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CONSERVATION DISTRICT TESTIFIES AT STORMWATER HEARING

(Harrisburg, PA) – On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, Chelsey Weyant, Blair County Conservation District’s Stormwater Coordinator/Watershed Specialist, provided testimony to the Senate Democratic Policy Committee on the consequences of insufficient funding to address stormwater issues. Weyant represented the district, the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, and the Blair County Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee.

The Committee hearing addressed the increasing challenges stormwater issues cause our communities. Funds received from the American Rescue Plan were in high demand. However, it was determined that Pennsylvania needs nearly five times the initial funding to address water, sewer, and stormwater needs.

“The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is a Federal Program delegated to the States and then passed to the local municipalities for implementation and compliance. Funds are not attached to the permits to administer the program nor to implement Best Management Practices associated with program compliance. Staffing is a major challenge for many of our local entities. Funding is a monumental obstacle for compliance,” said Weyant.

Click here to read the testimony <https://tinyurl.com/BlairTestimony> and here to watch a recording of the hearing <https://tinyurl.com/WeyantHearing>.



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