

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**2023**

*Partnering with our community  
to conserve soil and water resources*



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## A Message from the District Manager

Welcome to Franklin County Conservation District's 2023 Annual Report. As manager of Franklin County's Conservation District, I am very proud of the accomplishments that are highlighted in this report. Staff have stepped up to the increased workload brought about by the substantial increase in grant funding awarded to Franklin County. Thanks to the staff's efforts, over \$3 million was paid out for 30 water quality improvement projects in the County. Eighteen projects were ag related, four were stream restoration projects and four were non-construction projects. We also initiated a cover crop program for 2023/2024 with 1,616 acres enrolled.

The erosion and sediment control team kept busy reviewing and inspecting solar farm, warehouse, residential and ag construction activities. One of the E&S staff reviewed a large solar farm project for Juniata County Conservation District while they were short on staff.

Once again, we were involved with education and outreach efforts which included our Annual Summer Conservation Farm Tour, Envirothon, Chambersburg First Grade Field Trip at Caledonia State Park and the Annual Ernie Tarner Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the golf tournament enabled us to award eight \$1,000 scholarships to college students. We had another good year with our annual Tree Seedling sale. We were fortunate to have EPA's Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator, Adam Ortiz, join us for our Winter Ag Meeting. This eventually led to a \$300,000 grant award to FCCD for a pilot livestock exclusion program to be implemented in the Antietam Creek watershed.

This summer saw the departure of two staff members. Caitlin Lucas and Jonathon Ott both decided to return to the private sector for their careers. Their contributions to the County are appreciated.

The huge workload that was accomplished in 2023 is a result of a great hardworking staff along with the support and leadership of a great Board of Directors who volunteer their time attending monthly meetings and serving on various committees. A special thanks to Dave Keller for serving as Commissioner Director for four years providing direction and guidance on matters involving the County.

The following pages highlight the District's 2023 activities and accomplishments.

Enjoy the report,

*Dave Stoner*

*District Manager*





# FCCD Directors and Staff



## FCCD 2023 District Board of Directors

Front row: Mike Ross, Chairman Evan Burkholder, Associate Director Sam Worley, Franklin County Commissioner David Keller, Vice-Chairman Barry Best

Back row: Dennis Musser, Nelson Egolf, Paul Witter

## 2023 District Board of Directors

<b>Chairman</b>	Evan Burkholder
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Barry Best
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Rhoda Crider
<b>Directors</b>	Nelson Egolf
	Dennis Musser
	Mike Ross
	Paul Witter
<b>County Commissioner</b>	David Keller
<b>Associate Director</b>	Sam Worley

## 2023 District Staff

<b>District Manager</b>	Dave Stoner
<b>Asst Manager/Ag Resource Specialist</b>	Scott Metzger
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Rhoda Crider
<b>Watershed Specialist</b>	Emily Young
<b>Engineer</b>	John High
<b>E&amp;S Technician/102 Program Manager</b>	Thomas Swartz
<b>E&amp;S Technician</b>	Brady Byers
<b>Ag Conservation Technician</b>	Jennifer Bratthauer
<b>Ag Conservation Technician</b>	Chris Swartz
<b>Ag Conservation Technician</b>	Jonathon Ott
<b>Clean Water Coordinator</b>	Caitlin Lucas



## FCCD 2023 District Staff

Back row: John High, Brady Byers, Dave Stoner, Thomas Swartz, Scott Metzger

Front row: Jennifer Bratthauer, Chris Swartz, Emily Young, Rhoda Crider

Not pictured: Caitlin Lucas, Jonathon Ott



**Sam Worley**  
Associate Director

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FCCD Staff and Directors celebrated the 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Associate Director Sam Worley on June 14. Worley served as an FCCD board member for 27 years (1992-2019) after which he was named Associate Director. He has served in various capacities on the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) over the years and continues to be a member of the Ways & Means Committee. His support and concern for the conservation of natural resources has been, and remains, an invaluable resource to Franklin County.

Left to Right:

Dave Stoner, Nelson Egolf, Dennis Musser, Evan Burkholder, Sam Worley, Barry Best, Paul Witter, Mike Ross



# FCCD ANNUAL EVENTS

## 2023 Franklin County Conservation Farmer of the Year

FCCD received a state mini-grant to hold a Summer Conservation Farm Tour and Luncheon on August 9, 2023, at the Greene Township Park. The District took this opportunity to present the 2023 Conservation Farmer of the Year award to Burk-Lea Farms, Clinton and Kara Burkholder.

