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### **Conservation District Helping Out with Cover Crop Survey**

Sometime in late-November 2020, farmers in Snyder County will see vehicles traveling about and stopping periodically along the road looking at crop fields.

DO NOT BE ALARMED! These folks are conducting a survey on cover crop practices on local farms to help the state count the many farms using this soil conservation practice to improve water quality. The survey team will consist of at least three people, two from Capital RC&D Area Council, and one Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) technician.

Results from this and other surveys conducted throughout Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Watershed will go to the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) and PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Prior experiences and CTIC established protocols give this survey a confidence level of 90%. Information from surveys like this show decision makers from local, state and federal levels of government what farmers are doing to limit sediment pollution from entering waterbodies that flow into the Chesapeake Bay.

Additional inquiries and questions about the survey may be forwarded to Susan Richards, Capital RC&D Executive Director, at 717-241-4361, [srichards@capitalrcd.org](mailto:srichards@capitalrcd.org), 401 East Louther Street, Suite 307, Carlisle, PA 17013. You may also contact Barry Spangler, SCCD Agricultural Conservation Technician, at 570-837-3000, extension 118, [agtech@snydercd.org](mailto:agtech@snydercd.org), 10541 Route 522, Middleburg, PA 17842.

*Notes: Based in West Lafayette, Indiana, CTIC's mission is "to champion, promote and provide information on technologies and sustainable agricultural systems that conserve and enhance soil, water, air and wildlife resources and are productive and profitable." The Capital RC&D Area Council is a seven-county, non-profit that provides leadership to promote regional partnerships for the responsible use and conservation of our natural, community, and economic resources. Capital RC&D primarily serves Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York Counties.*

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