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**OVER \$35,000 AWARDED TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO  
PROMOTE CREP IN PA**

**(Harrisburg)** - Pennsylvania's county conservation districts were awarded more than \$35,000 for projects in sixteen counties for 2019-20 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Mini-Grants. 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.

“These fifteen projects will help spread the word about this program that helps landowners enhance their land. Land enrolled in CREP helps protect water quality and reduces soil loss,” said Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD).

The following conservation districts were awarded up to \$2,500 as part of the 2019-20 CREP mini-grant round:

Allegheny & Westmoreland	\$2,500
Berks	\$2,500
Blair	\$2,500
Bradford	\$2,500



Butler	\$2,310
Clearfield	\$2,500
Columbia	\$2,500
Chester	\$1,650
Indiana	\$2,500
Jefferson	\$2,500
Juniata	\$1,230
Lycoming	\$2,500
Snyder	\$2,500
Sullivan	\$2,500
Tioga	\$2,500

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. Click here for more information on the CREP program:

<https://www.creppa.org/>

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