YORK COUNTY HABITAT IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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SUMMARY

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

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

FEATURES

Simple two-page application. York County Conservation District completes its review within 30 days of receipt of project designs; PA DEP approval required so overall approval can take up to five months.

Maximum $71,250 per project.

Project can involve installation of new practices or maintenance of existing practices.

No requirement to allow public access to stream for fishing.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Landowners in York County or an entity with permission from landowner; must be a District Cooperator.

Eligible Costs

Priority funding for forested stream buffer installation (at least 50 feet in width)/buffer maintenance and wetlands creation; followed by barnyard, pasture, and field practices; stream restoration; and in-stream habitat improvement and maintenance.

Match: None required but match improves ranking of application.

HELPFUL TIPS

An excellent source of funds for maintenance of stream buffer practices.

Partnerships with programs such as 10 Million Trees and Master Watershed Stewards may help boost an application's ranking.

Permits are not required to be in place prior to applying, but must be in place prior to construction.

Payments are based on fixed unit costs for each BMP.

HOW TO APPLY

Rolling applications till funds run out.

Contact Alyssa Swartz, York County Conservation District; 717-840-7430; eneideigh@yorkccd.org.

Application available online.

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