. Crops Day
- o The Cattleman's Banquet display reached 100 attendees with Manure and Nutrient Management materials (brochures & manuals), Conservation Planning and Penn State's Best Management Practices Survey (PSU BMP).
- o Handouts on Manure/Nutrient Management and AG Erosion & Sediment Control and discussion on Bay Reboot & PSU BMP Survey were available to the 400 attendees at the York County Agricultural Recognition Banquet.
- o Approximately 200 people browsed the display at the York Revolution Ag & Farm Night and staff discussed Compliance and Manure Management with about 10 people.
- o The 2016 Stormwater Fair was hosted by Hellam & Lower Windsor Townships and Wrightsville Borough focused on how stormwater, farming, development and industry impacts water quality. About 75 adults and lots of youth attended this two fair. CD staff discussed and answered questions about manure and stormwater management.
- A half hour overview of the regulations for manure management and conservation planning was offered at the York County Crops Day
- A break out session was held for 1.5 hours at York County Crops Day helping two people write their Manure Management plans.
- Partnered with NRCS to present "Best Agricultural BMPs" at the York County Coalition for Clean Waters meeting on January 22 at the York Township Building. Topics presented included: Sustainability (not just protecting water quality, but also economic feasibility for the farm business), State Requirements for Ag Erosion & Sediment Control and Manure/Nutrient Management plans, Best Management Practices, Chesapeake Bay Reboot, PSU BMP survey, and the Role of Municipalities.
- Half hour presentation to 14 attendees at York County Farmers Forum meeting on February 22 covering Chapter 102 & 91 regulations, Bay Reboot, PSU BMP Survey, Manure Management Workshop and Stormwater responsibilities.
- As part of the Manure Management delegated responsibilities, the District partnered with John Rowehl, Penn State Extension, to present two Manure Management Plan writing workshops. Staff did power point presentations and assisted attendees with writing their Manure Management Plans.





*Nutrient Management Act Program, Educational Activities cont.*

- o An evening session was held on March 23 assisting 10 attendees.
- o A full day workshop was held on December 13 assisting 37 attendees.
- In order to maintain certification and keep informed on current nutrient management issues, Ag Staff members attended trainings throughout the year. Joe Rebert & Brita Runkle completed the required certification trainings and passed the Nutrient Management Certification Exam.
- Presented Chapter 102 & 91 Regulations to 50 attendees at the York County Agricultural Land Preservation public information meeting on December 7.
- Ag staff worked with two individually certified nutrient management specialists (certified by PA to write plans for their own animal operations) to assist them in acquiring certification update credits.



Ag Resource Staff pictured L-R: Ag Resource Conservation Specialists, Joe Rebert, Michele Grove and Brita Runkle, Sr. Ag Resource Conservationist, Mark Flaharty and Ag Resource Conservation Specialist II, Grant Deller. *Not pictured - Ag Resource Conservationist, Wendy Kindig and Ag Resource Conservation Specialist II, Sally Barnes. Both resigned in April 2016.*

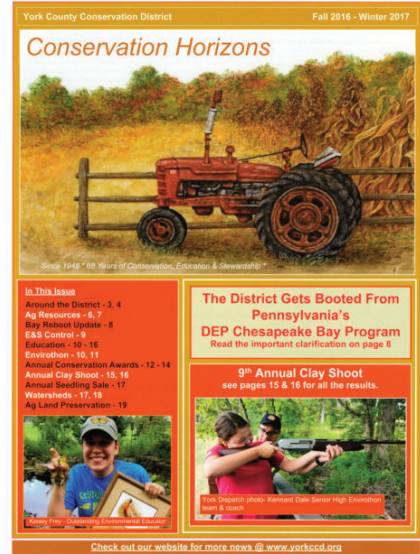
**2016 District Cooperators:**

Mark Wagner, Chanceford Twp.; William Fishpaw, N. Codorus Twp.; William S. Whitesel, Manheim Twp.; Howard Lewis, Chanceford Twp.; Jarred & Trisha Boyce, L. Chanceford; Dale Steven Greenwood, Chanceford Twp.; Joe Fisher, Springfield Twp.; John Fals, Lower Windsor Twp.; Joshua Ward, Fawn Twp.; Timothy Lehr, Lower Windsor Twp.; Thomas Wagner Jr., Lower Windsor Twp.; Marc Pittenger, Springfield Twp.; Georgia Wilt, W. Manchester Twp.; Ronald Cooper, Lower Windsor Twp.; Brian Baney, W. Manheim Twp.; Gillian Woodward, W. Manchester Twp.; Dean H. Miller, E. Hopewell; Timothy Ilgenfritz, L. Windsor Twp.

## Education & Communication



Our full-color, magazine-style newsletter, *Conservation Horizons*, is mailed to over 8,000 homes & businesses 3X/year. Featured articles included the District leaving the PA DEP Chesapeake Bay Program, Considerations of selling & harvesting timber on your property, Manure Management, the E&S Dept.'s Small Projects Guide, The Envirothon programs, NPDES updates, Landowner funding for water improvements and more.



*Mercy Harris*, (left) is a graduate of Central York High School and currently a sophomore at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, where she is pursuing a degree in Environmental Biology with a concentration in wildlife. She plans to continue her education through a doctoral degree.

An Envirothon team member since the third grade and a member of the 2015 Senior High winning team, Mercy was the team captain and helped her team place 3rd overall at the Pennsylvania Envirothon that same year and win the Aquatics division. Mercy had also received the STEM Academy Service Award for multiple years, was in the top 5% of her class, awarded the Student Excelling Most in Science Award and was a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

In 2016 the Education & Publicity Committee made the decision to offer two \$1,000.00 scholarships in the future. Decisions were also made about weighting the ballots on subjects like scholastic achievement, financial need, student wishes & goals and conservation-related activities.

