Join Us

Something special is about to happen in your area of the Barshinger Creek watershed.

Under a pilot program designed to improve Barshinger Creek's water quality, a select group of agricultural landowners have the opportunity to get a no-cost farm consultation with an agricultural resource technician who specializes in reducing soil and nutrient losses on farms.

Conservation and land use planning experts from the county and private sector are working together to deliver this one-on-one assistance to you. "Take care of the land and the land will take care of you." ~Hugh H. Bennet, 1947

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York County Better Farms Cleaner Water

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Gain New Insight

Every farm has a unique landscape, and challenges to land stewardship can sometimes arise -- drainage problems, erosion, and poor soils to name a few.

As busy farmers, you might have contemplated implementing new conservation practices. However, lack of time and funds may have prevented you from fulfilling your goals. The **Better Farms Cleaner Water Program** was established to hear your ideas, work with you to evaluate recurring issues, and find ways to implement remedies.

Consider partnering with us to gain insight on financial and technical resources and to improve both soil health and water quality on your farm. Good for water, good for business.



Farm visit

Our agricultural specialist will accompany you on a walk of your farm at your convenience to evaluate existing site conditions. Along the way, areas that merit attention will be identified. We will provide a map of your property and ideas for conservation improvements.

Followup

Our Ag support team will provide you with your completed assessment worksheets and maps in both paper and digital format (if desired). Based on your goals and the recommendations for specific farm practices identified during the site visit, we will help move you forward with targeted implementation. We will help connect you to local conservation professionals for plan development and updates, if deemed beneficial to your operations.

Implementing Your Plan

Doing things right takes money. With dozens of public funding programs now targeting agricultural conservation, our team will help you navigate the grant, loan, and/or tax credit programs that fit your operation. The time is ripe to take advantage of public investments that are now being made in clean water infrastructure and best management practices on both public and private lands. What we do on land is mirrored in the water...

Spring Field Day

In early spring 2022, an educational field day will be held at a local farm to demonstrate cost-effective Best Management Practices (BMPs). An array of agribusiness professionals and conservation partners will be available to share information and answer questions.

Conservation Vouchers

A \$1000 voucher will be awarded to 10 different participants. Voucher recipients can use the funds to improve soil health and reduce nutrient loss. Funds can also be used toward development of a new conservation plan or technical updates to an existing plan.

Next steps

One of our team members will be calling you to discuss your participation in this program and scheduling a farm visit. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us. Contact info is listed on the back panel of this brochure.