

Luzerne Conservation District

Other Accomplishments

- Conducted 335 Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Reviews and 577 site inspections for earth disturbance activities in Luzerne County
- Responded to 81 complaints related to soil and water issues
- Issued 60 NPDES Permits for Construction Activities
- Completed 7 projects to reduce sediment pollution from municipal Dirt & Gravel Road sections
- Implemented 2 Low Volume Roads projects to improve storm water management, drainage, and road base and surface materials
- Coordinated with Dallas School District, Penn State Extension and Watershed Stewards to plant stormwater basins improving water quality in Toby Creek
- Secured Growing Greener grant funding for projects throughout the Nescopeck Creek Watershed

2017 Feature Accomplishment

Blake Brown Agricultural Conservation Project

Resource Challenge

Substantial sediment and nutrient run-off at Brown's Nescopeck Twp. property first became a concern back in 2012. In a collaborative effort to reduce and mitigate the run-off, the district completed a full Conservation and Nutrient Management Plan with the help of a Chesapeake Bay Special Project grant in July 2014. From there, NRCS & PACD engineers designed Mr. Brown's multiple, much needed nutrient conservation projects which, with the help of DEP, were implemented this past summer of 2017.

Project Summary and Results

Funding for this project was a joint contribution of a Growing Greener grant awarded in 2015, and a NRCS EQIP contract. In addition, DEP provided streambank fencing and stream crossing funds. The completion of the project proved a great success, the effects of which will continue to curb contaminating sediment and nutrient run-off well into the future.



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More Work to Do

- Assisting PA Game Commission with wetland and waterfowl habitat enhancement on State Game Lands
- Working with Stanley Cooper Trout Unlimited, Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, US Fish and Wildlife Service, PA Fish and Boat Commission and PA DEP to fund and restore 2,500 of riparian zones in the former Mountain Springs Lake
- Provide natural resource conservation assistance to Luzerne County municipalities, landowners, & land users
- Provide multiple conservation education opportunities