A public program on Climate Change was created for the new PennState Master Watershed Stewardship annual class.



Education & Communications Coordinator, *Kim J Young* (at right)

# YORK COUNTY ENVIROTHON



## 2016 was the 31st Anniversary of the York County Envirothon!

Nine hundred and seventy-five students on 174 teams participated in this year's four grade level events:

- Senior High - 21 teams & coaches, 126 students, 5 testing stations, 12 school districts and 31 volunteers.
- Middle School - 26 teams & coaches, 156 students, 4 testing stations, one non-testing station, 13 school districts and 35 volunteers.
- 5th & 6th Grades - 58 teams & coaches, 348 students, 4 testing stations, one non-testing stations, 13 school districts and 37 volunteers.
- 3rd & 4th Grades - 69 teams & coaches, 345 students, 3 testing stations, a scavenger hunt, 2 non-testing stations, 16 school districts and 42 volunteers.

Our Envirothon Committee welcomed new committee members this year and new coaches from a variety of school buildings came on board in 2016.. The Senior High Current Issue was Invasive Species while at the 5th thru 8th Grades levels the Current Issue was Alternative Energy. The Non-testing programs were presented by Heritage Farms, Penn State Master Watershed Stewards and Bob's Critters. The Station Leaders presented a total of 114 study sessions for all grade levels in all topics during the spring study sessions at Nixon Park and surrounding sites.



**Envirothon sponsorship** - Our 2016 Envirothon Sponsorships & Donations raised over \$24,000.00. This included the \$4,657.00 raised during our 8th Annual Clay Shoot, held on Friday, September 18, 2015. The Fall Clay Shoot always kicks off our Envirothon Sponsorship Drive for the upcoming year. Thirty-seven sponsors donated \$250.00 or more to receive the "Follow Me" Canada Goose limited edition print by Millicent Neill Decker. Of those sponsors, 18 donated \$500.00 and up to have their names/logos printed on the back of our 2016 Envirothon T-shirts. Over 1,200 t-shirts were ordered and given to each coach and team member, staff, committee members & volunteers.



Stephanie Leedom, *at left*, of Dal-lastown High School, was our inaugural recipient of the Paul Wilson \$500.00 Conservation Award. Stephanie is planning to major in biology at Millersville University.



## 2016 Envirothon Sponsors

**Elk Silver Level (\$1,000.00 & up) Sponsors:** Aquatic Resource Restoration Company; Izaak Walton League Chapter #67; Jefferson Sportmen's Assoc.; York County Solid Waste Authority; York Excavating Co., LLC

**Brook Trout Bronze Level (\$500.00 - \$999.00) Sponsors:** Adams Electric Cooperative Inc.; C.S. Davidson, Inc.; Exelon Generation & Peach Bottom Atomic Power St.; Glatfelter Beyond Paper; Hively Landscapes Inc.; Keystone Bean LLC; Republic Services, Inc.; Rotary Club of York-PPE Committee; Spring Grove Area School District; Stewart & Tate, Inc.; Trumbull Corporation; York Audubon Society; York Water Co.

**Mountain Laurel Patron (\$250.00 - 499.00):** Bruce Holbrook; PTO Sinking Springs School; Albert Dehoff & Sons; Conewago Enterprises, Inc.; First Capital Engineering, Inc.; Glatfelter Insurance Group; Hoover Engineering Services; Lowe Construction; LSC Design; Miller Plant Farm, Inc; Mr. Carroll L. & Linda Missimer III; Northeastern School District; Penn Waste, Inc; PTO Shrewsbury Elementary; Spoutwood Farm Center; Tammy L. Grove; Wolf Farms, Inc.; York County Agriculture Business Council; York Township

**Ruffed Grouse Patron (\$1.00 - \$249.00):** Deanna Stambach; Flyway Excavating, Inc.; PTO Friendship Elementary; Susan P. Byrnes, York County Commissioner; Carol Park; Central Penn Sporting Club; Craig & Laura Franciscus; David Leese; Defining Resources LLC; Gordon L. Brown & Associates Inc.; Harrisburg Television, Inc. ABC Channel 27; James E Leaman; Lucy Kniseley; Matt and Ann K Gruner; PTO Locust Grove Elementary; PTO Spring Grove Elementary; SKH Management Co. dba Stauffers of Kissel Hill; T. C. Warehousing Inc.; Windsor Township; York Ag Products Inc.; Grimm's Trophy & Gifts; PTO Roundtown Elementary; Ellis and Joyce Crowl; Environmental Concepts Landscaping; Friends of Chris Reilly; Heather A. Rauls; James & Linda Amsterdam; Keith Eisenhart; Keller-Brown Insurance Service; Ken Sheffer; Norma L. Prewitt; PTO North Hills Elementary; PTO Stony Brook Elementary; Shiloh Garden Club; Stewartstown Elementary; Travis & Christine Sherman; PTO Washington Elementary; Waterbody Builders; Brown's Orchard & Farm Market; Flinchbaugh's Orchard & Farm Market; In memory of Melville Jones by loving wife Ann B. Jones; Millicent Neill Decker; Rutter's; York County Conservation District

**Cooperating Agencies and Volunteers:** York County Parks & Recreation Dept., York County Planning Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Fish & Boat Commission, USDA-NRCS, York County Conservation District, York County Solid Waste Authority, York Water Company, and individual volunteers Amy Slagel, Jill Oles, Beth Lucabaugh, Judy Grove, Blaine Snyder and PA Game Commission WCOs Kyle Jury, Shawn Musser, Steve Knickel, the PA Fish & Boat Commission's WCO Darrin Kephart, Penn State Extension's Tom Smith.

