



POTTER COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



2021 Annual Report



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Our History

The Potter County Conservation District was organized on November 28, 1945 as the state's first such entity. Much of the effectiveness of conservation districts is due to their ability to successfully work with local, state, and federal agencies and organizations. Conservation Districts are equally comfortable being environmental mediators and peacemakers as they are environmental planners and program originators.

Our Vision

The Potter County Conservation District is dedicated to establishing innovative conservation practices with leadership and education through partnership with the community we serve. It is our goal to foster stewardship of our natural resources by inspiring current and future generations to preserve the legacy of conservation.

Our Mission

The Potter County Conservation District will provide leadership to ensure the protection of the natural resources of Potter County through project implementation, educational programs, technical assistance, and by fostering public and private partnerships.

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Word from the Manager

Another challenging, but successful year has come and gone. 2021 brought another year of success as the District continued to expand upon the work and partnerships established over the last decade. High water events continued to present challenges to residents and road maintenance crews. Staff completed several projects, provided technical assistance, and held a variety of workshops and trainings. The District worked closely with the County Planning/GIS Office to develop a plan to address local water quality in the Chesapeake Bay portion of the county as well. Implementation of priorities identified within this plan will start next year.

Education and project implementation that address local natural resource concerns within our communities remain the top priorities for the District. There is never a shortage of work, and we look forward to a new set of challenges in the coming year. As the world transitions back to “normal” the District remains determined to provide many hands-on opportunities throughout 2022 and beyond. Thank you for your continued support.

In Partnership,

Jason Childs, Manager



Agriculture

No-Till Program Updates

No-Till Corn Planter & Drill Usage in 2021

Watershed	Acreage
Chesapeake Bay Acres	374
Genesee Acres	298
Allegheny Acres	258
Total Usage	930

The Potter County No-till program aims to provide accessible no-till options for farmers through the rentals of our John Deere 1590 & Great Plains 1006 seed drills, and John Deere 7000 corn planter. 2021 saw a slight uptick in the use of the District's no-till seed drills and corn planter.

In 2020 the equipment was utilized to plant roughly 913 acres combined—compared to 2021 where about 930 acres were planted using no-till methods. Both the Genesee and Chesapeake Bay watersheds saw increased use in 2021.



New for 2022 is a replacement of our John Deere 7000 corn planter with a refurbished John Deere 7200 4 row no-till corn planter (pictured far left). Visit www.pottercd.com/agriculture/ for more info.

2021 Crops and Planting Clinic—Hybrid



On Tuesday, March 23, 2022 the Potter County Conservation District and local Penn State Extension hosted a hybrid Crops and Planting Clinic pesticide applicator recertification event. Normally, the event is held during the end of January at the Tri-town Fire Hall in Ulysses with over 100 people in attendance on average.

Due to continuing COVID-19 concerns the event was offered in a modified in-person capacity, for those who did not have internet capabilities, as well as online. Two CORE and three Category pesticide credits were offered. Topics included Managing White Mold, Cover Crops and Weed Management, Top Tips for Pesticide Applicators, Fusarium Headblight Management, and an overview of the Chemsweep Program.

The District was able to transition back to its traditional in-person venue and format for 2022.

Nutrient Management

2021 Program Highlights

- ◆ **45** Individuals Provided with Technical Assistance
- ◆ **6** On Farm Technical / Planning Assistance
- ◆ **0** Act 38 Plans Developed for volunteers
- ◆ **2** Act 38 Plan Reviewed
- ◆ **2** Chapter 91 Plans Developed
- ◆ **4** Ag E&S Plans Developed/Assistance



The Potter County Conservation District continues to provide technical assistance and administration of the Act 38 Nutrient Management Program to farm operations throughout the County in partnership with the State Conservation Commission (SCC). Potter County has 3 Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that are regulated through the program. Annual Status Reviews are conducted at each operation as a result. Two of these operations are dairy farms while the third is a swine/beef operation.

Technical assistance is still the primary focus of the District and the staff continue to seek funding and project opportunities to implement soil health, manure, and nutrient management best management practices on operations throughout the county. Please reach out to the District if you have project ideas or nutrient management concerns.

