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ACAP Program Update



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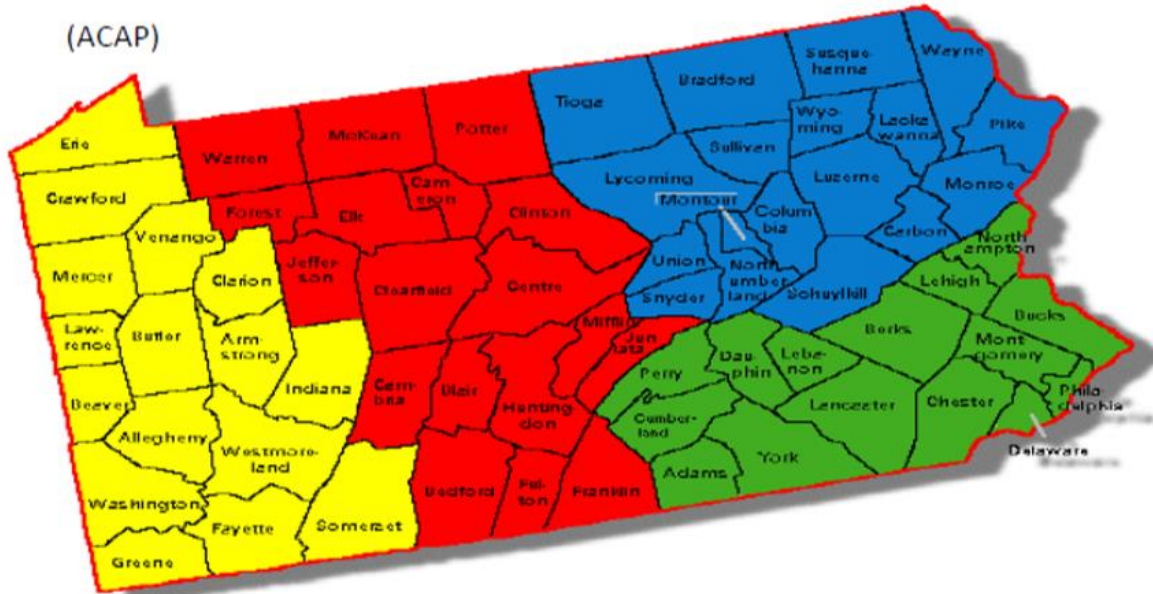
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SCC Coordinator Map

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ACAP Program Updates



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Program Collaboration



SCC

- Administers ACAP Program Statewide
- Program policy
- Administrative Training
- Oversees Quality Assurance / Quality Control
- Provides financial oversight, processes reimbursements



Districts

- “Face of the Program”
- Administers ACAP locally
- Oversee local program
- Liaison with farmers / general public
- Ranks applications and provides funding to applicants



PSU Center

- Provides technical assistance to Conservation Districts and ACAP projects
- Provides trainings to Districts, Applicants, and General Public
- Provides annual conference
- Provides ACAP engineer and educator staff
- Assists SCC with QA/QC
- Advises SCC



NRCS

- Conducts and assists with field-based technical training
- Conducts on-the-job training and oversight
- Provides technical assistance to projects with funding combined with EQIP
- Manages FOTG Standards
- Engineer working hand in hand with Center engineer
- Assists SCC with QA/QC

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Accomplishments

- **Establishment of the Center for Ag Conservation Assistance Training (CACAT)**
- **5 Regional Admin Trainings**
- **ACAP GIS System**
- **Collaboration with HRG and start of the Practice Approval System (PAS)**
- **Collaboration with many different conservation partners**
- **Conservation on the ground**

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Total \$154 million funds

- \$150.7 million is encumbered (as of 6/4/2024)
 - 66 agreements have been fully executed
 - \$141 Million encumbered to Conservation Districts and Designated Agents
 - \$9.7 million has been encumbered to Administration and Contracts to support ACAP
- The remaining \$3.3 million is encumbered
 - \$739,000 contractual funds are awaiting approvals from comptrollers
 - Remaining will be for staff funding through the end of 2026

ACAP Program Update



- Program Update Totals reported by all 67 counties (as of 6/4/24)
 - Applications Received-1108
 - Funds Requested - \$83.6 million
 - Applications Approved-78
 - Funds Committed- \$69.2 million
 - Projects Contracted- 778
 - Completed Projects- 280
 - Contracted and Completed Spent - \$13.9 million
 - Other Matching Funds - \$5.6 million
 - Total Funds Committed or Spent- \$72.8 million
 - Total Number of People Reached- 31,314

* 28 of 66 districts are at 70% or more Total Spent or Committed, 38 are at 50% or more.

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Butler County



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Potter County

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Susquehanna County

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Lancaster County



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Some of the Issues

- Bidding and Procurement
- GIS data input/Quarterly Reporting
- Tax Liabilities and 1099's
- Ranking and project selections
- Policy development
- Project Certifications

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What's Coming up?

- Practice Approval System (PAS) will be presented to Commission Board for approval in the next few months
- FY24 Allocation will be distributed in July
 - That means all districts and designated agencies will have half of the funds in their accounts
- SCC staff is looking at each county's ACAP program status
- Program document reviews