#### BRADFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT Stoll Natural Resource Center 200 Lake Road, Suite E, Towanda, PA 18848 Telephone (570)265-5539 Ext.

#### February 6, 2023, MEETING

The February 2023, meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District was called to order by Keith Heimbach, on February 6, 2023, at 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center and via Zoom.

District Directors Attending the Meeting were: Keith Heimbach, Daryl Miller, Brian Zeidner, Alvin Herman, and Robert Miller

Via Zoom: Nicole Harris

Others attending the meeting were: Cathy Yeakel – District Manager, Joe Quatrini – Tech Team Leader, Kevin Brown – Ag. Team Leader, Daniel Rhodes – Education Coordinator, Adam Chorba – Forest Specialist, Brad Cummings – Chapter 102/105 Program Manager, Tim Robson – Dirt & Gravel Roads Specialist, Matthew Schoen – Dirt & Gravel Roads Specialist, Chad Spencer – NRCS, Patrick Cullen – District Engineer, Miranda Neville – Ag. Resource Specialist, Isaac Walker – Ag. Resource Specialist, Jenny Marino – Accounts Supervisor, and Cheri Holecek – Administrative Assistant.

Daryl Miller made a motion to accept the January 9, 2022, minutes as written. Al Herman seconded the motion; motion was unanimously passed.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES AND GUESTS:

<u>Commissioners</u> - Daryl Miller noted that they are continuing with renovations on bridge infrastructures. They are down to having less than 10% of bridges being structurally deficient. The issue now is that they have historical preservation.

They are still in the rollout of Dark Fiber and have 200 miles into it out of 300+ mile project. 911 service is using it now. There are 2 towers up and 4 more to go. They plan on adding 1 or 2 more towers in the future.

A study was done on the EMS services and determined Bradford County is struggling and needs support. The information will be in the newspapers.

<u>NRCS</u> – Chad Spencer, stated that there has been new staff training in Bloomsburg for the last couple weeks. EQIP is wrapping up.

Handouts were given to the directors on projects that NRCS is requesting financial assistance with CAP and ACAP through BCCD. The reason is that costs have gone up and without assistance the projects will not be able to be completed. The Board members asked to see bids with and without prevailing wage on each project prior to deciding.

#### OLD BUSINESS

<u>SCEC</u> – The bids were due and received by January 23, 2023. There is a board meeting tonight and hopefully we will know something after the meeting.

<u>WNV Grant</u> – Keith and Al have both electronically signed the grant and it is processing. Once the grant is awarded, interviews and purchasing will begin.

#### COMMITTEES

<u>Salary Committee</u> – Cathy Yeakel, Brian Zeidner, Al Herman, Kevin Brown and Jenny Marino are on the new Salary Committee. First meeting will be next Monday, February 13, at 10am via zoom. Brian Zeidner made a

motion to add the Salary Committee and accept the members to the 2023 District Committee list. Al Herman seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

<u>ACAP QAB</u> - They are reaching out for board members at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Earth Day 2023 – Earth Day at BCCD is from 10am – 2pm on April 22, 2023. We are looking for vendors and sponsors.

<u>Mileage Rate</u> – the new mileage rate for the county is 65.5 cents per mile. Brian Zeidner made a motion for BCCD to pay the new mileage rate of 65.5 cents per mile retroactive to January 1, 2023. Daryl Miller seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

<u>ACAP Accounts</u> – Daryl Miller made a motion to open two bank accounts for ACAP funds. Rob Miller seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

<u>USC NFWF Grant</u> – There is \$40K contract, covered under a NFWF Grant through the Upper Susquehanna Coalition, for writing manure management plans, soil sampling and manure sampling. Brian Zeidner made a motion to sign the contract with the USC. Rob Miller seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

<u>Donation for Salary Survey</u> – PACD is asking for a donation to cover the costs of the survey up to \$500.00. Brian Zeidner made a motion to donate \$100. Daryl Miller seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

<u>Conservation District Video Awards</u> – BCCD submitted a video and are in the top 5 to win the award. The video was shown to all.