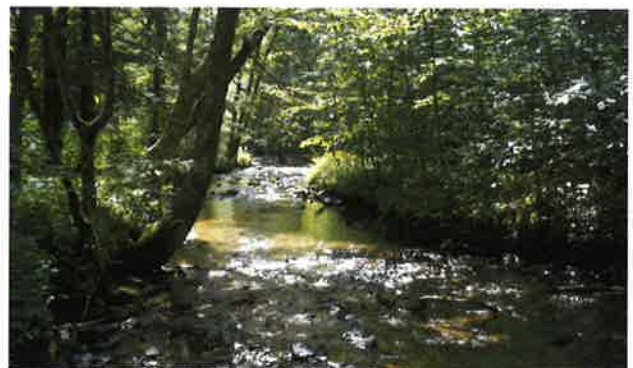
Chesapeake Bay Corrective Action Plan Completed—Implementation Underway

Over the course of 2021 the Potter County Conservation District and Potter County Planning/GIS Department worked with local stakeholders to develop a plan to reduce nutrients and sediment in the Chesapeake Bay portion of Potter County. A farmer focus group kicked things off in mid-March followed by three additional stakeholder meetings over the course of the summer. The final Community Action Plan or CAP was developed to be multifaceted, non regulatory, and flexible to change over time. Input was gathered from a variety of sectors and was prioritized into five categories.

Priority initiatives included:

- Agriculture
- Urban Development & Stormwater
- Natural (stream & forest conservation)
- Wastewater (private & public septic systems)
- Programmatic (state level changes)

After the plan was completed and submitted to DEP, the Potter County Conservation District applied for and received \$126,415.00 in grant funding to implement Agricultural Best Management Practices on farms located in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In addition, \$30,000.00 will be received from BMP verification over the course of 2022. Funding will be sought through other grant opportunities to help implement projects and programs outlined in the plan.



Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program

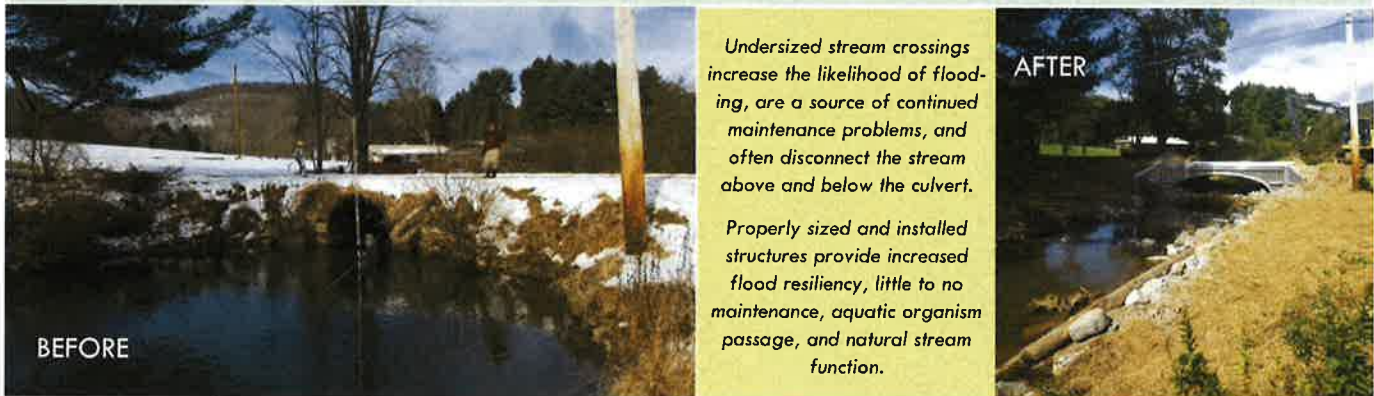
Project Spotlight: Dug Road - Sharon Township



Dug Road was full of springs and seeps. A lack of proper drainage features and a shortage of drainage outlets had water flowing in the ditch for thousands of feet. Standing water in portions of the ditch line had led to road base issues.

This DGR project was completed along 6,200' of Dug Road paralleling Oswayo Creek. 1,900 feet of under drain was installed in the ditch line to correct saturated and flowing ditches. 200' of woven fabric and coarse aggregate were placed to correct a rutting road base. 14 existing cross pipes were replaced and 18 new cross pipes were installed to capture spring seeps, prevent long-running ditches, and disconnect stormwater from streams. Shallow cross pipe installations serve as grade breaks, forcing stormwater off the road. Historical grading and loss of road material over time left the road sitting lower than the natural downslope terrain preventing sheet flow during storm events. 9,000 tons of 2A road fill were grader-placed over the project length to lift the road from entrenchment.

Project Spotlight: Matt Ward Road-Keating Township



Undersized stream crossings increase the likelihood of flooding, are a source of continued maintenance problems, and often disconnect the stream above and below the culvert.

Properly sized and installed structures provide increased flood resiliency, little to no maintenance, aquatic organism passage, and natural stream function.

