

CHIQUES-CONOY- CONEWAGO REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP



SUMMARY

The Chiques-Conoy-Conewago Regional Partnership program (C3RP) provides grants and technical assistance for agricultural conservation practices in three contiguous watersheds in Lancaster, Lebanon, and Dauphin counties (Chiques-Conoy-Conewago).

- Facilitated by Penn State Agriculture & Environment Center
- Program funding (2020): \$1 million (National Fish & Wildlife Foundation); leverages other funding sources.
- Includes 17 partnering agencies and organizations and three local agricultural consulting firms.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Farm operators in the Chiques, Conoy, or Conewago watersheds in Lancaster, Lebanon, and Dauphin counties.

Eligible Costs

Grants cover technical and financial costs for selected Best Management Practices (BMPs); 100% of BMP costs are covered.

Program emphasizes riparian buffers, soil health, and herd health.

FEATURES

Unique feature” program offers “buffer bonus” — farmer approved for the program who installs a streamside buffer using outside funds earns a \$4,000 per acre of newly installed buffer; bonus is capped at \$20,000.

Program leverages funds from NFWF, DCNR for riparian buffers, US Fish & Wildlife Service for stream restoration, Exelon Corp for habitat restoration, USDA_NRCS, and Susquehanna River Basin Commission for water quality monitoring.

HELPFUL TIPS

While stream cleanup is the primary focus, a farmer does not need a stream to participate. Farms with no streams may earn up to \$10,000 cost-share for ag BMPs.

First-come, first-serve basis till funding runs out.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for program participation, contact: Lauren Shaffer at 717-364-2044 or last6436@psu.edu or complete the interest form by clicking [HERE](#).



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