The grant funding enabled the Franklin County Conservation District to provide important education on the benefits of reducing nonpoint source pollution with Best Management Practices (BMPs) to approximately 90 attendees. Tour participants visited the Burkholder's dairy farm and saw firsthand various conservation-related systems including a solid manure stack pad, a silage leachate collection system, several animal waste storage facilities, a roofed animal heavy use area and a grassed waterway. These practices reduce potential pollutants from entering the waterways and help to prevent soil erosion. In addition, participants viewed dribble bar manure application equipment, learning about how it reduces soil disturbance and how it may decrease nitrogen volatilization, thereby decreasing odor.

Joining this year's event were PA Senator Doug Mastriano, PA Representative Rob Kauffman and PA Representative Rich Irvin. Senator Mastriano also presented a special citation to the Burkholders in recognition of their hard work and successful conservation efforts over the years.

The Burkholders were presented with a farm sign as well as a pen and clock set. They join a long list of honorees since the Franklin County Conservation Farmer of the Year program began in 1962.



*L-R: PA Representative Rich Irvin, PA Senator Doug Mastriano, 2023 Franklin County Conservation Farmer of the Year Kara and Clinton Burkholder, Stanley and Janice Burkholder, PA Representative Rob Kauffman and FCCD Chairman Evan Burkholder.*





# FCCD ANNUAL EVENTS

## 2023 Winter Ag Meeting



On March 1, 2023, Franklin County Conservation District (FCCD) hosted a Winter Ag meeting with guest speakers from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Meeting attendees enjoyed an interactive question-and-answer session with EPA reps, led by Adam Ortiz, EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator.

Throughout the day, topics ranged from legacy sediment to today's agricultural regulations. Franklin County's water quality trends and successful BMP Verification Program were highlighted during discussions regarding Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction progress. In addition to the meeting, FCCD facilitated a focus group with EPA and local farmers in the morning, a stream tour in Greencastle to spotlight a recent success story, and an additional focus group with municipal leaders in the afternoon.



*FCCD hosted EPA officials during an action-packed, day-long meeting that included Q & A from local farmers, a stream tour and a municipality leader focus group.*



## 2023 Franklin & Fulton Counties Envirothon

Earning a whopping 338 points (a 48-point lead), the Waynesboro Area Senior High School's "Terrific Trilobites" team took first place in the Franklin County Conservation District's annual Envirothon competition on April 18 at Cowans Gap State Park.

A total of six teams from Chambersburg, Waynesboro, and James Buchanan High Schools competed in the competition. Led by Mrs. Catherine Myers, the members of the winning team are Rachel Nunemaker, Harmoniee Wong, Aidan Coulter, Emma Coulter, and Joel Moats.

Testing stations were led by representatives from the PA Game Commission, PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Bureau of Forestry, and the Franklin and Fulton County Conservation Districts.

Students utilized their skills in wildlife and tree identification, tree measurement, soil map interpretation and aquatics identification as they moved through the testing course.



**FIRST PLACE - Waynesboro**



**SECOND PLACE - James Buchanan**

Pictured above: Winning High School Teams  
PA Representatives Paul Schemel and Rich Irvin joined FCCD Director Mike Ross for the presentations.

Not pictured: Third Place - Chambersburg

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# Ag Resources Specialist

## Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)

### Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG)

In 2023, the Franklin County Conservation District (FCCD) worked with 16 agricultural producers to install Best Management Practices (BMPs) on their farms utilizing the Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) program and the Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP). We provided seven farmers assistance with Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) applications, and made 58 site visits on 42 different operations.