Nutrient Management Plan Approvals - None

Dirt and Gravel Contracts -

D&G contract for Orwell Township in the amount of \$354,448.60 LVR contract for Canton Borough in the amount of \$63,246.23

Al Herman made a motion to sign the contracts discussed and noted above. Daryl Miller seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

Commission Report - Field Representative - see attached

<u>Treasure's Report & Payment of Bills</u> – The Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Daryl Miller made a motion to accept the Report and Payment of Bills. Al Herman seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Correspondence – Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 by Keith Heimbach

The next meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023, 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Holecek

Administrative Assistant

# Bradford County Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Kelly M Russell, being duly sworn, says she is the designated agent of The Daily Review, of general circulation, established in 1879, published in the Borough of Towanda, county aforesaid, and that the notice hereto attached is exactly as was printed in said paper once a day on the following dates:

18th of January 2023

Kelly M Russell, Accounting

Kelly M

Sworn and subscribed before me this day

anuary 2023 1870 Notary Rubli Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Susan M. Rought, Notary Public **Bradford County** My commission expires August 6, 2025 Commission number 1277916 Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

BCCD Meeting Dates scheduled for 2023 are: February 8, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6 and December 4, at 12:30 p.m., located at the Stoll Natural Resource Center, Towanda, PA.

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#### Treasurers Report February 6, 2023

- 513,450.50 PS General Municipal Fund
- 5,142.05 PS General Courtesy Account
- 31,503.62 e-commerce Acct
- 53,510.09 Manchester Memorial
- 1,325,863.17 First Citizens Municipal Fund
  - 52,009.08 First Citizens Checking
  - 70,858.58 First Citizens Ag Reserve
    - 10.50 First Citizens LVR Checking
  - 7,475.33 First Citizens D&G Checking
  - 77,463.36 First Citizens LVR Municipal
- 2,082,433.15 First Citizens D&G Municipal
  - 234,003.88 First Citizens BC Watershed Fund
  - 22,838.49 BSFLA Scholarship Account

#### \$4,476,561.80 Total

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#### General Account Bills to be Paid

- A.Petlock, LLC Insulation Attic Insulation 13,525.00 205.00 Adam D. Chorba Mileage and Expenses 22.44 Arey Building Supply, Inc. Rat Traps and Education Projects Bradley W. Cummings Mileage and Expenses 540.88 223.75 Cathy S. Yeakel Mileage and Expenses 84.80 Cheri A. Holecek Mileage and Expenses 93.10 **Comcast Building Internet** 112.50 **Daniel Rhodes Mileage and Expenses** Howard Williams Garage GMC Repairs 608.68 133.73 Isaac S. Walker Mileage and Expenses 50.00 Jenny Marino Expenses Susan Johnson January Cleaning 1.050.00 138.13 Jonathan Vannoy Mileage and Expenses 153.75 Joseph D. Quatrini Mileage & Expenses 301.99 Kevin Brown Mileage and Expenses 50.00 Kyleen H. Dinelli Expenses 635.00 Mac's Salting and Plowing 355.00 Matthew A. Schoen Mileage and Expenses 225.00 Michael Corby BMP Verification 104.38 Miranda E. Neville Mileage and Expenses 84.98 NTSWA Garbage Removal 277.59 Patrick M. Cullen Mileage and Expenses Penelec Electric 400.47 800.00 Penn State University Soil Test Kits Timothy M. Robson Expenses 50.00 790.89 Valley Energy Gas Voyager Fleet Systems, Inc. Fuel 186.08 Chief River Nursery Tree Sale Pear Trees 3,161.93 30.80 Daily Review Legal Notice 2023 BCCD Board Meeting Dates 24,395.87 **Total General Account Bills to be Paid** General Account Bills Paid Since Last Meeting
  - 7,348.00 Erie Insurance Ultraflex Policy
  - 241.44 Visa KHD Credit Card Payment
  - 2,023.80 Visa KLB Credit Card Payment
  - 5,779.28 Visa CSY Credit Card Payment
  - 104.40 Hobbes Forestry 2022 Forestry Education Symposium Mileage Reimb.

