

TURKEY HILL PARTNERSHIP/RCPP



SUMMARY

The Turkey Hill Clean Water Partnership RCPP project sponsored by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has funding available for livestock farms in priority watersheds in the PA Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

- Program funding (2021/22): \$4 million
- Funding Source: NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP \$4 M) plus partner contributions totaling over \$5.7 million

FEATURES

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay partnership with Turkey Hill Dairy and ten other partners to implement water quality practices on dairy farms in southcentral PA.

Supply chain driven model. Partnership introduced a requirement for all farmers supplying milk to Turkey Hill to obtain and implement a conservation plan. The program has covered 100% of the cost of writing conservation plans.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Farmers or farm/forest landowners in priority watersheds in the following PA counties: Lycoming, Northumberland, Union, Snyder, Blair, Bedford, Franklin Cumberland, Lancaster, Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks, York, and Chester.

Eligible Costs

Provides technical and financial assistance to producers.

Covers 100% of the cost for conservation plan development.

Can cover up to 75% of the cost of installing conservation practices outlined in approved conservation plans.

HELPFUL TIPS

Producers have two options to participate. First, they may engage with project partners and delegate a willing partner to act as their representative in working with NRCS. Second, producers can apply directly to NRCS.

NRCS conservationists will work with producers to develop a conservation plan on their land to identify concerns and opportunities, help determine objectives, and recommend solutions.

HOW TO APPLY

NRCS accepts applications year-round but makes funding selections at application cut-off deadlines. The next cut-off will be February 28, 2022.

Interested producers should visit their local USDA [NRCS service center](#) for sign-up information.