### The 9th Annual Clay Shoot - Central Penn Sporting Clays - Friday, September 16, 2016

Our 2016 Clay Shoot helped kick off the 2017 Envirothon Sponsorship Drive with a record profit of \$8,690.00 raised. This profit will be applied to our 2017 Annual Envirothon Sponsorship Drive. We also had a record 84 shooters join us for a barbecue lunch and afternoon shoot.

We would like to thank our **Event Sponsor:** Aquatic Resource Restoration Company and Resource Environmental Solutions **Event Partner:** Mr & Mrs Randy Byrnes and Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. **Station Sponsors:** Trumbull, Lee Fence & Outdoor, Deller Excavating, Dorgan & Zuck, Inc. **Station Partners:** Commissioner Doug Hoke, Mark Flaharty, Izaak Walton League, Chapter #67, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, ELA Group, Inc., Hively. Our **Gun Raffle** was sponsored by State Representatives Stan Saylor, Mike Regan, Kate Klunk, Kristin Phillips-Hill, Seth Grove, Kevin Schrieber and Keith Gillispie



**High Score Traveling Trophy** went to North Mountain Senior Open Trap Team. **High Ladies Score** was Becky Tressler of Team Byrnes. **High Score Youth** was Mick Wertz from North Mountain. The **top three High Score Trophies** were won by Dale Wertz, Mick Wertz and Scott Wertz (in that order from North Mountain' Team. Our **Gun Raffle** was won by Phil Rohrbaugh, while Lee Irwin won the high bid for the **silent auction** of a limited edition barn print. The **Senior High Envirothon team** was from Kennard-Dale High School (Southeastern School District)

## Annual Conservation Awards Picnic

Our 2016 Conservation Awards Picnic was held at Rocky Ridge Park on Thursday, August, 4th at 5:30 pm. The following were recognized for their contributions to conservation during an evening of catered dinner and fellowship.

**Outstanding Watershed Stewardship** - Jodi Sulpizio

**Outstanding Environmental Educator** - Kelsey Frey

**Outstanding Conservation Farmers** - Jerry & Susan Strausbaugh

**Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Farm Award** - Marvin & Shirley Shaw

*This year's award was a framed limited edition print of a pheasant.*



Jodi Sulpizio



The Strausbaughs



Kelsey Frey



Marvin & Shirley Shaw' Springfield Township farm



Randall & Sarah Patterson received the **Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District's 2016 Clean Water Farm Award**. The Pattersons were presented with the County's Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Farm Award in 2015. *Above with Commissioner Hoke & Nardine Hubner (for Senator Scott Wagner)*

## Our Annual Seedling Sale



The year 2016 marked the 42nd year of our annual Seedling Sale. Our sales totaled \$35,220 with a profit of \$10,742 from the 602 orders. The profit will be used for the District's educational programs as well as discretionary expenses.

Over 20,000 seedlings were sold, including favorites such as the white pine and Colorado blue spruce varieties. For the the second year in a row we offered a coupon on our website redeemable for a free bare-root white pine seedling.

In addition, an estimated 800 seedlings were donated to the York County Parks Department for planting on the hillside behind the boat rental area at Lake Redman, which had previously been overgrown with invasive species.



## Erosion & Sediment Control

### **PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS** for Pollution Control and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

2016 was a year of change in the E&S/NPDES program. The Conservation District grieved the passing of long-time office manager Whitney Leland at the young age of 50. Whitney served the whole District team exceptionally well for over 14 years and she is sorely missed. This past year also saw the retirement of Karen Ward – Engineering Technician I after 9 years of exceptional service, and the resignation of Garrett Miller – Engineering Technician I after 1+ years of exceptional service. We wish them both well in their new endeavors. On a very positive note, this past year brought the welcomed addition of Emily Neideigh – Engineering Technician I, Meghan Anderson – Engineering Technician I, and Alexia Woodard – Administrative Assistant to the E&S team. The E&S team also had the privilege of Mary Jean Serrano serving the District in an interim capacity as our secretary/receptionist. The E&S Team is now comprised of Eric Jordan (17 years), Robert Fetter (27 years), Tiffany Crum (11 years), Emily Neideigh, Meghan Anderson and two administrative staff, Robin Sharp (3 years) and Alexia Woodard.

We continued to review E&S plans, process NPDES permits, and provided an active field presence to ensure that Best Management Practices were fully implemented on the ground. The District continued to administer the E&S/NPDES program at Level III of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) delegation agreement. Level III includes reviewing E&S plans, processing NPDES permits, investigating complaints, conducting educational workshops, site inspections, and enforcement actions at the local level.



#### **The following is a summary of the E&S team's activities for 2016:**

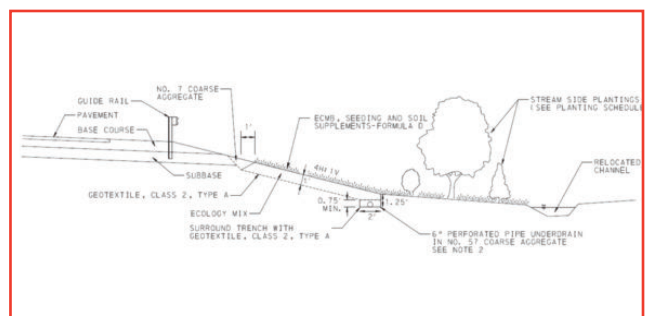
- Conducted 871 site inspections, pre-construction & site meetings, plan review site visits, and status checks.
- Investigated 161 new complaints.
- Due to lack of voluntary compliance, 2 sites resulted in an enforcement action.
- Reviewed 227 new and 343 revised plans.
- Processed 105 General NPDES permits.
- Issued 89 New General NPDES permits.
- Renewed 1 General NPDES permit.
- Processed 4 Individual NPDES permits.
- Staff continued to foster a working relationship with the County's 72 municipalities.
- Rob assisted Gary Peacock, Watershed Specialist, with education and administration of the Dirt & Gravel – Low Volume Road program.

