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PENNVEST Funding Delivers Practical, Workable Solutions to Non-Point Source Pollution Concerns

Harrisburg – Since April, Pennsylvania’s county conservation districts have received more than \$5.3 million in funding from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Board for non-point source pollution projects.

“Even during these tough economic times, work to protect our natural resources, investments and communities must continue full-steam ahead,” said MaryAnn Warren, President of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. “Our membership has continued to work with their local partners and the state to ensure that important projects like these continue to move forward that will enhance our environment and help sustain economic growth.”

Non-point source pollution, unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants, comes from a number of different sources and is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters, and even our underground sources of drinking water.

“Our membership in all 66 counties that we serve must continue to aggressively pursue any and all applicable funding opportunities to assist with furthering our mission and protecting our natural resources throughout our communities and Pennsylvania,” said Robert B. Maiden, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. “Funding and investments through PENNVEST have helped local municipalities throughout Pennsylvania with vital drinking water, wastewater and non-point source projects.”

Maiden continued, “There is no limit to the amount of funding that can be requested and the applications are reviewed based solely on need. Our membership and other interested organizations are encouraged to help spur our economy and protect our natural resources by working with PENNVEST to secure needed funding for your



communities.”

The following county conservation districts received more than \$5 million in funding since April:

Bucks County Conservation District received a \$129,406 loan to control stormwater at two equine farms in Northampton and Middletown townships that are currently allowing nutrient contamination of the Neshaminy watershed.

Chester County Conservation District received a \$1,505,664 grant to construct wastewater collection, storage and treatment facilities as well as stormwater control facilities to reduce nutrient pollution of local streams by runoff from mushroom and dairy farms in various localities in the county

Lancaster County Conservation District received funding for a number of projects that will reduce nutrient runoff into local streams and the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The individual awards and projects were:

- A \$425,397 grant to construct various manure-control facilities at a dairy and poultry operation in West Lampeter Township that will reduce nutrient runoff into Pequea Creek, which empties into the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay.
- A \$148,802 grant to construct manure-control facilities at a poultry farm in Strasburg Township, where nutrient runoff during wet weather is contaminating Big Beaver Creek and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.
- A \$163,213 grant to construct a manure storage facility at a poultry operation in Paradise Township;
- A \$573,188 grant to construct a manure storage facility at a farm in Ephrata Township;
- A \$176,210 grant to construct a manure storage facility at a farm in Mount Joy Township;
- A \$157,534 grant to construct manure litter storage shed at a poultry operation in Strasburg Township;
- A \$657,050 grant to construct a manure composting facility as well as an infiltration basin at a farm in Drumore Township; and
- A \$212,056 grant to construct a manure storage facility and make other improvements at a second farm in Strasburg Township.

Jefferson County Conservation District received a \$750,000 grant to construct an acid mine drainage facility to eliminate contamination of Stump Creek and the Mahoning



Creek Watershed that is caused by discharges from an abandoned mine in Sykesville.

Montour County Conservation District received a \$495,000 grant to install manure and animal control facilities at two livestock farms where there is significant nutrient runoff into Mahoning Creek, Beaver Run and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

For more information regarding non-point source pollution or PENNVEST funding, visit www.pacd.org.

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