



Winter 2023-2024



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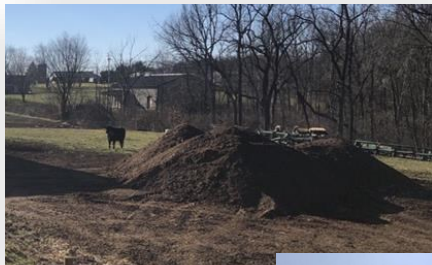
# Rooted in Conservation



## Agricultural Waste Storage Facility Project



## 2023 Cost-Share Program Recap



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This past year, LCCD was awarded over \$2 million to reduce nutrient and sediment reduction by implementing best management practices on agricultural operations.

The following projects were implemented:

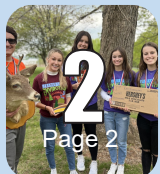
- Waste Storage Facilities: 6
- Roofed Barnyards: 2
- Mortality Compost: 1
- Streambank Restoration: 1
- Manure Injection: 1,762 acres

**Totaling**  
**\$1.5 million**  
**in projects**

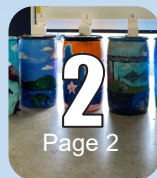
Contact Maranda Smith at 717-277-5275 ext. 117 to learn more about our funding opportunities.



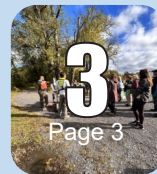
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**ENVIROTHON**  
Celebrating yet another successful Envirothon year



**EDUCATION & OUTREACH**  
Recap of the rain barrel events



**SWATARA FIELD DAY**  
Held a successful & educational field day



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**  
Meet our newest members of the team



# Lebanon County Envirothon

The 2023 Lebanon County Envirothon saw the program's highest number of participants in over a decade, with 340 students participating at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Through the Envirothon, students learn about forestry, aquatics, wildlife, soils, and a current environmental issue, with their hard work culminating in an annual competition. The three events were a success thanks to our dedicated volunteers, advisors, and students, as well as our generous sponsors.

## ENVIROTHON SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



## HIGH SCHOOL ENVIROTHON WINNERS- PALMYRA'S 'ENVIROVENGERS'



The 2024 Envirothons will be held on April 18 (Elementary), April 25 (High), and May 10 (Middle).

If you are interested in volunteering with the Envirothon, please contact the District!

## Education & Outreach

### Rain Barrel Workshop

Always a popular event, registration for our 2023 Rain Barrel Workshop filled up in only two weeks! Fortunately, funding was secured thanks to a PACD Non-Point Source Pollution mini-grant for the 2024 Rain Barrel Workshop this coming spring. **Be on the lookout this winter to reserve your spot!**



### Rain Barrel Painting Contest

The District's first annual Rain Barrel Painting Contest was held in conjunction with the 2023 Tree Sale. Seven groups representing four high schools painted rain barrels in the inaugural event. At the Tree Sale, the community voted for the best barrel and could even bid on their favorite during a silent auction. Congratulations to ELCO FFA for taking home the top prize! Thanks to Coca-Cola in Allentown for donating barrels, Penn State's Master Watershed Stewards for converting the barrels, and to our talented students for transforming them!



# Swatara Creek Water Quality Field Day

## GET TO KNOW YOUR DISTRICT

### STAFF

- Katie Doster:** *District Manager*
- Karl Kerchner:** *Asst. District Manager*
- Emily Collins:** *Ag Conservation Specialist*
- Katie Hollen:** *Watershed Specialist*
- Klarissa Long:** *Ag Conservation Specialist*
- Lydia Mohn:** *Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program Coordinator*
- Maranda Smith:** *Ag Project Coordinator*
- Taylor Wade:** *Administrative Assistant*
- Nate Weaver:** *E&S Pollution Control Technician*
- Craig Zemitis:** *Ag Preservation Specialist*

### DIRECTORS

- Randall Leisure,** *Chairperson*
- Brent Kaylor,** *Vice Chairperson*
- Robert Arnold,** *Treasurer*
- Jo Ellen Litz,** *Commissioner*
- Jennifer Albright**
- Rachel Mulfair**
- Calvin Miller**
- John Poff**
- Donald Krall**
- James Tomanelli,** *Associate Director*



### LEARN MORE

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A highly informative and engaging Swatara Creek Water Quality Field Day was organized in October. Professionals from various organizations, including Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture, Secretary Redding, Lebanon County Commissioners, local watershed organizations and community members attended.



The United States Geological Survey and Natural Resource Conservation Services delivered insightful presentations.

Attendees were introduced to advanced sampling techniques and monitoring methods to compliment the supergauge efforts. The Swatara Creek Water Quality Field Day provided an opportunity for experts to share their knowledge and findings regarding water quality monitoring. The discussions covered significant aspects such as the impact of pollution on water sources, the importance of continuous monitoring and strategies for enhancing the overall water quality of Swatara Creek.



## MEET OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS



**Klarissa Long** is excited to join the LCCD team as an Agricultural Conservation Specialist. She originally grew up on a dairy farm in Cumberland County and just recently moved to Lebanon County after getting married. Coming from a farming background, she is excited to help local farmers and the environment with conservation projects. In her free time, she enjoys helping on her family's dairy farm, reading, eating ice cream, and spending time with family.

**Lydia Mohn** is the new Mosquito-borne Disease Control Coordinator. She is a recent graduate from Lock Haven University, earning her B.S. in Environmental Biology and Ecology, with a minor in Environmental Studies. She was previously the 2023 mosquito technician for Lebanon County. Lydia grew up with a fond love for the outdoors in Mohnnton, PA, where she still resides. She is looking forward to spending most of her time out in the field collecting specimens, monitoring habitat, and controlling pest populations, all while having a positive impact on the communities of Lebanon and Lancaster Counties.

