



Program Guidelines Exelon Habitat Improvement Program

- The applicant must be the landowner, or have written permission from the landowner, and be a District cooperator.
- The applicant must have a current Agricultural Erosion & Sediment Control/Conservation Plan or Manure Management Plan if Agricultural BMPs are proposed.
- Preferences are given to forested stream buffers and maintenance, wetlands creation, barnyard BMPs, pasture BMPs, cropland BMPs, stream restoration and maintenance, and in-stream habitat improvement and maintenance that address nutrient and sediment reductions. The project must be comprised of multiple benefits (ex. in-stream work and stream buffer plantings).
- Projects can be the installation of new practices or the maintenance of existing practices.
- Components of a total system can apply for funding (you do not have to complete every practice in your plan).
- Conceptual plans and designs are required at the time of application submittal. Photos upstream and downstream showing the overall site conditions should also be provided with the application.
- \$71,250 is the maximum project funding. A project may include multiple practices.
- A pre-application meeting must be held onsite with a representative from the District prior to submittal of the application.
- Applications are received continuously with project ranking occurring annually, or as needed, pending funding availability. Refer to the District webpage for status of application deadlines.
- Applications for funding must be approved by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).





- The application and contract agreement will be approved by the District Board.
- The most current Federal W-9 form must be completed and submitted with the signed agreement.
- All necessary local, state, and federal permits and approvals must be obtained before the installation of practices may begin.
- Payment will be in the form of an incentive payment based on the units of practice installed and a cost per unit value as described in the contract agreement.
- Practice implementation should occur within 6-12 months of contract approval.
- Design and construction standards will be determined by the appropriate technical standards for the project planned. Certification of the installed practices needs to be provided for final funding payment.
- After all practices are installed the final funding payment will be made.
- The practices must be maintained for five years after their completion. The applicant will receive a letter to document the final obligation date and responsibility. The project will be inspected during the final contract closeout.

