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**NEARLY \$40,000 AWARDED TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO  
HELP LANDOWNERS PROTECT STREAMS**

**(Harrisburg)** – Pennsylvania’s County Conservation Districts today were awarded \$39,390 for fourteen projects in fourteen counties. The funds were provided by the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Mini-Grant Program. 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 twelve months.

The CREP program pays farmers and other landowners to conserve and enhance their land. Over 12,500 landowners in Pennsylvania have received payments since the program began.

“Conservation districts throughout the state will go out into their communities to let landowners know about a program that will pay them to take unproductive land out of production,” said Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD). “This program will protect streams and pay landowners to help.”

Projects include field days, workshops and one-on-one visits. Participants can ask questions about the CREP program and learn how to maintain land already in the program.



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.

The following projects were awarded up to \$3,000 each as a part of the 2018–2019 CREP Mini-grant round:

<b>County Conservation District</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Berks	\$3,000
Bradford	\$3,000
Centre	\$2,995
Clarion	\$2,000
Columbia	\$3,000
Cumberland	\$2,440
Greene	\$3,000
Jefferson	\$2,555
Lancaster	\$3,000
Northumberland	\$3,000
Perry	\$3,000
Sullivan	\$2,400
Tioga	\$3,000
Wyoming	\$3,000

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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](http://www.pacd.org).*