- 155.44 Susquehanna Tree Care Forestry Education Symposium Mileage Reimb.
- 103.10 Comcast Building Internet January
- 213.34 Daily Review Job Listing Ag Resource Specialist/Ag Pres
- 685.00 Erie Insurance Business Catastrophe Liability
- 56.20 Gambal IW Isaac Walker Business Cards
- 81.20 Tulpehocken Mountain Spring Water Inc. Water Cooler Delivery
- 2,789.33 Chief River Nursery Company Reforestation Project Sigman
- 17,791.22 Tension Fencing, Inc CAP McCarthy Fencing
- 3,072.92 Chief River Nursery Company Reforestation Project Lamphere
  - 224.39 Penelec Electric Newer Section of Building
  - 53.86 Wysox Municipal Authority Water December
  - 64.00 Wysox Municipal Authority Sewer December
- \$ 40,786.92 Total General Account Bills Paid Since Last Meeting

#### General Account Bills Paid by Credit Card Since Last Meeting

- 17.90 Amazon Soap
- 89.02 Amazon Paper Towels
- 23.14 Amazon Annual Meeting Give Aways Thinking Caps
- 239.98 Tractor Supply Garbage Cans for Kitchen
- 26.00 Amazon Spoons
- 65.37 Walmart Worms
  - 8.99 Amazon Wireless Mouse KHD
- 65.37 Walmart Worms
- 14.98 Amazon Wireless Mouse
- 65.37 Walmart Worms
- 17.90 Amazon Soap
- 89.02 Amazon Paper Towels
- 12.00 Roof Jewelers & Awards ISW Name Plate
- 3.00 River Valley Transit Parking DEP Round Table Meeting
- 2.00 River Valley Transit Parking DEP Round Table Meeting
- 1,200.00 Postmaster Stamps
- 1,994.00 Nourse Farms Inc Tree Sale Fruit Tree Purchase
  - 24.67 Bullfrog Brewery CSY Lunch DEP Round Table Meeting
  - 592.64 Forestry Suppliers, Inc. DG Ed Annual Meeting Giveaways
- 61.75 E-File E-File, Print & Mail 1099s
- 2,038.43 Chief River Nursery Company Reforestation Program Chase
- 1,939.59 Chief River Nursery Company Reforestation Program Kulick
- \$ 8,591.12 Total General Account Bills Paid by Credit Card Since Last Meeting
- \$ 73,773.91 Total General Account Bills

#### Income Since Last Meeting

- 262.89 Online Tree Order
- 9,946.26 Ag Conservation Tech Reimbursement 9-30-2022
- 45,078.50 DEP EWP Payment
- 4,552.50 USDA January 2023 Rent
- 90.00 Soil Test Patton
- 1,131.00 Tree Sale
- 100.00 Earth Day Donation Brad Co Humane Society
- 200.00 Earth Day Donation First Citizens
- 200.00 Plan Review Sayre Water System
- 50.00 Plan Review Sayre Water System
- 250.00 Soil Test Patton
- 2,207.40 USC Souder Project
- 1,271.77 January Interest

\$ 65,340.32 Total General Account Income Since Last Meeting				
	Dirt & Gravel Roads Account			
	Dirt & Gravel Roads Account Bills To Be Paid			
\$ -	Total Dirt & Gravel Roads Account Bills To Be Paid			
	Dirt & Gravel Roads Account Bills Paid Since Last Meeting			
\$ -	Total Dirt & Gravel Roads Account Bills Paid Since Last Meeting			
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	Dirt & Gravel Roads Account Income Since Last Meeting			
1,363.27	Interest January			
\$ 1,363.27	Total Dirt & Gravel Roads Account Income			

#### February 2023 DEP Conservation District Field Rep Talking Points

# **Funding Opportunities:**

<u>Growing Greener Grants and Mariner East 2/Revolution Pipeline Grants</u> – The 2022 Growing Greener Grants were awarded on December 28, 2022, with a total grant award in the amount of \$17,824,000. There was an additional allocation made in the amount of \$1,845,535.00 from funds received through a Mariner East 2/Revolution Pipeline Corridor (Energy Transfer) settlement, and \$273,046 through abandon mine bond forfeiture. Twenty Two of the 85 grants were awarded to County Conservation Districts, totaling \$3,900,892. The next round of Growing Greener and Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Grants is expected to open in the spring of 2023.

