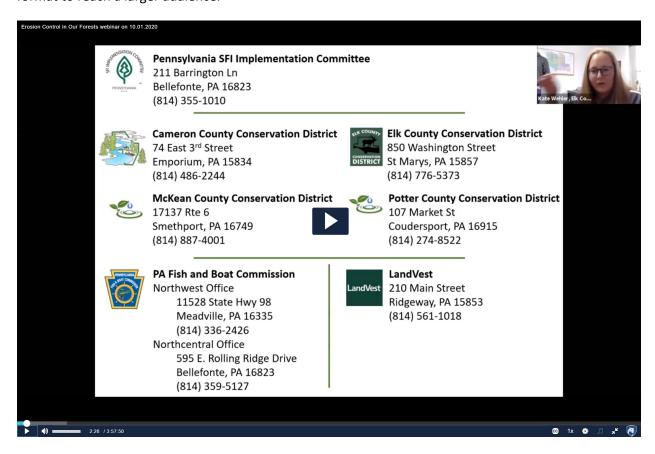
Erosion Control in Our Forests - Cooperative Workshop Webinar

A partnership of northcentral PA Conservation Districts holds an annual cooperative workshop for forest industry professionals. The popular full day workshop includes best management practices for timber operations; regulatory information and updates; permitting needs; other current environmental considerations; and a field portion to look at real-life BMP scenarios and challenges. For 2020, it was decided to move the workshop to the virtual platform, with the support and assistance of Penn State Extension and the PA Sustainable Forestry Initiative. These partners are active in planning and presenting annual in-person workshops as well, and this year Penn State Extension offered to host the webinar. The four-hour webinar workshop had 119 participants, well exceeding normal attendance for the in-person event. The webinar was offered to anyone in PA, and beyond, at no cost. Participants were eligible for SFI professional credits for a small fee. Elk County Conservation District was scheduled to host the workshop in 2020, and served as the general coordinator for the virtual event. Presenters and behind the scenes help from Cameron, Elk, McKean and Potter County joined Chuck Coup from PA SFI, Tom McMann of the PA Fish & Boat Commission, and Landvest, Inc., who showed a representative timber harvest on a property they manage. The webinar was a success and provided a great alternative format to reach a larger audience.



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