## Erosion & Sediment Control, cont.

- Eric and Tiffany presented 2-hour long BMP Power Point presentation for 8 staff members of Team Ag in Ephrata.
- Eric presented 2-hour long BMP Power Point presentation for 32 attendees at Keystone Custom Home's office in Lancaster.
- Eric presented 45-minute long PowerPoint presentation to 17 municipal managers and zoning officers at the York County Municipal Administrators' Association.
- Eric and Rob attended 2-day Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance training in Chester County.
- Emily and Tiffany attended two day Wetland Restoration workshop at Gifford Pinchot State Park.
- Emily and Meghan attended several Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) training sessions at the Lebanon Agricultural Center.
- Emily and Meghan attended the Stream and Buffer Ecology Workshop at Stroud Water Research Center.
- E&S technical staff attended several pre-application meetings throughout the year for new NPDES sites at the PA DEP Southcentral Region office in Harrisburg.
- Eric, Tiffany, Emily, and Meghan attended 2-day DEP-PACD Annual Chapter 102/105 Training meeting in State College.
- E&S technical staff attended Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road Annual Maintenance Workshop at Heritage Hills on September 27-29.
- Rob, along with Gary Peacock, assisted The Center for Dirt & Gravel Roads with York County hosting the Dirt and Gravel - Low Volume Road Annual Maintenance Workshop.
- Rob along with Grant Deller, Ag Team, manned display at the Hellam and Lower Windsor Township's Stormwater Fair held at Hellam Twp. Public Works building.

### E&S Staff (pictured L-R)

Alexia Woodard, Receptionist/Program Assistant  
Eric Jordan, Resource Conservationist/  
Program Manager  
Robin Sharp, Administrative Assistant  
Rob Fetter, Resource Conservationist/  
Network Administrator  
Megan Anderson, Engineer Technician I  
Emily Neideigh, Engineer Technician I  
Tiffany Crum, Engineering Technician II





## Watershed Programs

York County's water resources and watershed program continues to be a high priority for the Conservation District.

The York County Conservation District's annual work plan for 2016 identified four (4) priority watershed areas and they are Special Projects, Stormwater Management, Water Quality Management, and Water Resources Management. DEP deliverables from the Watershed Program include activities within each of the four work plan's focus areas included education and outreach (education), financial assistance (funding), training (training), and technical assistance (watersheds).



### SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Riparian Forest Buffers – Qualified and quantified existing riparian forest buffers on York County streams using aerial photography. Buffer quality was measured in accordance with DEP's RFB policy (2014) and riparian area width, length, acreages were quantified using aerial photography and ArcView GIS. A subset of data points (2%) will be field verified in 2017 for accuracy and precision.

- o Approximately 33% of county streams surveyed
- o 3.5 million linear feet existing RFB delineated
- o 10,965 acres existing RFB identified

- Pinchot Floating Island Demonstration (pictured above) – Administered Growing Greener grant quarterly reports 1-4, in-kind volunteer matches, invoice payments, and reimbursement applications. Attended FIS's Floating Island webinar. Coordinated and facilitated Pinchot FI Team meeting. Wrote Pinchot FI Team meeting minutes. Provided Team w/Wayside panel watershed information. Attended Wayside Panel meeting.

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- Best Management Practices – Assisted landowners (2) with stormwater management concerns and issues and either recommended Best Management Practices for their consideration and use from DEP's Stormwater BMP Manual, or referred them to the appropriate governing entity for further assistance. Facilitated the annual Nixon Park "Build a Rain Barrel" Workshop educating homeowners (24) of the benefits of rain water conservation and instructed them to build their own rain barrel to take home and use.

- Stormwater Complaints – Met with a group of landowners (8) to address their concern and issues with a stormwater runoff gully on a hillside and to explore funding opportunities for the Homeowners Association to consider and use.

- Municipal Separate Storm Sewers (MS4) – Educated the public with municipal MS4 stormwater exhibit displays (i.e., When It Rains It Drains, Rain Barrel, Porous pavement, etc.) at Yorkanna Borough Anniversary and the tri-MS4 stormwater fair sponsored by Hellam, Lower Windsor and Windsor Townships reaching out to approximately 100 and 300 residents, respectively. Received training via two (2) webinars, one(1) on "Green Infrastructure Funding" and the other one (1) "Soil Amendments for Improved Infiltration". Supported York County's MS4 Permit Team with technical assistance, recordkeeping and reporting. Reviewed USEPA's proposed Industrial Stormwater rule.