<u>Nutrient and Manure Management Delegation Agreement Update</u> - The State Conservation Commission (SCC) voted to approve a new joint Nutrient Management and Manure Management Delegation agreement during their July 20, 2022 meeting. The delegation agreement is between the SCC, DEP, and the county conservation district (CCD). All CCDs that have decided to participate in the program have submitted their delegation agreement. Form approval was received from Office of General Counsel and Office of Attorney General on January 13, 2023, and the Grants Center started to send out agreements for digital signature by the CCDs, SCC and DEP executives, fiscal, and comptroller. Once agreements have been finalized, first and second quarter invoices that have been submitted for payment will be processed.

#### **Policies and Procedures**

**Statement of Financial Interests -** All Conservation District Directors are considered Public Officials and most District Employees are considered Public Employees. Any Conservation district employee that meets one or more of the criteria in the definition below **MUST** fill out a Statement of Financial Interest. Completing a statement is not optional. It is required by law. Statements are to be completed and filed with the Conservation District <u>no later than May 1st</u>. The general rule with this form is "when in doubt, fill it out".

"Public Official" includes any person (*such as a conservation district director*) appointed by a governmental body (such as the board of county commissioners or the county council)

<u>"Public Employee"</u> includes any individual employed by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision *(like a conservation district)* who is responsible for taking or recommending official action of a nonministerial nature with regard to: Contracting or procurement; Administering or monitoring grants or subsidies; Planning or zoning; Inspecting, licensing, regulating, or auditing any person; or Any other activity where the official action has an economic impact of greater than a de minimis nature on the interests of any person.

Please refer to the Director Handbook (pp. 4-6) or the Red Ethics Pamphlet (p. 12-15 & 31-36) for additional information. If you require additional forms go to <u>www.ethics.state.pa.us</u> and click on "forms" on the left side of the page.

**Conservation District Team Sheets** – Conservation Districts are required to update their Team Sheets in Greenport with new Directors and terms by January 31 of each year. If your district has not yet updated the Team Sheets, please do so as soon as possible. In addition, districts should update information in the Team Sheets throughout the year whenever there are other changes including, staff, Directors, district address, phone, fax or email addresses.

# Public Comment Period Open for Draft Pennsylvania Post-Construction Stormwater Management

(PCSM) Manual: The draft Pennsylvania Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) Manual is open for a 90-day public comment period (January 28-April 28, 2023), and the associated Pennsylvania Bulletin notice provides an overview of the draft manual and can be viewed at: Pennsylvania Bulletin (pacodeandbulletin.gov) Anyone is welcome to submit written comments during the public comment period. If you are planning to submit written comments, doing so through DEP's eComment website is the most efficient way to do so.

# 2023 Virtual Conservation District and PA Agency Ag Meeting: *Pennsylvania Partners Making an* <u>Impact!</u>

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Virtual Conservation District and PA Agency Ag Meeting!

April 3, 2023, 1:00pm to 4:00pm – Statewide Information

April 6, 2023, 9:00am to Noon - Chesapeake Bay Information

County conservation districts and your partners have a huge impact at the local, state, and federal levels. And all of this PROGRESS is happening because of expanding PARTNERSHIPS and PROJECTS! We invite your district to join this half-day meeting to hear from local, state, and federal partners about how your work is connecting the dots everywhere and inspiring partners at every level.

Staff from PA state agencies, USDA-NRCS, and conservation districts are encouraged to attend.

More information to come! Registration will open in February.

#### Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management Website Update

DEP's Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management has fully consolidated the programs reporting to the "new" Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management on the DEP website, found here: <u>https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/Watershed-Restoration/Pages/default.aspx</u>.

This website consolidation streamlines and updates existing content and creates new content that will assist partners as they work to improve water quality. The Bureau worked with the marketing consultant Water Words that Work to ensure the content was user friendly and the organizational structure was streamlined.

