

HELP—Streams

The Conservation District can provide riparian landowners/managers with cost-share and technical assistance for stream bank rehabilitation, bank protection and gravel bar removal. For more information about the HELP-Streams, contact the York County Conservation District today!



Stream Stabilization and Riparian Buffer Planting
York County, PA

Conservation, Education, Stewardship
Since 1948

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.

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 to be good stewards natural resources.

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Headwaters
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Conserving Natural Resources for Our Future

HELP-Streams

The Headwaters Environmental Legacy Program for Streams (HELP-Streams) was initiated in 2003 by the York County Conservation 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. HELP- Stream provides non-agricultural landowners with cost sharing opportunities for stream bank rehabilitation, bank protection and gravel bar removal as an incentive to encouraging environmental stewardship and watershed protection.



Mudsill Cribbing Best Management Practice for Stream Bank Protection



Reclaim, Rehab, and Restore

The Department of Environmental Protection 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 crib wall, vegetative stabilization, and gravel bar removal.

There is a fee for the General Permit GP-3 registration process.

HELP Cost Share

What is HELP? The Conservation District receives funding annually to reclaim, rehab, and restore water ways by implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) in York County.

Who's Eligible?

Riparian landowners and local municipal governments are eligible for cost-share.

How Does It Work?

The landowner/manager must complete and submit a one-page HELP Streams Cost Share application form, with 1-3 cost estimates, to the Conservation District. The Conservation District Board will review the application, decide whether the project is eligible and recommended, and then notify the applicant in writing. Once approved, the applicant must sign a cost-share agreement with the District before doing the work. The applicant may only commence with the work once the HELP Streams cost-share agreement is in place. If streambank stabilization is needed, then a permit may be required from PADEP. Permitting costs may also be included in the cost-share.

