National Fish & Wildlife Foundation-PA Most Effective Basins Grant

Snyder County Middle Creek Watershed ** Agricultural Plan Development Program **



Farmers and agricultural, livestock and equine operations need the following plans:

- 1.) A manure management plan (MMP) or nutrient management plan (NMP, Act 38 or NRCS "590") if producing or utilizing manure, and
- 2.) An agricultural erosion & sedimentation plan (Ag. E&S Plan) or conservation plan if raising crops or hay or grazing pastures.

If you do have these plans, check if they are up to date and reflect your current operation. If they are not current, or you do not have these plans, or are not sure if your plans are sufficient to satisfy PA regulatory requirements, the Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) has a program that may help you.

Program Description:

1. Interested farm operators complete an application at the SCCD office to seek cost share funding to help pay for any of the following: manure management plan (MMP), nutrient management plan (NMP, Act 38 or NRCS "590"), agricultural erosion & sedimentation plan (Ag. E&S Plan) and/or conservation plan (NRCS style). The operator lists all farms and animals raised and managed on the application.

Note: This program does not fund plans for current and future CAOs (concentrated animal operations) or a CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations) or any farmland outside Middle Creek Watershed.

2. Eligibility Criteria:

- A. Operation must lie within Middle Creek Watershed
- B. Operation is not a CAO (concentrated animal operation) or a CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operation)
- C. A ranking system may be used if interest exceeds funding availability.

3. If selected:

- A. A contract is signed between the SCCD and the Operator.
- B. The Operator will select a plan writer and secure a quote to write the plan(s). The plan writer will visit the Operator with a SCCD staff person to identify potential conservation minded best management practices (BMPs) to prevent nutrient and sediment runoff. The plan writer will also gather information needed for the plan(s).
- C. The SCCD will cost share a maximum of 80% or \$2,000.00 (whichever is the lower amount) per Operation (within Middle Creek Watershed) of the cost of the plan(s) when completed and approved by the SCCD or NRCS.
- 4. Once plans are completed, the SCCD can help the Operator secure financial and technical assistance for conservation practices (BMPs) listed in the MMP, NMP, conservation plan and/or Ag. E&S Plan.
- 5. For more information, contact Barry Spangler at 570-837-3000, ext. 5 or agtech@snydercd.org.

Need Your Plans Written or Updated?



We can cost share any of these plans:

Manure Management Plan (MMPs)
Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs)
Ag. Erosion & Sedimentation (Ag. E&S) plans
(NRCS Style) Conservation Plans

that complies with PA regulations

help those interested in installing conservation practices on the farm.

Questions? Wish to Apply?
Contact: Barry Spangler
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Sorry, this is for operations within Middle Creek Watershed

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