Some notable changes:

- BWRNSM, Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Division and Nonpoint Source Management Division landing pages describe our mission, what we do and who we are to aid in better public transparency of our programs.
- NEW Conservation District Support Section includes an updated map and list of CDFR contacts as well as a new tab focused on the Chesapeake Bay Technical Assistance and Engineering Program (with the map of engineering coverage)
- Watershed Support Section includes the updated map of CD Watershed Specialist project advisors and additional web resources for Watershed Specialists.
- Transitioned Chesapeake Bay Office pages to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Division pages, updated content to current state of affairs.

# Leadership Development

**Leadership Development Employment Law Seminars -** Adam Long of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC will present a series of seminars on Employment Law for Conservation Districts on February 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Cranberry, February 22 at the Ramada State College, and February 23 at Country Inn & Suites Lehighton-Jim Thorpe. A follow-up webinar is planned for March.

The presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of practice and policy for lawfully and effectively managing conservation district staff. Topics will include hiring considerations and employment policies such as harassment training and policy, employee absences and leave, wage and employee classification, and best management practices for staff communication, confidentiality, conduct, and performance concerns.

All Conservation District Managers, Directors and Associate Directors are encouraged to attend. Networking begins at 9:00am and seminars will be held from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch is provided, and all attendees will receive a bound reference document to supplement the presentation. There is no fee to attend, but registration required. **Register for Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Cranberry Tuesday February 21 Register for Ramada State College Wednesday February 22 Register for Country Inn & Suites Lehighton-Jim Thorpe Thursday February 23** 

**CliftonStrengths for Conservation District Staff -** In 2022, Building for Tomorrow launched a CliftonStrengths initiative with conservation district managers to help identify their strengths and to suggest ways to develop, integrate, and apply these strengths for success in professional and personal life.

We are following up this successful project with CliftonStrengths for Conservation District Staff initiative in 2023. Staff are invited to complete the CliftonStrengths assessment, an online exercise that identifies an individual's unique talent themes and greatest potential for building strengths. Participants will receive a report detailing their five signature themes and access to a wealth of online resources to continue their strengths learning journey, serving as a starting point for the discovery of talents that can be productively applied to achieve success in the workplace and beyond.

After taking the assessment, staff are encouraged to register to attend one of the CliftonStrengths Team-Building Workshops scheduled for February and March. Participants will visit State Parks for a half-day program that includes exploration of the role of talents and strengths, as well as development, integration, and applications of talents and strengths for success. 2023 CliftonStrengths Team-Building Workshops are open to all district staff and there is no fee to attend, but space is limited, and registration is required.

Districts that previously agreed to participate in the 2023 CliftonStrengths initiative have already received access codes and instructions for their staff. If your manager has provided you with a code, please follow the instructions to redeem and complete your CliftonStrengths assessment and then register for a <u>CliftonStrengths workshop</u>. Please contact me directly if you are interested in CliftonStrengths but your manager has not provided you with an access code.

# PA Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)

\*Attention- SCC Conservation Program Specialist 1 -Regional ACAP/CEG Positions will be posted to PAemployment.gov starting January 30, 2023 and will close around February 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>\*

On December 21, 2022 Delegation Agreements were sent out to all Conservation Districts for consideration. As of January 27, 2023, 26 districts have signed and sent in their agreements. A few districts have reached out to the SCC to discuss multi-county or multi-agency agreements to administer ACAP in their respective counties.

SCC has developed a webpage on the PDA website where they plan to keep updated ACAP information and webinar recordings. The webpage currently has the ACAP Guidelines, SCC BMP List and a draft ACAP Application. Also posted is the past recorded webinars.

On January 24, 2023, SCC Board approved the Setback Requirements Policy effective January 1, 2024. Any application submitted on or after January 1, 2024 must adhere to the approved policy. This policy is for projects that include Waste Storage Facilities and Heavy Use Area Protections and states that if these BMP are included in the application and a buffer is included in a plan as a BMP, that buffer must be an average of 35 feet. There is also the ability for the applicant to submit a waiver included in the policy.

On January 26, 2023 SCC, Department of Labor and Industry, NRCS and Lancaster County Conservation District hosted a Prevailing Wage Webinar. This webinar was well attended with 131 attendees. This webinar was aimed to answer any lingering questions that districts had about administering projects consistent with prevailing wage laws. This webinar will also be posted on the SCC's ACAP webpage.