### CEG / ACAP Ag BMPs

**\$1,563,243**

paid to landowners in  
2023

#### CEG (10 contracted landowners)

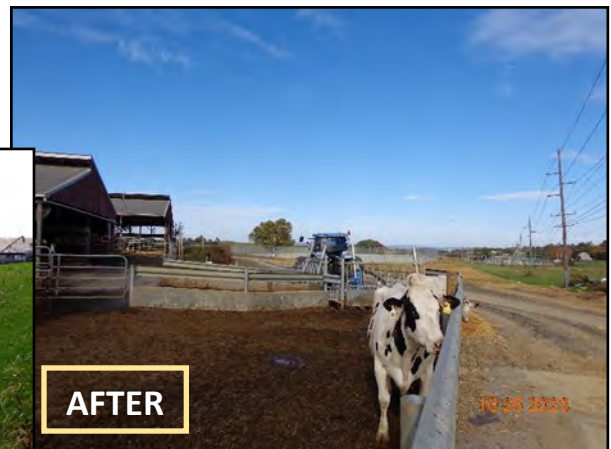
- 3 roofed waste storage facility dry stack pads
- 2 waste storage facility stack pads (uncovered)
- 2 liquid manure storage tanks with push-offs
- 3 roofed animal heavy use areas
- 1 concrete animal heavy use area (unroofed)
- 3 animal trails
- 2 stream bank buffers

#### ACAP (6 contracted landowners)

- 2 liquid manure storage tanks with push-offs
- 1 liquid manure storage tank
- 1 manure transfer system
- 1 unroofed concrete barnyard with manure transfer system and filter area
- 1 roofed ag waste storage facility dry stack pad
- 1 roofed animal heavy use area
- 1 pasture watering system
- 1, 269 feet of pasture division fencing



**BEFORE AND AFTER**  
*Manure storage and transfer system completed using ACAP funding*





# Ag Resources Specialist

## Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)

### Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG)



**BEFORE AND AFTER**  
*A heavy use area installed using ACAP funding*



In 2023, the FCCD utilized \$702,133 in the CEG program and \$861,110 in the ACAP program to install the BMPs listed here. We expect to have about \$2 million to contract in 2024 between the two programs for BMPs.



**BEFORE AND AFTER**  
*A roofed heavy use area completed using CEG funding*



# District Engineer

The Engineer worked closely with the Ag Resources Specialist to utilize funding from CEG, ACAP, Countywide Action Plan (CAP) and Growing Greener for ag projects. In 2023, the Engineer designed 11 Ag projects. Each project contained Best Management Practices (BMPs) designed to address resource concerns ranging from simple liquid manure storage tanks to covered Heavy Use Areas (HUA) and stack pads. There were 42 surveys completed including initial surveys for project design, stake out surveys, and as-built surveys.

The projects required 118 quality assurance inspections by the Engineer which are meant to ensure the projects are meeting the appropriate NRCS specifications and being constructed per the design. The FCCD Engineer met 86 times with farmers, holding site meetings to look at resource concerns and develop ideas to address the concerns, follow up meetings to review designs, final plan

reviews, pre-construction meetings, and other general site meetings to ensure projects progressed smoothly. The Engineer attended four Ag BMP design and grant administration trainings and participated in several ACAP workgroups.

In addition to working with the Ag staff, the District Engineer also worked with the Chapter 102 staff to perform 23 Post Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) Technical Reviews, attended meetings with Engineers and DEP to go over projects, addressed any technical PCSM questions from the Chapter 102 staff and applicants, and gave presentations workshops.

Of the 23 PCSM reviews, 5 were Individual Permits and 18 were General Permits. All Individual NPDES Permits receive a PCSM Technical review. The General Permits were reviewed due to size and scope of the project, proximity to wetlands or because of the PCSM BMPs used for the

project. The Engineer also completed 24 follow-up reviews. The Engineer participated in 50 meetings, mostly with consultants and DEP, to review projects and project comments. The Engineer attended 5 DEP trainings and presented at FCCD's Chapter 102 municipal workshop. The Engineer accompanied 102 staff for status checks, pre-construction meetings and site meetings as requested.

## CAP Ag BMPs

**\$530,106**

## Growing Greener Ag BMPs

**\$124,394**

paid to landowners in  
2023

### BELOW

Liquid manure storage tank project designed to address several barnyard runoff concerns  
(Funded by ACAP)

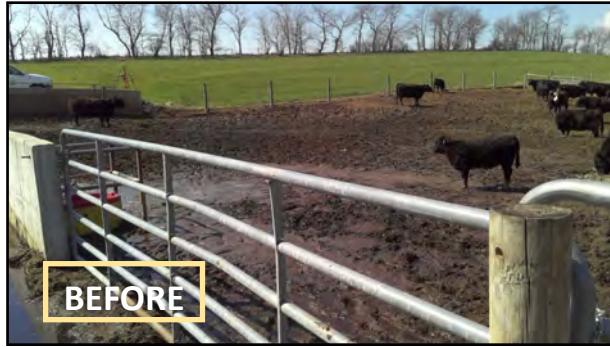




# District Engineer

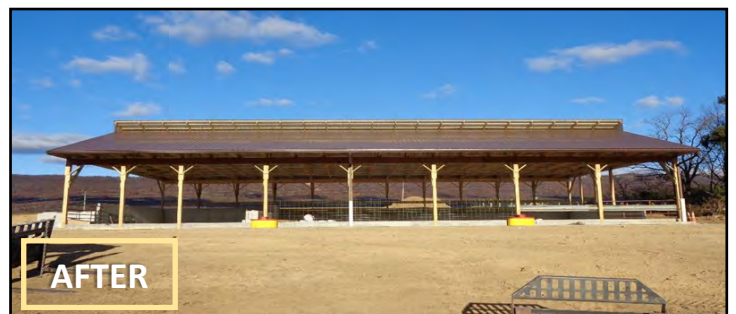
**BEFORE:** The existing stack pad regularly filled with water, overflowed into adjoining pastures and created mud lots.

**AFTER:** A covered Heavy Use Area (HUA) and a liquid manure storage tank were designed; a stabilized concrete walkway was installed, and rolled curbing was added to direct runoff from the stack pad to the tank.



**BEFORE:** Runoff from a stack pad and overgrazed brown lot was flowing into a spring-fed drainage ditch.

**AFTER:** A covered HUA was designed and moved to the top of the ridge. The spring was fenced off, and the stack pad was designed to provide a contained area for storing manure. Pasture fencing was also installed.



# Act 38 Nutrient Management Program Chapter 91 Manure Management Manual Program Act 49 Commercial Manure Hauler and Broker Certification Program

The District continued its work with the PA Act 38, Chapter 91 and Act 49 programs by developing Manure Management Plans (MMPs), reviewing Act 38 Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs), reviewing Act 49 Nutrient Balance Sheets (NBSs), and providing educational events. As always, one of our main goals is to assist farmers and other livestock owners with achieving compliance with today's agricultural regulations.

## Manure and Nutrient Management Education

### **2023 Winter Ag Meeting**

One of the highlights of this meeting was the attendance of the EPA's Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator, Adam Ortiz, and his staff. Per EPA's request, the District invited 8-10 agricultural producers to attend a question-and-answer session with the EPA, at which they were able to ask about EPA's philosophies and goals for the Chesapeake Bay cleanup.

During discussions with District staff after the meeting, EPA asked the FCCD staff to come up with several pilot project ideas. One of these ideas was the "Restore. Exclude. Vegetate." (R.E.V.) program to provide 100% cost-share funding for livestock producers to fence their animals out of the stream in the Antietam Creek Watershed. This program received funding through the Conservation Excellence Grant Program at the beginning of 2024.



*Dribble bar manure applicator displayed at the 2023 FCCD Summer Conservation Farm Tour*

### **Act 38 Nutrient Management Program**

- 16 existing Nutrient Management Plan Amendments were reviewed and approved
- 4 brand new Act 38 Nutrient Management Plans were reviewed and approved or acknowledged by the District Board
- 49 onsite status reviews were completed by FCCD Ag Conservation Technicians

### **Manure Management Manual Program**

- Provided one-on-one assistance with the completion of Manure Management Plans (MMPs) for 17 livestock operations
- Completed 3 voluntary certifications of Manure Management Plans for agricultural producers

### **Act 49 Commercial Manure Hauler and Broker Certification Program**

- FCCD administered 5 Manure Hauler 2 tests.
- FCCD reviewed 5 Nutrient Balance Sheet packets submitted by Act 49 manure brokers.

### **COVER CROP PROGRAM**

*(New program for 2023)*

- 14 Franklin County cover crop growers
- 1,1616 acres enrolled

*Funding Source: ACAP*

### **STREAMSIDE GRASS BUFFER PROGRAM**

- 4 program participants
- 11.6 acres enrolled
- 7 buffers

*Funding Source: CEG*



# Erosion & Sediment Control

The Franklin County Conservation District maintains its Level II delegation with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) which involves the administration of both the Erosion and Sediment (E&S) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) programs. This includes thorough reviews of E&S/PCSM plans and NPDES permit applications. Once the plans are approved, the District then conducts numerous site inspections. The inspections ensure the proper installation, maintenance and function of E&S controls (compost filter sock, silt fence, rock construction entrances, etc.) and post construction stormwater management BMPs. The BMPs are designed and implemented to eliminate/minimize negative impacts to sensitive resources and neighboring properties downslope of an earth-moving activity.



Figure 1: FCCD is facing a challenge when groundwater is encountered during mass earth moving. When a subsurface aquifer is surfaced, developers are challenged with conveying the surplus of water **safely** to a surface water.



Figure 2: When groundwater cannot be safely conveyed, it typically leads to down-stream flooding, erosion and sedimentation.

## 2023 E&S Program in Review

E&S Plan Reviews: .....	188
Project Acres: .....	12,080
Disturbed Acres: .....	2,158
General NPDES Permits: .....	64
Inspections: .....	396
Complaints: .....	41
Educational Events.....	2

An educational workshop was presented to local County municipalities in December. Topics included Common Plan of Development, MOUs between FCCD and municipalities, E&S plans, etc.

## Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Program

The Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program administered by FCCD continued to help improve water quality by improving local road drainage. There were three Low Volume Road projects under construction in 2023. Mercersburg Borough is working on two projects to install filters in drop boxes and installing new road base and pavement on two alleys. Those projects should be



completed in 2024. Phase one of a Low Volume Road project involving a road bank stabilization project along Otterbein School Road in Lurgan Township was completed in 2023; phase two is slated for installation in 2024.

The Borough of Chambersburg entered into an agreement to do a project on Pleasant Street to install additional drop boxes with filters and a new road base. This will greatly improve water quality along the Conococheague Creek that runs through the Borough. This LVR project is slated for 2024 completion.

The 2023 Dirt and Gravel Road projects included installing new culvert pipes along Carrick Road in Letterkenny

Township to help minimize erosion along the road bank and washout within the road. Letterkenny Township also did base work along Upper Horse Valley Road in 2023. Both of these roads are ready for the final step of installing Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA) this spring.

FCCD continues to accept applications from certified municipalities to install practices consistent with the program standards and policies. Applications are available on the district website ([www.franklinccd.org](http://www.franklinccd.org)), or by calling the office. Ag Resources Specialist Scott Metzger, along with Ag Conservation Technician Chris Swartz, are willing to work with municipalities on applications for projects.



# Watershed Specialist

## 2023 Clean Water Milestones

Building on momentum gained in 2022, FCCD implemented three stream restoration projects in Franklin County in 2023, for a total of 5,130 feet of newly restored stream. Working with seven partners, including Trout Unlimited, LandStudies, Inc., and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, along with three landowners, over 20 fish habitat devices were installed, two acres of wetlands were created, and the first ever legacy sediment removal and floodplain restoration in Franklin County was completed. These projects contribute to Franklin County's Clean Water goals and will reduce an estimated 2.2 million pounds of sediment, 4,100 pounds of nitrogen, and 1,500 pounds of phosphorus loading to the Chesapeake Bay annually.

- ⇒ 5,130 feet of streams restored
- ⇒ 20 fish habitat devices installed
- ⇒ 2 acres of wetlands created
- ⇒ 7 partners worked together
- ⇒ 3 landowners assisted

### Franklin County's First Legacy Sediment Removal & Floodplain Restoration Project Funding Sources: CAP Implementation, Franklin County IMPACT, Growing Greener



West Branch Conococheague Creek Tributary at PA 75  
6 months **BEFORE** project completion



West Branch Conococheague Creek Tributary at PA 75  
5 months **AFTER** project completion



West Branch Antietam Creek at Marsh Road  
One month **BEFORE** project completion  
(Funded by 319 and CAP)



West Branch Antietam Creek at Marsh Road  
One month **AFTER** project completion



# Watershed Specialist

## 2023 Clean Water Milestones - continued



Conococheague Creek at Grant Shook Road  
9 months **BEFORE** project completion  
Funded by CAP Implementation



Conococheague Creek at Grant Shook Road  
4 months **AFTER** project completion

## Watershed Planning in Action

The Conococheague Priority Projects Plan (CP3), completed for FCCD by LandStudies, Inc. in partnership with Franklin County's local municipalities, was released to the public following a stakeholder meeting in June. This plan outlines multi-beneficial priority projects in the watershed that were identified using a highly focused approach. This plan will serve as a useful tool and a catalyst for future project implementation in the County, both by FCCD and municipal partners.



Check out the CP3 here!

## Countywide Action Plan (CAP)

### 2023 Stream Restoration Projects

Funded by CAP:

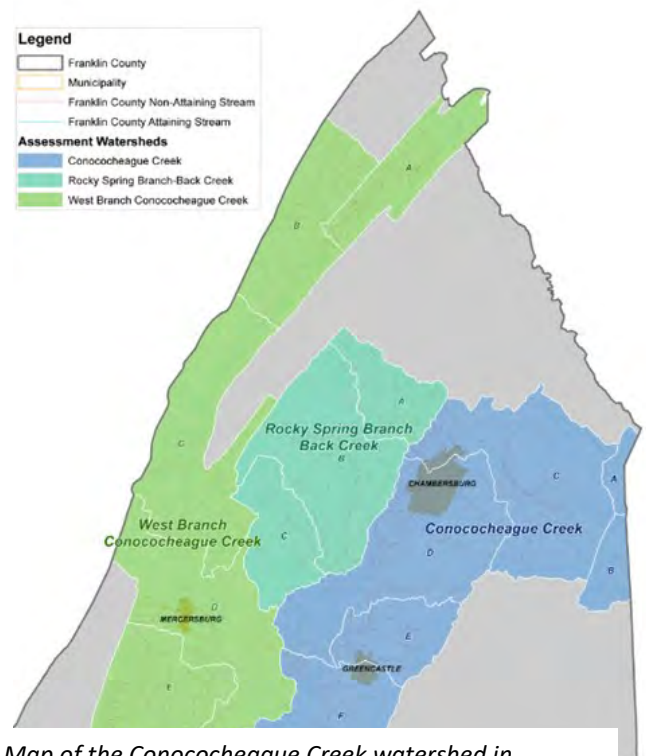
**\$710,615**

#### BMP VERIFICATION PROGRAM

Phase 1 of this data collection effort concluded in March 2023. Thanks to our partnership with Capital RC&D, this program has bolstered Franklin County's collection of real-life conservation efforts in this County.

## Other Funding Sources For Stream Restoration

Franklin County IMPACT:	\$ 22,487
319 Non-Source Pollution:	\$ 25,428
Growing Greener Grant	\$ 36,617
NFWF Grant	\$ 4,921



Map of the Conococheague Creek watershed in Franklin County

# Watershed Specialist

## Trees for Franklin County

FCCD distributed over 1,100 trees to local landowners and organizations across the County, in partnership with the Keystone 10 Million Trees program. In addition, FCCD organized and/or attended 7 volunteer tree plantings,

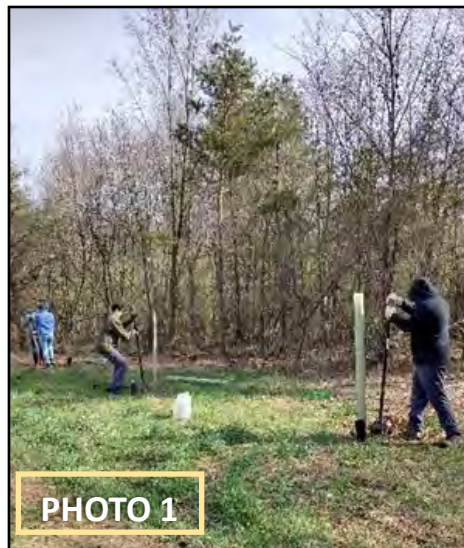


*F&M Trust's Banktober Fest – 540 trees were planted by F&M Trust staff on a Shippensburg farm where newly-constructed Agricultural BMPs have been installed. (Photo credit: Chesapeake Bay Foundation)*

totaling over 15,000 live stakes, bareroot trees, and 1–2-year-old seedlings planted with 9 partner organizations, including the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Chambersburg Area Senior High School, F&M Trust Bank, and Boy Scout Troop 125.



*Furnace Run Park Quarry Planting – 14,000 bareroot trees were planted in an old quarry in Southampton Township by volunteers from across the state and beyond.*



**PHOTO 1**



**PHOTO 2**

**PHOTO 1**  
**Jacks Mill Road Planting**  
*Scout troops gathered on a Saturday morning to plant 60 trees.*

**PHOTO 2**  
**Billy Timmons Tree Planting**  
*CASHS students listening to Ryan Davis, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, as he discusses trees and their importance.*

In cooperation with:  


## 2023 Tree Seedling Sale

Canaan Fir	500
Colorado Blue Spruce	275
Eastern White Pine	450
Norway Spruce	750
Persimmon	775
Red Oak	475
American Elderberries	450

American Arborvitae	450
White Dogwood	375
Black Cherry	225
Triumph Apple	31
Goldrush Apple	20
Contender Peach	20
Red Haven Peach	40



# First Grade Field Trip

FCCD hosted the annual First Grade Field Trip at Caledonia State Park in May. FCCD staff and volunteers from Penn State Extension, the Franklin County Planning Commission, DCNR, and NRCS led interactive stations on Agriculture, Ticks and Mosquitos, Water Quality, Forestry, and Wildlife. The four-day event saw over 690 first-graders from 33 classes in the Chambersburg Area School District.



*Penn State Extension Dairy Team leading the dairy education station*



*FCCD Chapter 102 Program Manager leading the wildlife station*



*First grade students identifying a sculpin at the macroinvertebrate station*



*Penn State Extension Water Resources Educator Andy Yencha teaching students about water runoff*

## 2023 Affiliate Membership

**We are grateful for our partners.**

**These donations benefit FCCD education and outreach efforts such as those pictured above.**

Antrim Township
Beidel Brothers*
Clearview Farm*
Coldsmith Construction
DHM Inc*
Dice Properties*
Dream Farms
East Coast Green, Inc.*
F&M Trust
Falling Spring Farms LLC*
Forrester Farms, LTD*
Frederick, Seibert & Associates, Inc.
Hamilton Heights Dairy Farm
Hamilton Township Supervisors*
Herbrucks Blue Springs*

Hissong's Custom Services
Horstdale Farm Supply, LLC*
Lady Moon Farms*
Land Studies, Inc.*
Letterkenny Township
Lurgan Township
Martin Fams
Mercer Vu Fams Inc
Metal Township
Montgomery Township Supervisors
Myrlawn Farm
Peters Township Supervisors
Carl Pugh & Son LLC
Quincy Township Supervisors
Resource Restoration Group LLC*

Rosenberry-Brady Enterprises Inc
Rosenberry's Septic Service
Slate Ridge Dairy Farm Inc
Snoke's Excavating & Paving, Inc.
South Mountain Fish & Game*
Southampton Township
St Thomas Township Supervisors
Stoners Hijos Hill, Inc.*
Sunnyhill Properties Real Estate
Timmons Farms*
Washington Township Supervisors
Weaver Hauling & Excavating*
Willard Agri Service, Inc.*
William A Brindle Associates, Inc.

\* Indicates donation amount of \$100 or more

# 2023 Ernie Turner Memorial Golf Tournament & Scholarship Recipients

The Franklin County Conservation District hosted its annual benefit golf tournament on Friday, June 2, 2023 at the Whitetail Golf Resort. First held in 2007, a total of 79 Franklin County college students have now benefited from environmental scholarships funded by golf tournament proceeds.

Approximately 80 golfers from 20 various businesses came together for this year's fundraiser. The overall winning team, Robert Plish, Sean Swerthelm, Bill Luszik, and Ian Helsel, representing AES Clean Energy, shot a 57 (15 under par). David McHenry was the proud winner of the Yeti cooler, sponsored by Keystone Ford. His "closest to the pin" stroke at Hole #6 earned this year's grand takeaway. Longest drive winners were Ian Helsel and Anne Miller.

Many additional sponsors and donors provided funding for door prizes and a delicious meal, and FCCD is grateful to each one for their support. The funds raised were awarded to eight Franklin County students who are pursuing higher education in environmental sciences, natural resources management, agriculture and related fields. The total amount awarded in 2023 was \$8,000. FCCD Staff and Directors congratulate the winners and wish them much success in their future endeavors.



## 2023 Golf Sponsors

AES	Keystone Ford
Bow Renewables	Kinsley
CVBP	LCSi
DHM	Martin & Martin
ECG	Marty Curfman
FCADC	MPR
FSA	Northpoint
Nick Gigax	RS Mowery
Herbrucks	Salzmann Hughes
HRG	Scotts Hauling
Inch and Co	SEK
JHA	Triad
	WABAI

## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*Top Row*

Abigail Bemisderfer, Brayden Boyd, Kenzie Boyd

*2nd Row*

Morgan Nelling, Rachel Nunemaker, Faith Sheldon

*3rd Row*

Grant Bohn, Elizabeth Hoffeditz

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to all of our **WINNERS!**

**THANK YOU**  
to all of our **SPONSORS!**