



CLINTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



WHAT IS THE COUNTYWIDE ACTION PLAN?

The Clinton County Countywide Action Plan (CAP) was established in 2021 to provide guidance and planning to the county and its local partners to work toward the common goal of clean water.

This plan was created with the assistance of county stakeholders to outline approaches and initiatives that promote and reflect local water quality goals throughout Clinton County.

The Clinton County CAP outlines three planning priorities to work toward water quality improvements. The priority initiatives include Conservation, Urban and Municipal, and Agriculture.

The CAP is now being implemented across the County to prioritize clean water initiatives.

KEY PARTNERS

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MANURE STORAGE CONSTRUCTION

The Clinton County Countywide Action Plan (CAP) was established in 2021 to achieve clean water goals throughout the county. The development of the CAP opened an additional door of available funding to the County for utilization throughout the calendar year. CAP Implementation Funds can be utilized by landowners to implement projects that result in a reduction of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment loads from reaching the local waterways.

In the 2022 funding year, the Conservation District completed a Liquid Manure Storage tank in Greene Township. This project eliminates a non-compliant in ground tank and eliminates the need for winter manure spreading.

In addition, a Manure Stacking Facility was also constructed in Tylersville to protect the operator's manure stack from precipitation events. This structure is roofed to ensure stormwater runoff doesn't transport nutrients off site and Fishing Creek *(Picture on front page)*

BMP VERIFICATION

Clinton County Conservation District kicked off their Best Management Practice Verification Program last year to record beneficial projects across the county's landscape. By recording BMPs located around the county, we can calculate the nutrient and sediment loads being reduced within our waterways and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

This effort was made possible through DEP funding and is occurring throughout the Chesapeake Bay to reach nutrient and sediment reduction goals to clean up Pennsylvania waterways.

Best management practices that have been verified include roof gutter systems, animal watering facilities, exclusion fencing, and riparian buffer areas. Each of these practices displays initiative to manage stormwater and reduce streamside impacts.

This data will be utilized to account for Clinton County's nutrient reduction goals that are set for achievement by 2025.





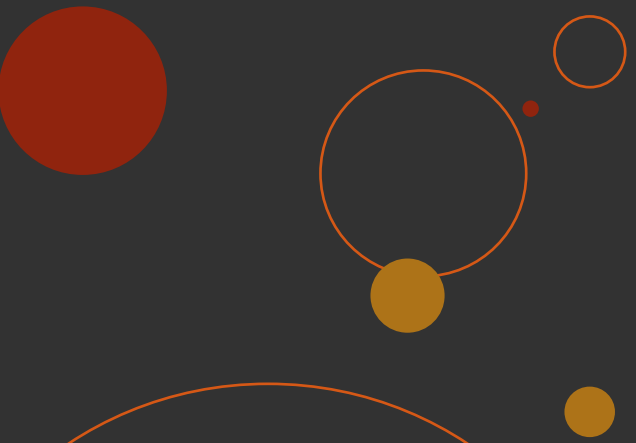
ACID MINE DRAINAGE

Clinton County Conservation District has a long history of protecting and restoring the water resources throughout the County. Within Clinton County, Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) remains an active threat to the quality of streams and the aquatic life that relies on those streams.

The PADEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) has created a funding source to clean up historical AMD discharges and restore water quality throughout Pennsylvania. This program has received an influx of funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill to prioritize clean-up efforts throughout PA for approximately the next 15 years.

Clinton County Conservation District has created an AMD Work Group consisting of key stakeholders to identify priority initiatives to mitigate for impacts of historical mining activity within the county. This workgroup has received support and backing from the County Commissioners and State Officials in the hopes of propelling Conservation District efforts and implementing mitigation and restoration projects for AMD impacts.

Please stay tuned for further information regarding our efforts on restoring our county's water quality through restoration and mitigation of AMD impacts.



The Clinton County Conservation District provides quality leadership, education and service for the stewardship and conservation of the county's natural resources.



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AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) was created to provide financial and technical assistance for the implementation of best management practices on agricultural operations within Pennsylvania.

This program has provided funding to the Clinton County Conservation District for local program implementation.

ACAP was dedicated 154 million dollars from the Clean Streams fund to reduce the amount of non-point source pollution throughout Pennsylvania's streams, rivers, and waterbodies. Each County was provided with funding based on agricultural land criteria. A higher amount of land criteria items within the county, results in a higher funding allotment. Items accounted for in the land criteria assessment included:

- Agriculturally Impaired Stream Miles
- Number of Cropland Acres
- Number of Farm Operations
- Number of Livestock and Poultry

Clinton County Conservation District will be receiving \$932,533 in funding to support local farmers over the next 5 years.

ACAP funding will be available for individual landowners to apply for on a quarterly basis through the Clinton County Conservation District. The first ACAP application period closed on March 24th, 2023. The second application period will close on June 28th, 2023. Applications are available at the District office.

The ACAP advisory committee, consisting of conservation professionals specializing in agricultural operations, will review and rank all applications on a quarterly basis to ensure greatest environmental resource concerns and farmers needs are addressed.

To be eligible for funding, your agricultural operation must be in compliance with Pennsylvania state agricultural planning requirements. Please contact the District for an application or for assistance updating a Manure Management Plan or Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Plan.

For further information, please contact the Clinton County Conservation District at (570) 726-3798 x3804.



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Clinton County Conservation District was organized by the County Commissioners in December 1946. We are a sub-division of state government, supported by the State Conservation Commission, the State Department of Environmental Protection and Clinton County and its Commissioners. We provide technical and educational assistance to the public on proper management of our natural resources (specifically soil & water) and interpretation of environmental related regulations. We are guided by a local Board of nine Directors nominated by local organizations. We administer the following state programs for our County:

- Ch. 102 Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control
- NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits
- Ch. 105 Stream Encroachment General Permits
- Chesapeake Bay Farm Inspection Program
- Act 38 Nutrient Management Regulations
- Municipal Dirt & Gravel and Paved Low Volume Road Program
- Watershed Specialist / Youth Education Program
- Agriculture Preservation Program

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