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THIRTY POLLUTION PREVENTION PROJECTS FUNDED

(Harrisburg) – Pennsylvania’s County Conservation Districts today were awarded more than \$55,000 for 30 projects in 26 counties. The projects promote water pollution prevention activities through the Non-point Source (NPS) Pollution Prevention Educational Mini-Grant Program. The projects will take place over the next 13 months.

“This funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection allows conservation districts to address priorities locally. This furthers the conservation district mission of ensuring there is enough clean water and healthy soil for future generations,” said Shannon Wehinger, Director of Communications for the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD). Projects include field days for farmers, rain barrel workshops, storm water tours and more.

Funding for the grants, up to \$2,000 each, is provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, administered by the US Environmental Protection Agency. A description of current and projects funded in the past is available at www.pacd.org under the Education tab.

The following projects were funded as a part of the 2015 – 2016 NPS Pollution Prevention Educational Mini-grant round:



County Conservation District	Project Title
Blair	Rain Garden Series for the Public and Municipalities
Bradford	Bradford County Nutrient Management Education and Outreach Program
Bucks	Project Wet Teacher Training
Cameron	Cameron County Conservation District Watershed Awareness Workshop Series
Centre	Centre County NPS Pollution Tour in the Bald Eagle Creek Watershed
Columbia	First Annual Women in Agriculture Conference
Cumberland	Creek Friendly Landscape Makeover Program
Elk	Minimizing Non-Point Source Pollution Through Education & Outreach
Erie	Mill Creek Flood Tour
Fulton	Soil Health, Soil Erosion and Water Quality
Jefferson	Adaptive Grazing: Taking Soil Health to a New Level
Juniata	Fayette Area Lion's Den Streamside Buffer and Rain Garden NPS Pollution Prevention Educational Signage
Lackawanna	Sweeney "Beach" Environmental Education Center Rain Garden
Lehigh	Rain Barrel Workshop
McKean	Improving Water Quality & Healthy Watersheds



Mifflin	Mifflin County Agricultural Water Quality Field Days
Mifflin	Mifflin County Rain Barrel Workshops
Montgomery	Perkiomen Demonstration Rain Garden and Workshop
Northampton	FUNDamentals of Stream Ecology”
Potter	Erosion & Sedimentation Educational Workshops
Potter	2016 PennYork Ag Expo
Schuylkill	"Woods in Your Backyard"
Snyder	AG BMP Tour
Snyder	Soil Health Informational Meetings
Somerset	Rain Barrel Workshop
Tioga	Tioga County Stream BMP Demonstration and Training
Tioga	Tioga County Agriculture Education
Venango	Agricultural Field Day
Washington	Washington County Conservation District Equine Environmental Stewardship Workshops
Westmoreland	After the Storms – Homeowner Driveway Program

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