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2008-2009 Nonpoint Source Pollution Mini-Grant Projects

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Nitrogen & BMP Education Program for Farmers

Berks County Conservation District Chris Johnson, Project Leader 1238 County Welfare Rd.

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Leesport, PA 19533 (610) 372-4657

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,500

Audience: Farmers

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, NPS Pollution Awareness

Description: One-on-one education with local farmers on nutrient application timing and methods, as well as no-till farming.

Program Year: 08/09



Stormwater Management: Riparian Buffer Maintenance for Streamside Property Owners

Bucks County Conservation District Mary Ellen Noonan, Project Leader 1456 Ferry Rd., Suite 704 Doylestown, PA 18901 (215) 345-7577

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Homeowners, Landowners, Media

Educational Focus: Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Through a partnership with Delaware Valley College, faculty and students prepare educational materials pertaining to property streamside (riparian buffer) management for homeowners. The materials will be distributed along with an offer for free property evaluations that will include an educational component.

Program Year: 08/09



Agriculture Workshop on Erosion & Sedimentation and Nutrient Management

Cameron County Conservation District Kate Radock, Project Leader 20 East Fifth St., Room 105 Emporium, PA 15834 (814) 486-9302

Mini-grant Funds: \$675

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils

Description: Workshop on agriculture-related erosion and sedimentation problems and what best management practices (BMPs) can reduce this impact on streams and rivers.

Program Year: 08/09



Chapter 102 Erosion and Sedimentation Workshop

Cameron County Conservation District Kate Radock, Project Leader 20 East Fifth St., Room 105 Emporium, PA 15834 (814) 486-9302

Mini-grant Funds: \$675

Audience: Homeowners, Landowners, Contractors, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public, Forestry

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Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils

Description: Workshop focuses on Chapter 102 regulations and how they enhance and improve the County's abundant natural resources through the use of proper BMPs.

Program Year: 08/09



Rain Barrel Workshop

Chester County Conservation District Chotty Sprenkle, Project Leader 688 Unionville Rd., Suite 200 Kennett Square, PA 19348 (610) 925-4920

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Media, Watershed Groups, General Public

Educational Focus: Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Workshop covers stormwater issues relevant to nonpoint source (NPS) pollution and the benefits of using a rain barrel. Participants will construct and install a rain barrel.

Program Year: 08/09



Pymatuning Clean Water Festival

Crawford County Conservation District Brian Pilarcik, Project Leader 21742 German Rd.
Meadville, PA 16335
(814) 763-5269

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Media, Watershed Groups, General Public

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness, Wetlands

Description: Festival serves as an interactive learning area geared toward educating the public on water quality, NPS pollution, and watershed conservation issues.

Program Year: 08/09



Municipal Planning Workshop & BMP Tour

Dauphin County Conservation District Bob Christoff`, Project Leader 1451 Peters Mountain Rd.
Dauphin, PA 17018
(717) 921-8100

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Homeowners, Government Officials, Watershed Groups, General Public, Developers

Educational Focus: NPS Pollution Awareness, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Workshop provides a review of issues and regulations related to stormwater runoff as well as an educational tour of 16 different functioning BMPs.

Program Year: 08/09

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Watershed Awareness Booth

Elk County Conservation District Kim Lanich, Project Leader 300 Center St., PO Box 448 Ridgway, PA 15853 (814) 776-5373

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,000

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Watershed Groups, General Public

Educational Focus: Acid Mine Drainage, NPS Pollution Awareness, Watershed Awareness

Description: Booth displays educational material on local watersheds and NPS pollution, where it is in the county, and what we can each do to remediate it.

Program Year: 08/09



No-till Meeting

Erie County Conservation District Bethany Fritz, Project Leader 1927 Wager Rd. Erie, PA 16509 (814) 825-6403

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,250

Audience: Farmers, Landowners, Local/State Agency Staff

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, Soils

Description: No-till meeting is a partnership of northwest PA counties for farmers. Meeting focuses on utilizing no-till and cover crops to reduce soil loss and NPS pollution from runoff.

Program Year: 08/09



No-till Field Day

Erie County Conservation District Bethany Fritz, Project Leader 1927 Wager Rd. Erie, PA 16509 (814) 825-6403

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,250

Audience: Farmers, Landowners, Local/State Agency Staff

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, Soils

Description: Field day focuses on the importance of no-till farming on protecting the environment, particularly local water quality as it pertains to the impacts of NPS pollution.

Program Year: 08/09



Conservation Farmer Tour & Articles

Greene County Conservation District Laurel Rush, Project Leader 93 East High St., Rm. 215 Waynesburg, PA 15370 (724) 852-5278

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,500

Audience: Farmers, Landowners, General Public

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Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, NPS Pollution Awareness

Description: Project involves a farm tour and newspaper articles that draw attention to local farms that can be visited where agricultural BMPs are in place and have been successfully carried out.

Program Year: 08/09



Fundamentals of Successful Farming: Rotational Grazing Workshops Indiana County Conservation District Emily Bloom, Project Leader 1432 Route 286 HWY East Indiana, PA 15701 (724) 463-8547

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Landowners, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Watershed Awareness

Description: Field days provide education for Amish dairy farming community about rotational grazing with an emphasis on environmental stewardship in dairy production.

Program Year: 08/09



Project Grass Conference & Farm Tours

Jefferson County Conservation District Deb Wilson, Project Leader 1514 Route 28
Brookville, PA 15825
(814) 849-7463

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Landowners, Contractors, