

Saucony Creek Success

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Partnerships

- Berks Nature
- Spotts, Stevens and McCoy | Engineering and Environmental Consulting
- Friends of the Saucony Creek Marsh
- Maiden Creek Watershed Association
- Trout Unlimited, Tulpehocken Chapter
- Kutztown University
- USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) with major support from the William Penn Foundation
- PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR)
- PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Berks County Conservation District
- Berks County, Agricultural Land Preservation Program, Department of Agriculture, and the Planning Commission
- Schuylkill River Restoration Fund with support from Exelon-Limerick Generating Station, the Philadelphia Water Department, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, and other donors
- Berks Watershed Restoration Fund, a local grant source that offers financial assistance to Berks County agriculture producers for nutrient planning and project cost-share. This fund was originally created by staff from Spotts, Stevens and McCoy and Berks Nature through a grant from William Penn Foundation. Local supporters to the fund include Kutztown Borough, Reading Area Water Authority (RAWA), Western Berks Water Authority (WBWA), and Saucony Creek Brewing Company

BMPs

- liquid manure storage (dairy manure and/or barnyard run-off)
- dry manure storage (stacking sheds and bedded pack facilities)
- decommissioning of failed practices (failed earthen lagoons and/or failed or inadequate storages)
- stormwater controls (rain gutters, lined outlets, collection boxes, grassed waterways, level spreaders, etc.)
- barnyard controls (curbing, etc.)
- silo controls (leachate collection and transfer to storage)
- milkhouse controls (waste collection and transfer to storage)
- manure transfer
- grazing regimes (grazing fencing; stabilized animal walkways & streambank fencing)

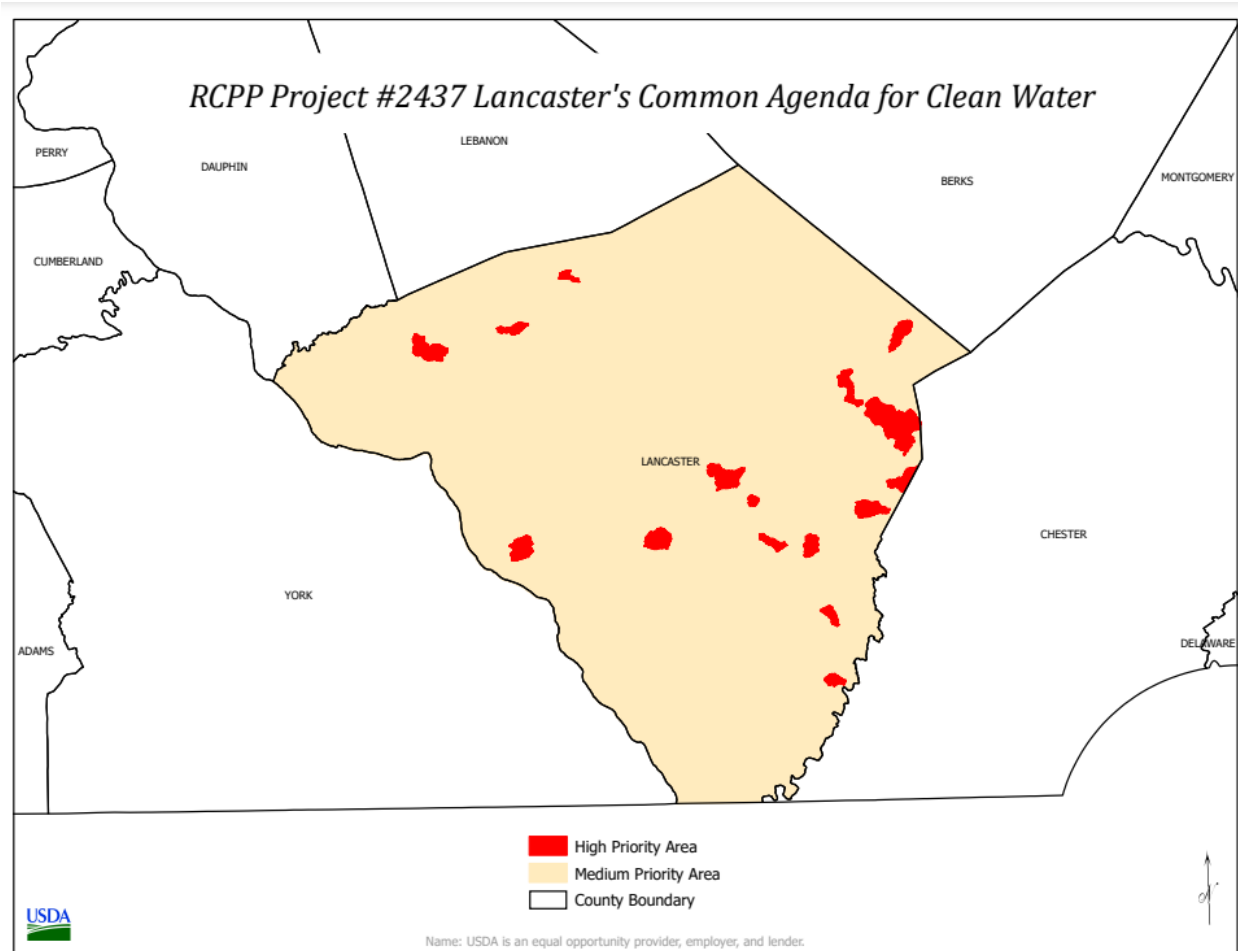
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- covers crops
- watershed buffers (riparian & wetland buffers)

NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership

- NRCS Programs - <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/>
- RCPP - <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp/>



7. Lancaster's Common Agenda for Clean Water

Project Purpose: The Foundation will take the lead to implement comprehensive conservation systems needed to achieve stream delisting and Chesapeake Bay restoration on agricultural lands in priority watersheds in Lancaster County

Fiscal Year: 2020/21

Lead State: PA

Lead Partner: Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County

Funding Pool: Chesapeake Bay Critical Conservation Area

Project Area: Lancaster County

Project Area Map: [Click here](#)


NRCS Funding: \$7,400,000

Partner Contributions: \$13,244,890

Status: Active

Application Periods: [Click here](#)

NRCS conservationists will work with producers to develop a conservation plan on their land to identify concerns and opportunities, help determine objectives, and recommend solutions. "Our high-quality, comprehensive conservation plans can provide farmers with step-by-step recommendations they can use to improve their water quality, soil health and more -- all while reducing input costs," said Denise Coleman, Pennsylvania NRCS State Conservationist.

Interested producers should visit their local USDA NRCS service center (found at <http://offices.usda.gov>  for sign-up information.

To participate in USDA conservation programs, applicants should be farmers or farm or forest landowners and must meet eligibility criteria. To take advantage of NRCS technical assistance and expertise or federally funded conservation on your farm or land, please contact your local USDA NRCS Field Office (found at <http://offices.usda.gov>, and visit our website at www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov for program information.

A Few of **Many** Conservation Partners

- Find Watershed Organizations (*are often 501c3 non-profits with local engagement and grant writing opportunities*)
<https://pawatersheds.org/>
- County Conservation Districts
<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/PlanningConservation/CountyConservationDistricts/Pages/default.aspx>
- USDA NRCS Maryland – Soil, Air, Water
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/md/home/>
- USDA NRCS PA – Soil, Air, Water
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/pa/programs/>
- Chesapeake Conservation Partnership
<https://www.chesapeakeconservation.org/>
- Lancaster Clean Water Partners
<https://lancastercleanwaterpartners.com/>
List of Partnering Organizations → https://www.chesapeakeconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CCP-Partners-List_2020.pdf
- Western PA Conservancy
<https://waterlandlife.org/>
- Schuylkill Action Network
<https://www.schuylkillwaters.org/>
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (source of funding)
<https://www.nfwf.org/>
- Alliance for The Chesapeake Bay
<https://www.allianceforthebay.org/>
- Trout Unlimited
<https://patrout.org/>
- Pheasants Forever
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