A 7' undersized steel round pipe carrying Freeman Run across Matt Ward Road in Keating Township was causing an excessive scour hole, Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) barrier, and road bank erosion. This detrimental culvert was replaced with a 19'-5" bottomless aluminum box culvert. 7 constructed rock riffle grade control structures were installed to achieve stream continuity through the affected stream reach. A stream bed, bank margins, and a low flow channel were created inside the new structure to promote natural stream function and accommodate AOP. 60' of modified mudsill cribbing and 10 root wads were used to stabilize the downstream banks and create habitat following scour hole remediation. 1,300' of the road were improved through the replacement of 3 cross pipes and the installation of 1 new cross pipe. 2A road fill and a 6" lift of limestone driving surface aggregate were placed on the road segment to achieve surface drainage and reduce surface erosion. Project cost totaled \$211,316.92. The DGLVR Program contributed \$162,109.17 while \$45,000.00 came from DEP CEP funding. Keating Township contributed \$4,207.75 in equipment and labor.

DGR Projects Completed in 2021

Recipient	D&G Road Name	Funding	Project Length	Scope of Work
Abbott Township	Zoerb Hollow Road	\$71,471.99 PCCD \$3,159.97 TWP	2,200 feet	Third and final phase of project. Following drainage improvements in phase 1 and half the project length being surfaced in phase 2, phase 3 consisted of the placement of 690 tons of road fill and 1,325 tons of DSA over 2,200' of road.
Allegany Township	Marvin Hill Road	\$113,976.86 PCCD \$23,664.06 TWP	3,325 feet	7 new cross pipes installed and 6 replaced. An existing 2' HDPE stream crossing was replaced with a 5.9' corrugated metal squash pipe. 1,828 tons of road fill placed and 2,000 feet of berm removed. Road surface stabilized with 1,477 tons of DSA.
Clara Township	Wakeley Hollow Road	\$73,780.00 PCCD \$46,168.49 TWP	3,745 feet	4 cross pipes installed and 2 cross pipes replaced. 3,054 tons of road fill were placed to achieve surface drainage. 1,711 tons of the road fill were limestone and were placed with a paver to establish a uniform driving surface resistant to erosion and breakdown.
Homer Township	Southwoods Road	\$233,000.00 PCCD \$23,554.90 TWP	10,130 feet	Phase 1 of 3 following a previous drainage improvement project. A 3' steel round pipe stream crossing was replaced with an 11' span bottomless aluminum box culvert. Associated stream channel work was completed to provide AOP. 2 new cross pipes were installed and 300' of geofabric was placed. 6,145 tons of road fill were placed to significantly raise the road profile. 3,850 tons of the road fill were limestone. Limestone was used as the driving surface because of the road's unavoidable interaction with the stream.
Keating Township	Matt Ward Road	\$162,109.17 PCCD \$4,207.75 TWP \$45,000.00 DEP	1,300 feet	A 7' steel round pipe stream crossing was replaced with a 19.5' span bottomless aluminum box culvert. 1 new cross pipe installed and 2 replaced. 2 driveway pipes were also replaced. 620 tons of road fill were added and 500 tons of DSA were paver-placed.
Sharon Township	Dug Road	\$125,481.46 PCCD \$80,436.76 TWP	6,165 feet	18 new pipes installed and 14 replaced. 15 grade breaks created. 1,872 feet of under drain installed. 8,990 tons of road fill placed.
Sweden Township	S. Dry Run Road	\$87,278.00 PCCD \$15,071.39 TWP	3,472 feet	5 new cross pipes installed and 2 replaced. 283 tons of road fill added to correct low spots. 2,103 tons of DSA paver-placed on project length due to close proximity of stream.
Ulysses Township	Horseshoe Road	\$83,655.95 PCCD \$49,671.42 TWP	3,550 feet	2 new cross pipes installed and 3 replaced. 1,925 feet of under drain installed to correct flow in ditches. 3,258 tons of road fill added to provide downslope sheet flow. 1,880 tons of 2A fill were limestone and used as the driving surface.
Total DGR Expenses: \$950,753.43		Total In-Kind Contributions: \$290,934.74		Total Road Length Mitigated: 33,887 feet (6.42 miles)

LVR Projects Completed in 2021

Recipient	Low Volume Road Name	LVR Allocation	Length of Road	Scope of Work
Eulalia Township	Toles Hollow Road	\$40,390.41 PCCD \$954.22 TWP	6,088 feet	2 new cross pipes installed and 1 replaced. New pipe installations received concrete inlet basins to minimize earth disturbance. An existing 36" corrugated metal stream crossing was replaced with an 11' span aluminum box culvert with full invert. Some drainage improvements and roadway resurfacing over the project length must be com-
Total LVR Expenses: \$40,390.41		Total In-Kind Contributions: \$954.22		Total Road Length Mitigated: 6,088 feet (1.15 miles)

Education and Outreach

The Gradual Return of in-Person Programming

In 2021, two of our three larger annual school programs were held virtually. In April, The My Growing Tree program supplied trees to nearly 1,000 students across Potter County, and educational content was delivered through a pre-recorded video series. The Envirothon Competition was held virtually, with study days offered through both live speaker presentations and story map resources. In May, 5th grade conservation field days were held for 5th graders and 6th graders who missed the event in 2020. Field days were held in person on site at each school. Through the rest of 2021, the District took part in a mixture of hybrid, entirely virtual, and in-person education events. We are happy to accommodate the needs of the community as we all continue to transition to post-Pandemic life.



Above pictured L to R, Austin Students learn about animal signs during Conservation Field Days; Coudersport students take part in Macroinvertebrate ID with Emily (Outreach) and Andy (DGR) at the Sinnemahoning State Park Bioblitz, organized by the park; Watershed Specialist Jared Dickerson stars in a My Growing Tree video covering the importance of trees to stream health.

Invasive Species Education and Action

In 2021 the District's commitment to invasive species management and education has grown. In June, the District worked with the God's Country Chapter of Trout Unlimited to renew boot washing stations placed on route 872 along First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek. With GCTU support and funding, the district created new signage and reassembled the stations for use in preventing the spread of aquatic invasives via boots and waders.

Additionally, we partnered with the Bureau of Forestry to host a Hemlock Woolly Adelgid field day at Ole Bull State Park. Sarah Johnson, Forest Health Specialist with the Bureau, presented the status of Potter County Hemlock tree health, adelgid infestations, and treatment options. This began the planning of treatment prioritization sites and an HWA treatment taskforce that will see completion in 2022. The taskforce is so far comprised of 30 individuals from local groups including the Susquehannock Trail Club, God's Country Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Seneca Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and the Pine Creek Watershed Council.



L—New signage placed at the First Fork Boot washing stations describes invasives to be watchful for that have a potential to degrade streams. R—Sarah Johnson explains the importance of adelgid management and protection of Hemlocks for their high recreational and ecological value.



Riparian Projects and Stewardship

The E&O Program aims to educate the public while also offering tools and experiences help make a difference in the local community through conservation efforts. In 2021, two riparian plantings were organized by Emily with all inventory provided by the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership. Planting bars were donated by the Bureau of Forestry. 200 trees were planted at a the Wilson Camp on Bailey Run, and 350 trees (all of which were additionally sheltered in tubes) were planted at the Roulette Water Authority along the Allegheny River.

Emily also organized pollinator presentations with the Showstoppers 4H Club, and later led the group in a pollinator patch planting at CARP in Coudersport. Supplies for this project were acquired through DEP educational mini grant funding, and plants were donated by local gardener Bonnie Simpson and through Pollinator Partnership's Project Wingspan Initiative.



Left— Andy and Emily plant White Pine Seedlings along Bailey Run. Right—the Showstoppers 4H club planting native flowers including Purple Coneflower, Milkweed, various Asters, Lupine, and many more pollinator favorites.



Digital Educational Resources

Although in-person education experiences are preferred, 2020 taught us that digital media, lesson plans, StoryMap presentations, videos, and other virtual tools can help increase reach to share our mission, and help elevate the District as a quality environmental education provider. Through the course of 2020 and 2021, conservation entities from New Hampshire to Louisiana requested to use our content for festivals, 4H club meetings, homes school lessons, and more. This not only improved our reach and professionalism in education, but provided opportunities for networking and building new partnerships. One significant connection made was the Allegheny College Creek Connections Program, which requested the District's participation in two student symposiums, a presentation on digital microscope use and Macro lessons, and a student Careers Exploration project.

We are seeking to continue to building this collection of materials and resources, all of which can be viewed on our website.

Right—A still from our first 360 image. New to the District's tools for creating content is a 360 camera capable of shooting video and images. So far this equipment has been used to produce a Stream Diorama which has been implemented in our "All About Streams" story map.



