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**OVER \$12,000 AWARDED TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO
PROMOTE CONSERVATION IN PA**

(Harrisburg) - Pennsylvania's county conservation districts were awarded \$12,645 for projects in five counties for the 2023 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Mini-Grants. 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 six months.

With this funding, conservation districts will educate landowners and see if CREP is right for them,” said Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD).

The following conservation districts were awarded up to \$3,000 as part of the 2023 CREP mini-grant round:

County Conservation District	Amount Awarded
Blair	\$3,000
Butler	\$2,300
Lebanon	\$1,345



Luzerne	\$3,000
Sullivan	\$3,000

Projects include field days, workshops, and one-on-one visits. Whether participants are new to CREP or are already enrolled, they will learn more about the CREP program and how to make it work for them.

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. Click here for more information on the CREP program:

<https://www.creppa.org/>.

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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.

