

Chiques-Conoy-Conewago Regional Partnership

We are a group of local agriculture and conservation partners working together to provide resources for farmers to meet their production and conservation goals.

Facilitated by the Penn State Ag & Environment Center, the partnership provides tools for farmers to improve herd health, soil health, overall farm health and local water quality by funding conservation practices to improve farm operations.



Benefits of the Program:

- **Soil Health:** No-till and cover crop consultation and custom operator assistance, soil testing, manure testing, nutrient management planning and execution, and erosion controls for wet and/or sloping fields to reduce crop inputs and improve yields
- **Herd Health:** Pasture management practices, barnyard improvements, manure management practices, feed management, and drinking water protection, reducing vet bills and improving animal welfare
- **Overall Farm Health:** Protecting natural resources including streams, ponds, wetlands, and sinkholes across the landscape for beauty, wildlife, and ensuring a lasting family legacy of conservation

Funding for conservation practices is available through a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant for farmers willing to install forest riparian buffers, earned at \$4,000/acre of buffer, capped at \$20,000. Farmers without streams can earn up to \$10,000. Funding is provided on a first come, first serve basis until funds run out!

Funding earned can be used for planning, design, or implementation of Ag conservation practices, including:

- Manure Storages
- Grazing Management
- Grassed Waterways
- Barnyard Improvements
- Cover Crops
- 4Rs Nutrient Management
- No Till Transition
- Stream/Wetland Restoration

If needed, our team is happy to work with you to find additional funding sources and can provide free assessment tools to make your project happen.

Now is the time to take advantage of these opportunities!

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