PCCD Education and Outreach Summary

Education Events—29, individuals reached = 1,526

Outreach Events—5, individuals reached = 967

Story Map and YouTube views = 4,507

TOTAL REACH ~7,000

Watershed Management

Galebach Project—Pine Creek

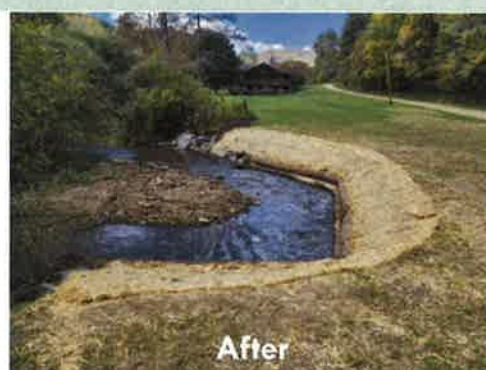
Completed in August of 2021, this project employed the use of 2 Multi-Log Vanes and 5 Sections of Modified Mudsill to prevent further erosion, protect the landowner's camp, and provide trout habitat for this section of stream. This restoration project cost \$16,980.00, and contracted work as well as materials were provided by D.M. Gible Inc. Funding was split between PA Fish and Boat Commission Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Restoration and PA DEP Growing Greener Grants.



Shaw Project—Cushing Hollow, Tributary to Genesee Forks of Pine Creek



Completed in September of 2021, this project employed the use of 1 Log Framed Stone Deflector and 3 Sections of Modified Mudsill to prevent further erosion, protect a local access road, and provide trout habitat for this section of stream. This restoration project cost \$6,440.00 and contracted



work as well as materials were provided by D.M. Gible Inc. Funding was split between PA Fish and Boat Commission and PA DEP Growing Greener Grants.

Cooney Project—Freeman Run

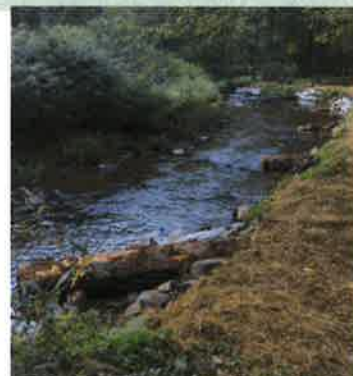
Completed in September of 2021, this project employed the use of 7 Multi Log Vane Deflectors, 1 Single Log Vane Deflector and 2 Log Framed Stone Deflectors to reduce further erosion, and provide trout habitat for this section of stream. This restoration project cost \$10,220.00 and contracted work as well as materials were provided by D.M. Gible Inc. Funding was split between PA Fish and Boat Commission and PA DEP CEP Funding.



Austin Dam Park Project—Freeman Run



Completed in September of 2021, this project employed the use of 8 Single Log Vane Deflector, 1 Cross Vane Structure and 4 Log Framed Stone Deflectors to reduce erosion, provide fish habitat, and improve access. This restoration project cost \$11,736.00 and contracted work as well as materials were provided by Country Boy Excavating and Demo. This project was funded through the PA DEP CEP Program.



Flament and Portage Road Project—Portage Creek



This project was split into 2 sites, the upstream Flament Site, and the downstream Portage Road site. Both portions of construction were completed in September of 2021. At the upstream site the District employed the use of 2 single Log Vane Deflector, 1 Rock Cross Vane, and 3 sections of Modified Mudsill. At the downstream site 1 Single Log Vane Deflector and 4 Sections



of Modified Mudsill Cribbing were constructed. These projects together will stabilize both the yard of the Flament property and the road base at the Portage Road Site. This restoration project cost \$20,502.32 and contracted work as well as materials were provided by McCutcheon Construction. Funding was split between PA DEP CEP Funds and Portage Township.

Watershed Volunteers

It was a great year for watershed volunteers to get out on our stream restoration projects. In total we had over 120 hours of volunteer time donated toward in-stream construction, which had an incredible impact on the efficiency at which these projects were able to be completed. A fantastic partnership has been fostered between PCCD and the Oswayo Valley School District that has allowed PCCD to utilize student and faculty volunteers for project implementation. OV provided 3 students and 1 administrator for a full day of construct at the Cooney Project and 4 students and an administrator at the Portage Road Project. This partnership has given the students valuable environmental knowledge as well as job site experience to make them more well prepared to join the work force. PCCD also received volunteer hours from the Master Watershed Stewards Program through Penn State Extension. Landowner buy-in for projects was high this year with project site landowners providing over 30 hours of volunteer labor to help complete the projects on their properties. The in-kind value of the volunteer labor PCCD received this year was nearly \$3,500.00. PCCD would like to extend many thanks to all of our volunteers.



