

PACD represents Pennsylvania's 66 conservation districts.

PACD thanks the Governor and General Assembly for dedicating funds to the Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) through the Clean Streams Fund and for maintaining conservation district funding in the 2024/2025 state budget.



Funding Needs

- To keep pace with rising costs, PACD respectfully requests an increase of 6.5% in the PA Department of Agriculture and PA Department of Environmental Protection conservation district line items in the proposed 2025-2026 state budget.
- PACD strongly supports our agency partners, including the PA Department of Environmental Protection, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the PA Department of Agriculture, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- PACD supports continued funding for the Clean Streams Fund, including ACAP.
- PACD supports increasing the Growing Greener grant program's administrative expense limitation to 10% to better cover rising administrative expenses.

Pennsylvania's Conservation Districts assist with:



AGRICULTURE

Conservation districts provide technical assistance to farmers.



STORMWATER CONTROL

Conservation districts implement projects to help prevent flooding.



STREAM RESTORATION

Conservation districts manage property along streams to reduce erosion.



DIRT & GRAVEL ROADS

This conservation district program improves unpaved and low-volume roads.



EDUCATION

Conservation districts provide environmental education programs.

