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PENNVEST Grant and Loan Application Help Now Available

(Harrisburg, PA) - The PENNVEST Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) Program Application Developer position is based out of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District's (PACD) office in Harrisburg and is designed to bridge the gap between a complex and potentially lengthy grant and loan application process. It's hoped that the number of applicants wanting to fund stormwater, agriculture, brownfield and acid mine drainage projects will increase, as well as an improved quality of these applications.

Paul Herzer was hired for this position to accomplish these goals by meeting with local conservation districts, small municipalities, farmers, and other non-profit organizations seeking funding for these kinds of non-point source pollution prevention projects, evaluating the organizations' application status, and answering questions about the application process. "I look forward to my role to service Pennsylvania's conservation districts, small municipalities, and nonprofit organizations," said Herzer.

Until now, there has never been an individual to solely serve the application needs of these conservation districts, small municipalities, farmers and non-profits. "We're hoping that this position will get the word out to municipalities, conservation districts and watershed groups about PENNVEST's new nonpoint source funding program and familiarize them with the electronic application process," said DEP Environmental Planning Supervisor Steve Lathrop.

Potential applicants are reminded that there is no limit to the amount of funding that can be requested. The applications are reviewed based solely on need. For example, Chester County Conservation District recently received a grant for \$1.5 million to construct wastewater collection, storage and treatment facilities as well

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as stormwater control facilities to reduce nutrient pollution of local streams by runoff from mushroom and dairy farms in various localities in the county.

Paul's services are available at no cost. Contact him if you have questions and need guidance on submitting PENNVEST applications. Since May 18 is the next application deadline, it is too late for this round but now is the time to start planning projects for the next round in late summer/early fall. Paul can be reached at paul-herzer@pacd.org or 717-712-6996.

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