SCC staff intend to continue monthly webinars for all District managers for the foreseeable future.

Upcoming Webinars for District Managers: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 9:00 am Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 9:00 am

# ACAP Workgroups Continue

The ACAP Advisory Workgroup reviews draft documents and provides input on new policies in the program. The ACAP Advisory Workgroup was very key in the development of the Setback Policy and will now move forward in discussions about Bidding policies.

The ACAP Center Subcommittee continues to discuss the Center and the expansion of Boot Camp Trainings. Jennifer Fetter of Penn State will be spearheading the development of the Center, which includes laying out the framework and building staff capacity. SCC continues to work with the Budget office to establish a contract with Penn State.

The ACAP Technical Assistance Workgroup advises on the task of Trainings for Technical Assistance as well as technical support across the state. This group has not met for a couple months due to the Center development being a priority at this time. SCC and cooperating agencies felt that it was necessary to get the Center established first before we could prioritize needs statewide. With the development of the Center starting to take shape, SCC anticipates this group to reconvene to discuss the actual needs for districts state-wide.

<u>ACAP Current Issues</u> – the following items are on the radar and currently being looking into by the SCC Bidding Policy Center Development

Counties for CD's not signing the delegation agreement

# Nutrient Management /Manure Management

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# PAG-12 Administrative Extension Published December 17

The PAG-12 is the NPDES General Permit for Operation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). The Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management and Bureau of Clean Water have consulted with the DEP Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) on the reissuance of the PAG-12 since the inception of the AAB PAG-12 workgroup in December 2020. The AAB received copies of the pre-Draft and Draft permit in July 2022. EPA received the Draft permit in June 2022 and provided official comments on the Draft permit in September 2022. The AAB did not have comments on the pre-Draft; however, they provided written comments on the Draft Permit in September 2022. Two AAB members also posted comments publicly during the public comment period. Comments received included two specific request to administratively extend the permit. Therefore, the administrative extension of the PAG-12 will be posted the *PA Bulletin* on December 17. All existing permittees will maintain coverage; however, after the current permit expires on March 31, 2023 until the permit is reissued, per EPA policy, new operations cannot obtain coverage under the PAG-12. New operations should apply for coverage under an individual permit. DEP has mapped out a proposed path over the next year to adequately address the remainder of the comments raised as we continue to work to reissue the PAG-12.

Training	Tentative Date(s)		
Introduction to Livestock	February 23		
Production Systems			
Nutrient Management	March 15		
Orientation			
Managing Manure Nutrients	April 4, 5		
Workshop			
Stormwater & Soil Loss	April 25,26		
Workshop	May 2,3 (Split if big class)		
P Index Workshop	April 27		
	May 4 (Alternative Date)		
Plan Writing Workshop	May 9, 10, 11		
Public NMS Refresher	May 12		
ACA & Manure Storage	May 23 (Virtual)		
Workshop	May 24 (In Field Primary Day)		
	May 25, 26(In Field Spillover Day)		
Plan Review Workshop	June 14 (1 <sup>st</sup> choice)		
Certification Exam	June 22		
	Two sites (PDA and LEC)		
Boot Camp (Basic)	March 27-31		
	May 1-5 (Spillover Dates)		
Boot Camp II	April 17-21		
	May 15-19 (Spillover Dates)		

Spring 2023 Nutrient Management Certification Training Dates: Interested parties may register at <a href="http://www.PaPlants.pa.gov">www.PaPlants.pa.gov</a>

# PA Clean Water Academy

# PracticeKeeper Partner Submission and Approval course on the DEP Clean Water Academy (CWA) Updated

The PracticeKeeper Partner Submission and Approval course on the DEP CWA has been updated to include two resources: a question and answer document regarding the PracticeKeeper Partner Submission and Approval Workflow and a list of current PracticeKeeper Tenants and their associated codes. Both resources will be periodically updated to reflect new questions and new tenants that are added to PracticeKeeper.

