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OVER \$17,500 AWARDED TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO PROMOTE CREP IN PA

(Harrisburg) - Pennsylvania's county conservation districts were awarded \$17,540 for projects in eight counties for the 2021-22 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Mini-Grants. Conservation districts will use these grants to work with landowners to prevent pollution in our streams, lakes, and rivers. Projects will take place over the next nine months.

"This funding allows conservation districts to promote the CREP program. Land enrolled in CREP helps protect water quality and reduces soil loss," said Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD).

The following conservation districts were awarded up to \$3,000 as part of the 2021-22 CREP mini-grant round:

Conservation District	Amount Awarded
Armstrong	\$1,500
Blair	\$3,000



Clinton	\$1,600
Indiana	\$1,985
Jefferson	\$1,800
Lancaster	\$3,000
Lycoming	\$2,255
Potter	\$2,400

Projects include field days, workshops, and one-on-one visits. Participants can ask questions about the CREP program and learn how to maintain land already in the program.

The CREP Outreach Program Office Mini-grant Program is provided by PACD through a Growing Greener Watershed Protection grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Additional support is provided by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Click here for more information on the CREP program: https://www.creppa.org/

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