### Water Quality Mgmt. cont.

- Chapter 105 Dam Safety and Waterways and Wetlands Engineering – Provided technical assistance to the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission with a proposed Dam Removal project; one (1) landowner with wetlands; and one (1) landowner preparing a General Permit #2 – Docks & Boat Launch Ramps. Reviewed PFBC’s SWAP#2 – Aquatic Resources. Received training on hydraulic alteration of streams. Attended public forum on stream restoration mitigation banking.
- CWA 303d Impaired Waters – Attended “Fee in Lieu of Mitigation” webinar. Reviewed No-Till Alliance’s report on no-till practices survey of Pennsylvania. Research DEP’s Existing Use classification system. Provided technical assistance to SRBC Hydrologist locating potential water quality monitoring points in the South Branch Codorus Creek Watershed.
- Dirt & Gravel Roads – The purpose of the DGR Program is to create a better unpaved public road system with a reduced environmental impact. The Program focuses on “Environmentally Sensitive Road Maintenance Practices” that reduce the impact of road runoff and sediment to local streams, while reducing long term road maintenance costs. The District received \$373,752 to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible local municipalities to improve and maintain unpaved roads. DGR project grants awarded included the following:

#### *Dirt & Gravel Road Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance Projects*

Watershed	Road Name	Project Type	Length (ft.)	Status	Grant Amt.	In-Kind Match	Total Project Value
WB Codorus Creek	Stambaugh Rd. P-2	Drainage, Resurface, Relocate	2,304	Complete	\$62,800	\$20,533	\$80,333
WB Codorus Creek	Copenhaver Rd.	Regrade, Resurface	3,578	Complete	\$13,485	\$4,087	\$17,573
WB Codorus Creek	Morning Star Rd.	Drainage, Regrade, Resurface	1,341	Complete	\$15,291	\$7,518	\$22,809
EB Codorus Creek	Blymire Hollow Rd.	IBS-GRS Culvert	0	Complete	\$102,604	\$106,912	\$209,516
NB Muddy Creek	Fake Rd. P-2	Al Arch Culvert	0	Complete	\$50,301	\$44,351	\$94,652
NB Muddy Creek	Cramer Rd.	Drainage, Regrade, Resurface	650	Not Started	\$45,300	\$0	\$0
Kreutz Creek	Pleasant Valley Rd.	Drainage, Regrade, Resurface	5,107	Not Started	\$55,550	\$0	\$0
NB Muddy Creek	Deer Rd.	Drainage, Resurface	2,921	In-Progress	\$72,045	\$0	\$0
			15,901		\$417,376	\$183,401	\$424,883

- **Low Volume Roads** - The purpose of the DGR Program is to create a better paved public road system with a reduced environmental impact. The Program focuses on “Environmentally Sensitive Road Maintenance Practices” that reduce the impact of road runoff and sediment to local streams, while reducing long term road maintenance costs. The District received \$261,111 to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible local municipalities to improve and maintain paved low volume roads with less than 500 cars per day use. LVR project grants awarded included the following.
- **HELP-Streams** –The Headwaters Environmental Legacy Program for Small Streams (HELP-Streams) was started in 2003 to provide landowner education and outreach about good stream stewardship and provide financial and technical assistance. Seventeen (17) individual landowners received technical assistance (i.e., GP-2 and GP-3), and one (1) landowner received financial assistance.



*Church Avenue Before (Felton Borough)*



*Church Avenue After (Felton Borough)*

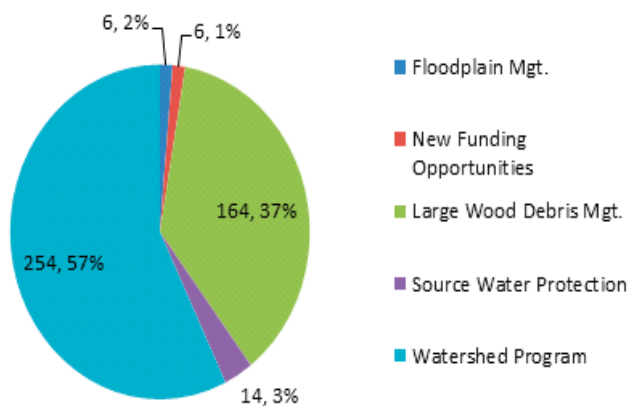
- Exelon Habitat Improvement** – Prepared Exelon HIP projects fact sheet for media event. Met with staff to review applications reviewed 1-1-16. Met with applicant to clarify intent and request additional information. Applications info entered into database. Wrote DEP's 2015 annual report for Lutz project. Summarized 1-1-16 applications received & copied for joint A&WCOM meeting. Facilitated Ag & Ws Committees joint meeting. Forwarded Ag & Ws Committees recommended projects to DEP. Responded to DEP comments on applications. Teleconference with DEP-SCRO re: Application info and clarification. Existing grant extension requests prepared. Existing grant status report to management. DEP approved applications reviewed for funding. Prepared/mailed grant agreements to P Seitz, M&S Clemens, Shrewsbury Twp., Codorus TU, and I Allott. Determined Fox Run trib financial assistance eligibility of Dover Borough. Prepared agreement extension amendment M Kline and K Fake. Reviewed PS Chadaga file, no agreement, extension request denied. Prepared agreement extension amendment Yoe Borough. Prepared/hold agreement L Anderson pending available funding. Met with M Kline and ARRC re: SOW & budget changes. Agreement cancellation Kline M grant. Project completion verification Fake K. Incentive payment made to Fake K. Prepared annual report Fake K. Photographed project Fake K. Submitted annual report to DEP for Fake K. Wrightsville grant project certification. Final payment Wrightsville RFB grant. Pre-application meeting B Craddock, Wrightsville Borough. Incentive payment Clemens M&S. Prepared grant announcement. Mailed announcement letters (30). E-mailed announcement e-mail (150). Assisted Pettinger M with grant proposal. Pre-application meeting w/G. Woodward. Pre-application meeting T Wagner. Received applications & answered questions. Applications 10-1-16 review. Application data gaps filled. Utting stream restoration concept developed. Illgenfritz application review. Application scoring. Compile application photos. Application scoring summary. Utting application coordination w/TUCC. Utting application contact. Joint A&WCOMM meeting facilitated. EXHIP action items. Annual reports completed projects (5) prepared. Application list 10-1-16 ranked for DEP. Annual reports completed projects (5) to DEP. Applications 10-1-16 (8) to DEP. Andersen project verification inspection. Assisted w/Riverfront Park Eastern York Middle School Native Plantings. Assisted Pittenger M with GP-1 & Exelon HIP grant application. Prepared EXHIP annual reports (3). ACCESS database updated. Internal administration SOP drafted.

