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 A visionary pilot program between Wyoming County Conservation District, NRCS, the Conservation Fund, and Williams Transco Pipeline to install long lasting projects with quantifiable goals and benefits to both the community and environment utilizing a nontraditional funding source.

Going the Extra Mile for Environmental Stewardship

- Go above and beyond mitigation requirements to advance conservation and benefit local communities within the project area.
- Develop a transparent, science-based process to evaluate and select stewardship projects that maximize benefits for the business, community and natural resources.
- Convene with stakeholders along the pipeline route to identify shared priorities and implement the best potential projects.

 The Fund convened community focus groups with more than 100 stakeholders that identified hundreds of environmental stewardship opportunities. Working closely with Williams, and with feedback from the community, The Conservation Fund applied its optimization modeling tool, which takes raw data about each project's conservation attributes, as well as the criteria set forth by Williams, and uses a scientific algorithm to calculate the best projects for the company, the communities, and the environment. Forty-eight proposals were received from eight counties for aquatic restoration, nutrient reduction, and trail projects. The Fund used consistent criteria and optimization scenarios to select the projects with the highest opportunity for natural resource improvement and benefits.

 Through this collaboration, the partners have developed a model for future infrastructure investment projects that proactively maximize environmental and community benefit. After the success of this pilot program, the partnership will continue to look for additional stewardship opportunities.

Working With the Grant

- Flexible Deadlines
- Fast Payments
- Working Capital
- Easy Reporting

Community Grants

- Emergency/first responder support
- Youth or senior services
- Education programs
- Economic development
- Enhancement of open spaces and park land for recreational enjoyment
- Assistance in the enrichment of wildlife habitat
- Promotion of environmental education
- Purchases of property for preservation of wetlands and wildlife habitat
- Purchases of property to access public lands, water resources, scenic and wildlife views, and for enhancement or development of active recreational areas

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