

LANCASTER COUNTY EXELON HABITAT IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM



SUMMARY

Provides grants for in-stream habitat improvement and agricultural sediment reduction projects in Lancaster County.

- Created as a condition of Exelon’s Muddy Run hydroelectric station water quality certification in 2014
- Administered by Lancaster County Conservation District
- Annual program funding: \$ 225,000
- Total funding since inception: \$225,000 through 2030
- Funding Source: Exelon Muddy Run Water Quality Certification

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Private landowners, farmers, municipalities, non-governmental organizations. Farmers should have applicable conservation plan and/or nutrient management plan.

Eligible Costs

Priority funding for supporting minimum 35-foot stream buffers, streambank fencing, stream crossings, streambank restoration or stabilization, and instream habitat improvements.

Match: None required but match improves ranking of application.



Last Update: January 2022

FEATURES

Maximum \$75,000 per project.

Grants cover installation of new practices only.

No requirement to allow public access to stream for fishing.

Projects can be funded on both private and public lands. Many projects have been completed on municipal lands.

HELPFUL TIPS

Partnerships with programs such as 10 Million Trees may help boost an application’s ranking, as well as allowing public access to stream.

Related agricultural BMPs funded through other programs can serve as match.

For large projects, can apply over series of years to fund sections of a project.

HOW TO APPLY

No formal application form. Contact Lancaster County Conservation District if interested. Grant decisions are usually made in December.

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