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NEWS: Piney Run Restoration Benefits Local Farm, Downstream Neighbors

Successful project reduces erosion, flooding, and water pollution

(Local County, Pennsylvania) The Local Conservation District and Fearless Farms finished restoring 300 yards of stream along Piney Creek this week. The project solves erosion headaches for the landowner while reducing flood and water pollution problems for downstream neighbors. The partners stabilized the streambank using natural methods and planted hundreds of trees. They also installed 300 yards of fencing to protect the area from livestock.

"I've been watching my pasture slide into the stream for years, but I never knew what to do about it," said Fred Farmer, owner of Fearless Farms. "I feel great knowing that my soil will stay put and my kids won't have to deal with this when they take over the farm."

Degraded waterways, like Piney Creek, cause erosion problems for landowners. They also cause floods and pollution downstream. Repairs take expertise, teamwork, and money. For this project, the Local Conservation District secured an agreement from Fearless Farms to restore the site. Then the District prepared studies, engineering plans, and funding.

"We can already measure how the water downstream of the site is cleaner than water upstream," said Carla Conservationist with the Local Conservation District. "As the trees mature, the stream will improve even more."

To complete this project, the partners had to overcome several challenges. Fearless Farms is a working farm. The partners had to work around planting, harvesting, and weather.

"We cherish our rural lifestyle here in Local County," said Councilman Steve Slicktalker. "This project shows how farmers and our conservation community can work together to make a difference for everyone."

Teamwork was a big part of the project. Fearless Farms approved the project and provided matching funds. The District provided cost-share and technical assistance.



management, and technical support. Local Conservation District has a staff of three and is overseen by a board of five citizens who are elected to 4-year terms by county voters.

Before-During-After Photos Available Upon Request.

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