OV Students and PSU Master Watershed Steward Bonnie Simpson install geotextile on a multi log vane deflector at the Cooney Project

Potter County Anglers Project

This project is an ongoing effort between PCCD and the Potter County Anglers Club to help reduce nutrient loading in Freeman Run. The first portion of this project was to concrete the existing raceway bottoms to improve fish health and to reduce the effort required by the Club to clean out the raceways after fish production has concluded for the year. Previously, hatchery effluent water was discharged directly from the raceways to Freeman Run. Through this project the fish production effluent will first enter a settling pond where solids will have time to dissipate before re-entering the stream. Then water will enter a large shallow bottom pond where aquatic vegetation will be allowed to treat the effluent for additional nutrient load, acting as a bio-filter. Each year the settling pond will be de-watered to allow the solid waste particles to dry out and be scraped out using a medium sized piece of equipment. Additionally, this project calls for the building of a roofed stacking area to store the produced solids until Anglers Club Members can utilize it for gardening and other small agriculture uses. This project is being funded through DEP CEP Funds.



Land Development

Potter Solar Farm/ National Fuel Gas FM-100

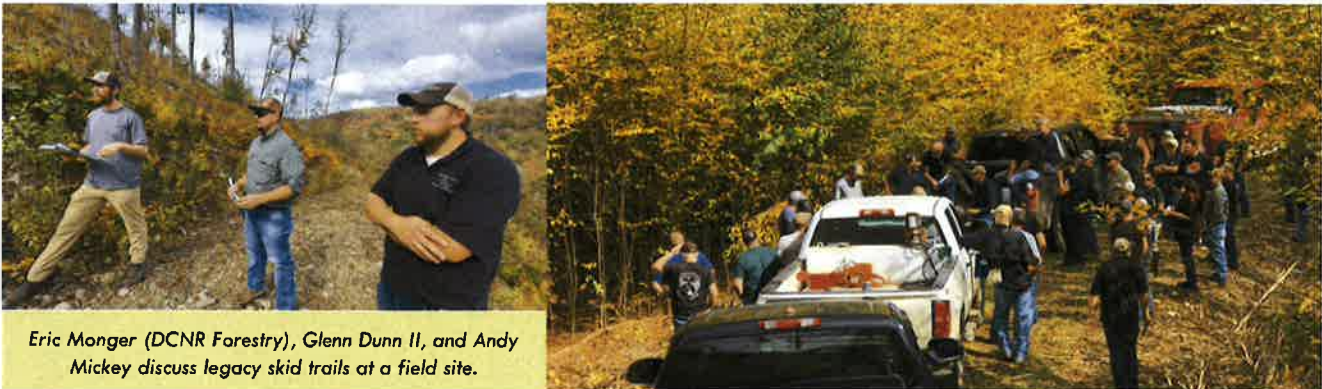
Walden Renewables Inc. leased property in Potter County to develop a solar farm with approximately 60,000 panels on nearly 180 acres. The project has gone through the permitting process to obtain an NPDES Permit. The work is slated to occur over the course of 2022. PCCD will be tasked with routine inspections of the site in accordance with the approved NPDES Permit. Any future changes or modifications to the permit will be reviewed and approved through the District.



National Fuel Gas Supply Co.-FM100. Work began in early 2021 moving westward through Potter County. By the fall, site restoration had been completed within Potter County. Numerous site inspections and correspondence with National Fuel site representatives occurred to maintain compliance throughout the construction process.



2021 Sustainable Forestry Initiative Multi-county Workshop



Eric Monger (DCNR Forestry), Glenn Dunn II, and Andy Mickey discuss legacy skid trails at a field site.

On Friday, October 8th, 2021 the Potter County Conservation District hosted "Erosion Control in Our Forests" - a Sustainable Forestry Initiative workshop for foresters, loggers, logging contractors, and private forest land-owners. The event provided SFI and SAF credits, and was held at both the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum and on field sites within the Susquehannock Forest. The event was also held with the support and expertise of several speakers and organizations, including the PA Department of Agriculture, DCNR Bureau of Forestry, and Elk, McKean, Cameron, and Tioga County Conservation Districts. In total, 51 attendees were present, and topics covered included erosion prevention/102/105 permitting, planning harvests, stream crossings, and post-timbering BMP's. Financial and other support was provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts.

E&S Pollution Control and NPDES (Chapter 102) and General Permitting for Stream and Wetland Impacts (Chapter 105)

Chapter 102—Erosion and Sedimentation Plans (E&S) are required for all earth disturbance activities over 5000 square feet. The goal for this program is to help decrease accelerated erosion caused by earth disturbance activities. Any earth disturbance activity which disturbs the soil has the potential to discharge sediment pollution to waters of the Commonwealth.

- In 2021 the District approved **5** NPDES permits and **1** ESCGP-3 permits for compliance with Chapter 102 rules and regulations.

In addition:

- **262** technical assistance contacts were fielded related to the program.
- **24** sites were inspected.
(PennDOT, Oil & Gas, NPDES, & General)
- **45** inspections were completed.
- **15** complaints were investigated.
- **12** formal trainings were attended.
- **9** outreach events were held with approximately **412** participants.