To access the course, log in to the CWA and visit <u>https://pacleanwateracademy.remote-learner.net/course/view.php?id=866</u>. If you do not have a login to the CWA and are an employee of a Conservation District, contact Jay Brand at Braund at <u>jbraund@pa.gov</u> for a login. If you are a partner completing BMP verification and you need a login to the CWA, contact Kate Beats, <u>kbeats@pa.gov</u>.

**102 and 105 Attachment B on the Clean Water Academy** – It is essential that Districts update the Attachment B on the Clean Water Academy for the Chapter 102 and 105 Programs anytime there are staff changes at the district. The 102 and 105 Programs use the Attachment B online forms to enable e-**permitting permissions for new staff** and to disable them for former staff. The Attachment B can be found under the Data Portal. To update Attachment B, you need to search for your county and then select the Gear icon to edit. You can then change employment status to Former and choose an Employment End Date. This helps DEP to maintain all the data systems we need to maintain and enable. Course: Data Portal (remote-learner.net)

#### Chesapeake Bay

**Source Water Protection Webinar** - On Wednesday, February 1 the Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management (BWRNSM) will host a webinar titled "Source Water Protection Webinar Wednesday". This webinar will provide an overview of how Source Water Protection can be an integral part of improving water quality within a watershed. Presenters include Jamie Shallenberger *SRBC*, Rupert Rossetti *Octoraro Watershed Association*, Alexandra Neumann *Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay*, Calvin Yahn *EPA Region 3*, and Mike LaSala *LandStudies*. Each presenter will approach the topic from multiple perspectives and give a well-rounded overview of how Source Water Protection can become a successful part of a county's Countywide Action Plan (CAP) and future watershed protection planning. Partners are encouraged to attend and invite additional interested individuals.

**CAP 2022 Annual Progress and Two-Year Milestone Reports** will be available on the BWRNSM website on February 3, 2023. Information will be sent out to conservation districts when this information is available.

#### **Dates to Remember**

<u>SCC Meetings – 1:00 PM</u>			
Hybrid Meeting	Mar 14		
Hybrid Meeting	May 9		
<u>SCC Conference Calls – 8:30 – 10:00 AM</u>			
Conference Call	Feb 14		
Conference Call	Apr 11		
Leadership Development Employment Law Semi	<b>nars</b> 10:00 am	-3:00 pm	
Cranberry Twp.	Feb 21	1	
State College	Feb 22		
Lehighton	Feb 23		
Leadership Development CliftonStrengths for Dis	s <b>trict Staff:</b> 9:(	00 am – 2:00 pm	
Hickory Run State Park, White Haven	Feb 28	-	
French Creek State Park, Elverson	March 2		
Bald Eagle State Park, Howard	March 7		
Moraine State Park, Portersville	March 8		
Keystone State Park, Derry	March 9		
Lackawanna State Park, North Abington Twp.	March 14		
2023 Virtual Conservation District and PA Agenc	y Ag Meeting		
Statewide Information	April 3	1:00pm – 4:00pm	
Chesapeake Bay Information	April 6	9:00am – 12:00pm	
Ag Boot Camp			
Basic	March 27-31		
	May 1-5 (Spillover Dates)		
Advanced	April 17-21		
	May 15-19 (Spillover Dates)		
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<u>Also</u>, check the Conservation District Training/Special Events Calendar at, <u>www.PACD.org</u> Select the "Events" tab and then the "Training Calendar" tab.

#### JANUARY CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 FARMSHINE
- #2 PFEW Newsletter
- #3 NTHA thank you for membership renewal
- #4 Cumberland County Conservation District Fall 2022 Newsletter
- #5 DEP, Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields Program
  - Copy of Receipt of Back and Statewide Health Standards Final Report Approval to Blackhill Energy, LLC for the Kingsley E 6H Unconventional Well Site, Springfield Township.
  - Copies of Statewide Health Standard Final Report Approval to Chesapeake Energy Corporation for the following:
    - o Chesapeake Appalachia Hattie Well Pad, Wilmot Township
    - Chesapeake Appalachia MTL Well Pad, Wyalusing Township
  - Copy of Receipt of Final Report to Creston Environmental, LLC for the SGL-12N West Water Impoundment.