- Nonpoint Source Pollution** – Educated over 100 Red Mill Elementary School students at Science Night. Habitat improvement exhibit display development. Developed and delivered “Soils Archeology” program to 27 students during York County Park’s Archeology Week Camp. Reviewed NACD Watershed resources opportunity. Received NCEU Atrazine Watershed Monitoring webinar training. Attended webinars AWSA “Wetland Restoration Reference Sites”, NACD webinar “Urban Conservation E&O”, PSU “SWP climate resiliency”, and AWSA “Sharing Tools and Approaches to Actively Engage Local People at Wetland Sites”. Requested financial information on Stroud Water Research Center “Level Spreader” BMP research.

- **Watershed Alliance of York (WAY), Inc.** – Coordinated Master Watershed Stewards Program corporate funding campaign. Attended MWSP Committee meeting. Prepared and delivered MWSP session #1 Watershed Basics PowerPoint (19 students). Edited/published E-New monthly (Cir. 1,850). Coordinated youth program requests (2). Attended and supported MWSP sessions #2, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Facilitated Watershed Decisions activity for CYHS Youth at Risk Mentoring (23). Prepared and delivered exhibit display preparation MAEscapes Plant Sale. Attended state level Master Watershed Steward project meeting. Coordinate and developed Mayfly Fest exhibit display with volunteers. Prepared/sent WSWE invitations to register. Exhibited Porous Pavement display. Created WSWE guide and venue descriptions. Updated website for WSWE. Distributed 1,200 WSWE Guides. Issued two (2) WSWE press releases. Prepared/setup WSWE exhibit display ANNEX Lobby. Renewed website domain. Coordinated MWSP macro monitoring equipment. Addressed WQM needs to Master Watershed Stewards. Prepared WSWE signs. Coordinated WSWE. Weekly Facebook posts. Compiled and reviewed WSWE evaluations. Wrote and delivered WSWE final report to stakeholders. Wrote MWSP corporate donor request letter draft. Prepared MWSP brief for YCCD-BOD commitment letter request. Wrote MWSP DCNR & EPA grant proposals commitment letters. Volunteered for York Revolution Baseball fundraisers (2). Assisted writing MSWP YCCF-CWE grant proposal. Reviewed PPL capacity grant eligibility requirements. Prepared corporate donor campaign documents. Developed fundraising campaign. Researched potential corporate donors. Prepared and submitted Women's Giving Circle grant proposal. Attended Intact webinar NPO Regulatory Compliance. Coordinated and facilitated WAY-BOD meetings (4). Wrote WAY-BOD meeting minutes and action items. Prepared MWSP corporate funders list. Attended TACOM and FACOM meetings. Prepare BOD meeting agenda and attachments. Coordinated LIU #12 STEM PATCH screening request. Attended MWSP evaluation meeting. Reapplied to POWR for general membership and liability insurance, and paid premium. Chubb Group D&O insurance pro-rated premium paid. Applied to Travelers for D&O insurance and paid premium. Commented on City of York's Green Action Plan - Willis Run Stream Restoration SOW. Coordinated Local Gov excellence award nomination YCPC.



**Fig. 6 Water Resources Mgt. Hours (%)**



**OTHER**

- Worked closely with the District's Education/Communications Coordinator writing three (3) educational articles for the Conservation Horizon's newsletter and website offerings.
- Supported the District's York County Envirothons at the elementary, intermediate, middle, and high school levels educating 1,000 school students in grades 3-12.
- Assisted District with its annual tree seedling sale at Rocky Ridge County Park.



Watershed Specialist, Gary Peacock (at right)

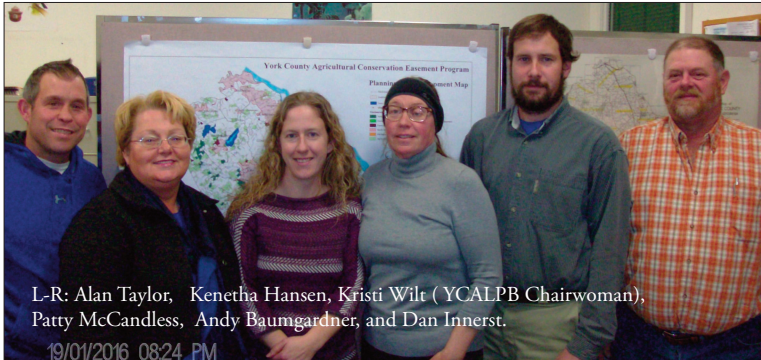


# York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board

“It shall be the mission of the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board to protect York County’s agricultural resources through the preservation of economically viable farms and the creation and maintenance of stable agricultural communities.”