Chapter 105—These regulations require General Permits (GP's) for constructing, operating, maintaining, modifying, enlarging or abandoning any dam or encroachment. Encroachment is defined as any structure or activity that changes, expands or diminished the course, current or cross section of any body of water including wetlands.

- There are 11 types of GP's and the Potter County Conservation District has been delegated by DEP to register and acknowledge the use of general permits.
- PCCD has reviewed and approved **46** GP's this year.
- **7** emergency permits were coordinated and **2** GP-11's were assisted by PCCD.
- **259** technical assistance contacts were made.
- **14** sites were inspected.
- **38** inspections were completed.
- **15** complaints were investigated



North Central Forest Landowners E&S Field Day



On May 22, 2021 the Northcentral Forest Landowners Association asked the District to present for one of their field tour/workshops. This workshop focused on erosion & sedimentation controls on farms and forests, and was hosted at the Stratton Tree Farm in Smethport. This program was hosted in partnership with the McKean County Conservation District and covered best management practices for roads, prevention of erosion and runoff issues, and permitting requirements.

Big Level Wind Project Tours

The Potter County Junior Conservation School is a week-long camp held each summer during the first week of August. Sponsored by the Black Forest Conservation Association, the school has been in operation for 30 years. The goal is to promote the understanding and importance of conservation efforts in today's world. Conservation can be defined as "the wise and careful use of our natural resources." The camp is open to middle school students, ages 13-15 from the North Central Pennsylvania region. These students must be sponsored by an outside organization. Each year, tours of numerous diverse facilities such as the Big Level Wind Site are scheduled, the District assisting with a tour of the Windmill Site. Site

Representatives discussed the power generation information associated with the site. District staff discussed permitting processes and environmental impacts associated with the construction of the windfarm. The school and District are planning to incorporate the site as an annual part of the Conservation School's agenda.

The District, in conjunction with site representatives, held an additional tour of the Windfarm including E&S Technicians that are part of the multicounty workgroup. The goal of the tour was to expose other professionals to large scale/commercial wind energy projects. Topics discussed ranged from permitting pathways through construction and permit termination.



2021 Legislative Project Tour

On August 27th, the District held it's first legislative project tour. The event was held jointly with Cameron County Conservation District, and showcased two major project sites from each county. In Cameron County an Acid Mine Drainage Project on Sterling Run and a large mudsill crib wall on Driftwood were showcased. Potter County featured a Soil Nailing Project on Southwoods Branch of Freeman Run and collaborative Stream Culvert Replacement/Dirt and Gravel Road Project located on Pine Run a tributary of the Southwoods Branch.

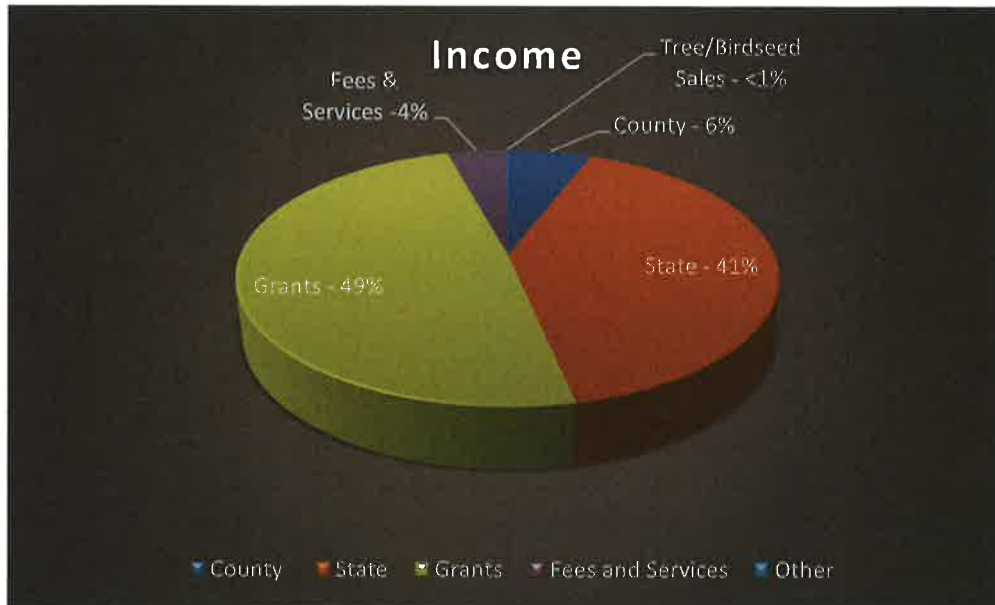
These sites were presented to Pennsylvania DEP North Central Regional Office representatives, local state representatives, commissioners, and various District board members from both counties. The project sites serve great benefits to the respective watersheds they are located in, and demonstrate the need for continual funding and prioritization of this work.

