



## FRANKLIN CO. CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Franklin Conservation District Holds Information Session

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Chambersburg, PA – The Franklin Conservation District recently held an information session to discuss district activities, goals and accomplishments and to commemorate “Conservation District Week”. Numerous elected officials joined the district for a hearty breakfast before staff members shared various program activities they are involved with including the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program, PA’s Nutrient Management Program and the Erosion & Sediment Control Program.

Scott Metzger, district technician, showed several photos of completed Dirt & Gravel Rd. projects he assisted with. State funds help local municipalities to install Best Management Practices (BMPs) to improve drainage problems with dirt roads decreasing the amount of sediment runoff into nearby streams.

Jennifer Bratthauer, ag technician, explained the benefits of having and implementing a nutrient management plan or a manure management plan. The state requires all landowners producing or applying manure to have one of these plans implemented on site. The state provides funding for salary and benefit costs for several conservation district staff to implement PA’s Nutrient Management Program.

Mary Ann Naugle and Vince Untied explained the state’s requirements for earth disturbance activities as it relates to permits and installing BMPs to prevent sediment from entering our waterways. Numerous pictures were shown of properly installed BMPs doing their job.

“We wanted our elected officials to see where the funding gets spent and the good it does for protecting our natural resources and at the same time ask them to remember us as they deliberate on the next fiscal year budget”, stated District Manager David Stoner. “We wanted to say “Thank You” for their past support. Without the state funding, we would not be able to provide the services we do as we work to conserve our soil and protect our water.”

The elected officials expressed their appreciation for the good work the conservation districts are doing in their respective counties. Conservation District director Sam Worley commented that “it was a very informative event and I am pleased to see the support from our elected officials.”