### Board Members

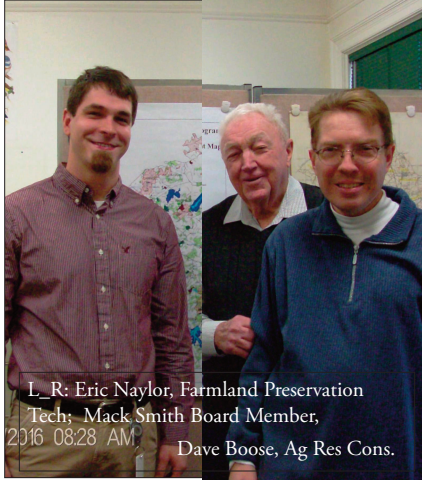
- Kristine Wilt, Chairwoman
- Mack Smith, Vice Chairman
- Daniel Innerst, Rep. Farmers
- Alan Taylor, Rep. Elected Officials
- J. Kenetha Hansen, Rep. Citizens
- John Eaton Jr, Rep. Farmers
- Andrew Baumgardner, Rep. Farmers



L-R: Alan Taylor, Kenetha Hansen, Kristi Wilt (YCALPB Chairwoman), Patty McCandless, Andy Baumgardner, and Dan Innerst.

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- The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board approved a policy to create a Legal Defense Fund reserving \$80,000.00 for potential challenges to the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.
- York County continues to rank 3rd in Pennsylvania in terms of acres of farmland preserved.
- Since program establishment in 1989, the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board has preserved 278 farms, covering 41,216 acres of productive farmland.
- Board and staff received a total 51 easement applications on 5,195 acres offered for farmland preservation and ranked 35 qualifying applications, covering 3,454 acres. Additional program inquiries were received from 24 landowners representing 2,467 acres.
- The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board selected 4 farms for preservation, covering 483 acres.
- Staff conducted annual inspection visits on 148 farms, covering 23,483 acres of productive farmland.
- YCALPB staff co-inspected three Heritage Conservancy easements located in York County on 393 acres with Heritage Conservancy Monitoring staff.
- YCALPB staff conducted 16 Municipal Agricultural Security Area reviews in cooperation with the YCPC & Municipal Officials, involving 1,235 parcels on 43,454 acres.
- YCALPB staff, in cooperation with York County Planning Commission, continued updates of the GIS layers involving conservation easements and agricultural security areas.
- The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Program conservation requirements contributed to York County’s conservation planning efforts on 22 tracts, covering 2,104 acres.
- The York Board of Commissioners certified easement funds totaling \$ 221,309 for farmland preservation, and received \$ 1,556,007 in matching 2016 State funds for local preservation efforts.
- The YCALP Office, with Conservation Partners, hosted a “Preserving Your Farm” Workshop on December 7, 2016 with 57 landowners in attendance.
- YCALPB and staff partnered with York Conservation and Land Use Agencies to develop a Land Preservation and Protection Strategy Workgroup. A recommendation was made to the County Commissioners to identify a dedicated source of funding for present and future land preservation efforts.
- YCALPB staff participate in York and PA Farm Bureau legislative tours to Washington DC and Harrisburg PA, as well as the PA Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Hershey PA.



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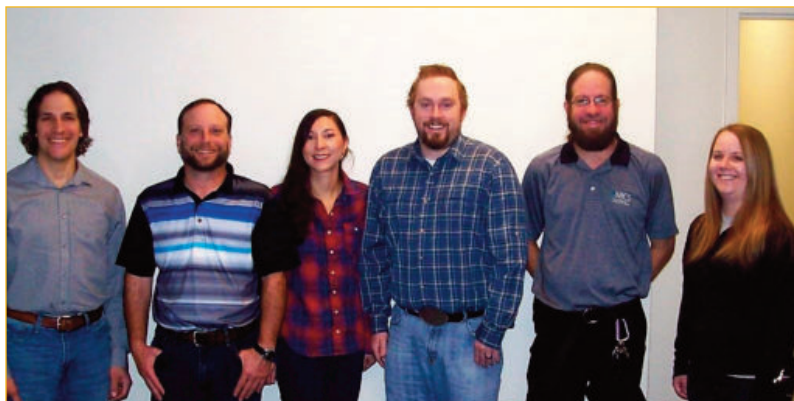
### *Ag Land Preservation continued*

- YCALPB is a member of the PA Farmland Preservation Association with staff serving on the Policy Committee.
- YCALPB are active members of the York County Agriculture Business Council.
- The YCALPB provides citizens with agency and program information via the County of York's web site [www.yorkcountypa.gov](http://www.yorkcountypa.gov) under the Property & Taxes banner with total visitors numbering 1,065 in 2016.



## U.S.D.A York Field Team Report

- NRCS, District & Ag Preserve employees wrote or updated 118 plans on 4592 acres of land in York County for FY 2016.
- The York Field Team implemented conservation practices that benefited water and/or soil quality on approximately 5501 acres.
- Obligated over \$560,000 in 10 new contracts through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) covering 1692 acres in 2016.
- Certified 115 contracted items accounting for 33 different practices in 2016. Total incentive money paid to the Farm Bill Program participants totaled over \$420,000.
- Enrolled or reenrolled 20 CREP contracts totaling 341.3 acres.
- Reenrolled 6 expiring or new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contracts totaling over 5100 acres.
- Finalized one easement under the Wetland Reserve Enhancement (WRE) Program totaling over 27 acres. Complete WRE restoration enhancing Bog Turtle habitat on 19.8 acres in York County.
- Hired Eric Huerter as a Soil Conservationist in May 2016.



pictured left to right: Eric Samus, Steve Ludwig, Tara Lauer, Ryan Cornelius, Eric Huerter, Charissa Mohn

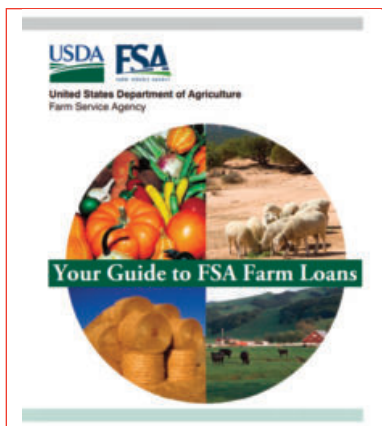


## U.S.D.A. Farm Service Agency FSA

USDA's York Farm Service Agency (FSA) works to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans. Some of the agency's efforts include facilitating income support, disaster assistance and conservation programs, providing operating loans for the procurement of farm equipment, seed and fertilizer, as well as offering ownership loans to help new and veteran producers purchase a farm.