Thanks to all those who made it for the project tour!



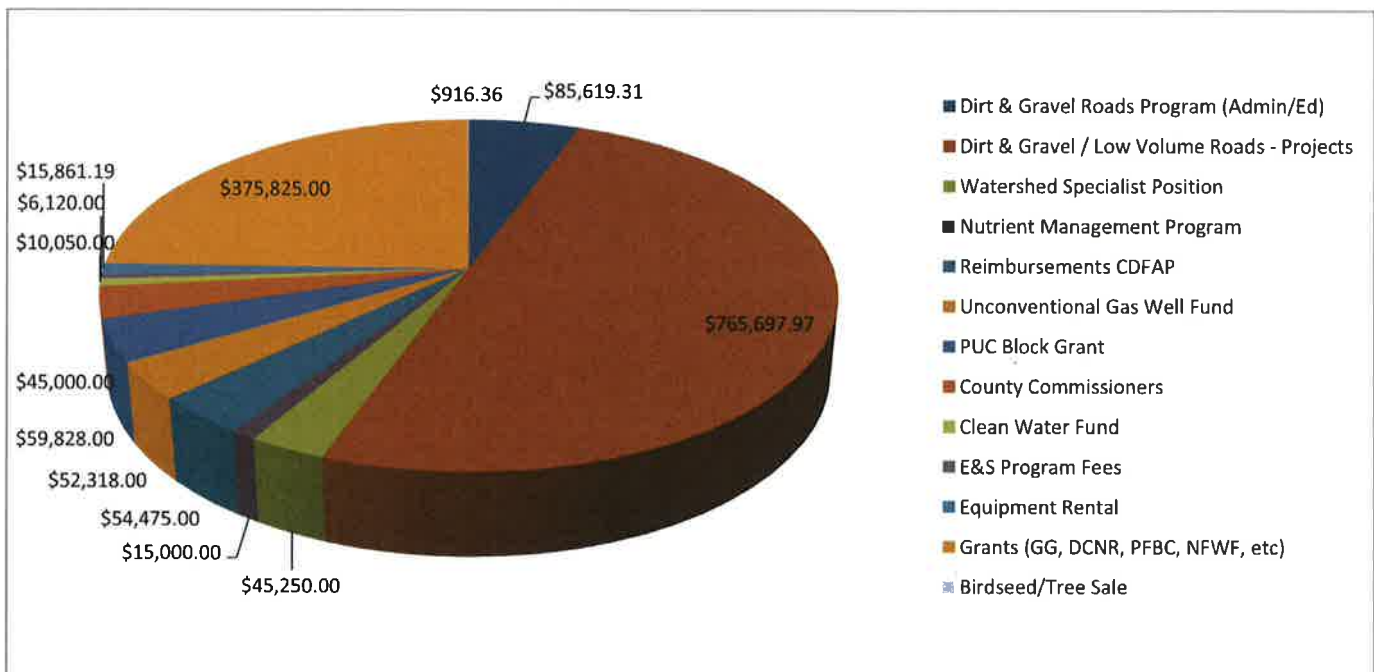
2021 Income and Grants Details

The Potter County Conservation District receives funding through a variety of different grant programs and opportunities that support conservation efforts. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture/State Conservation Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection are the primary sources of funding for staff salaries. State programs are carried out by Districts through contracts and delegation agreements. **All sources of income are received on a reimbursement basis, which means funds must be spent before they are applied for and reimbursed by the state or federal agency.** The Potter County Commissioners also provide funding that supplements staff, office, and administrative costs.



The chart pictured to the left illustrates the breakdown of funding streams to the District for salaries and general operating expenses. A majority of funding comes from DEP and SCC state budget lines and grants.

The chart below shows the breakdown of individual state and local program funding utilized by the Potter County Conservation District.





POTTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Come in and see us! We will gladly assist you with any questions you may have. We have bird seed for sale as well as ear corn (in the winter), information on permitting, native and invasive plant guidance, and much more!

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"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance."

- Theodore Roosevelt

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Our Programs:

Erosion and Sedimentation Control, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Chapter 105—Water Obstructions and Encroachments, Environmental Education, Nutrient Management, Chesapeake Bay Program, Dirt & Gravel / Low Volume Roads, Agricultural Land Preservation, Watershed Restoration, Conservation, and Environmental Education.

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