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OVER \$17,000 AWARDED TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO HELP LANDOWNERS PROTECT STREAMS

(Harrisburg) – Pennsylvania’s County Conservation Districts today were awarded more than \$17,000 for eight projects in eight counties. The funds were provided by the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Mini-Grant Program. Conservation districts will use these grants to work with landowners to prevent pollution in our streams, lakes, and rivers. Projects will take place over the next nine months.

The CREP program pays farmers and other landowners to conserve and enhance their land. Over 12,500 landowners in Pennsylvania have received payments since the program began.

“These projects will make a difference for water quality in these counties and those downstream. Those who own land next to a stream are encouraged to learn more about the CREP program and how they can benefit financially while conserving resources,” said Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD).

Projects include field days, workshops and one-on-one visits. Participants can ask questions about the CREP program and learn how to maintain land already in the program.



The CREP Outreach Program Office Mini-grant Program is provided by PACD through a Growing Greener Watershed Protection grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Additional support is provided by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The following projects were awarded up to \$2,500 each as a part of the 2016–2017 CREP Mini-grant round:

County Conservation District	Amount Awarded
Allegheny	\$2,500
Armstrong	\$2,500
Beaver	\$2,050
Berks	\$2,500
Chester	\$1,500
Columbia	\$2,500
Jefferson	\$1,500
Lebanon	\$2,300

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The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD) is a non-profit organization whose guiding values include: Sustainable Resource Conservation; Integrity, Local; Education and Outreach; and Partnerships. PACD primarily serves as the collective voice for Pennsylvania's 66 county conservation districts. For more information about PACD, visit www.pacd.org.