- This year saw FSA's role transition from implementing new provisions of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) to that of administering our programs. York County FSA has nearly 3,400 producers associated with 5,080 farms. We accepted acreage reports on approximately 150,000 acres consisting of over 21,000 individual fields.
- Over 400 York County producers on approximately 2,800 farms are eligible for the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) programs. These help protect producers when there are either price or revenue losses. In October we issued 1,660+ payments totaling more than \$2,430,000 in payments to York County farmers for crop year 2015 losses.
- The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) continues to be important to protecting our environmentally sensitive land and we have more than 200 contracts for CRP and CREP, consisting of over 2,100 acres and receiving annual rental payments in excess of \$400,000. Additionally, we provided thousands in cost-share and incentive payments for the installation of long term resource conserving covers, much of which was matched by Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture.
- Our Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can be an important tool for producers of non-insurable crops to protect against natural disasters. Coverage levels range from 50 to 65 percent of production, in 5 percent increments, at 55 or 100 percent of the average market price. This year the program provided coverage to several fruit and vegetable growers who were affected by abnormal freezing or drought.
- Our Farm Loan staff provides Direct and Guaranteed Farm Ownership loans and Operating loans to producers in York County who may have difficulty receiving credit through traditional lenders. 2016 was extremely busy with York experiencing a 350% increase in loan activity. We made 25 loans to York County producers totaling over \$2,500,000.
- York producers who participated in our 2016 Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) have received over 3.1 million dollars to allow for more flexibility on when to market their crops. Producers can also take advantage of our many other programs; Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy), Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) to name a few.
- Finally, 2016 brought us a personnel change. Katie Sherman, our Program Technician, moved closer to home early in the year. She is missed, but we are grateful to welcome Wendy Kindig to our team in her place. Many of you will recognize Wendy, as she comes to us with a strong agricultural background already in place. Once again we are looking forward to another exciting year in 2017 administering the Farm Bill. Visit our website [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) or sign up for our newsletters at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFSA/subscriber/new> for updates as they are available. Also new this year, producers can sign up for text messaging by texting "PAYork" to FSANOW (372669).

*We look forward to continuing to provide exceptional service to the farmers and ranchers of York County  
For the York County Committee, Richard Csutoras, County Executive Director*



Pictured L-R: Rick Csutoras, Wendy Kindig,  
Jan Dehoff, Anne Crist, Tina Gross.

# Cooperating Agencies

## **PENN STATE EXTENSION—YORK COUNTY**

112 Pleasant Acres Rd, York, PA 17402  
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## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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PHONE: (717) 218-3002  
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Supervisor: George Klaus

## **FARM SERVICE AGENCY**

PHONE: (717) 755-2966 ext. 190  
Supervisor: Richard Csutoras

## **YORK CO. PLANNING COMMISSION**

28 E MARKET ST 3rd FL, YORK, PA 17401  
PHONE: (717) 771-9870  
Director: Felicia A. Dell  
Watershed: John Seitz

## **US FISH & WILDLIFE**

David Densmore PHONE: (814) 234-4090

## **DEPT. OF CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES MGMT:**

(DCNR)-FORESTRY: Region 3  
Jim Nagy (717) 772-4362  
Service Forester: Matt Kern  
1066 Blooming Grove Road; Codorus State Park, Hanover, PA 17331  
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## **ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS/BALTIMORE DISTRICT**

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Enforcement-Frank Plewa: PHONE: (717) 249-0425 (717) 249-2522  
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Mike Danko PHONE: (717)249-0425 (717) 249-8730

## **YORK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

400 Mundis Race Road  
York, PA 17402 (717) 840-7440  
Director—Tammy Klunk 717-840-7227

## **THE HORN FARM CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

4945 Horn Farm Road  
York, PA 17406  
(717) 757-6441

## **FISH & BOAT COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE**

For draw down permits, pond assessment, stream classification  
PHONE: (814) 359-5147  
Mark Martel (717) 657-4521  
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## **PA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS- PACD**

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## **DIRT & GRAVEL ROAD PROGRAM**

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## **PA GAME COMMISSION—**

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Shawn Musser - shmusser@pa.gov  
Steve Knickel - sknickel@pa.gov

## **PENN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Penndot District 8  
Manager—Stephen Grasseti  
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District Engineer: Barry Hoffman (717) 772-0778  
Right of Ways – Larry Sarver 717-783-1235

## **IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA (IWLA) – York Chapter**

Phone: 717-428-2000, Secretary – Cathy Wilson

# PA Department of Environmental Protection

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Ken Murin,

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Barry Newman

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## **Local DEP offices: WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT & AIR QUALITY (outside)**

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Water Testing (717) 771-4481 Supervisor: Susan Foster

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WW & SWM (717) 787-6827



# York County Conservation District



**York County Conservation District**  
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***Our Vision:*** The York County Conservation District is committed to the improvement and protection of our environment and the wise use of our County's diverse natural resources.

***Our Mission:*** To achieve that vision, the York County Conservation District will be proactive providing conservation education, technical services and financial assistance, to enable the citizens of York County be good stewards of our natural resources.

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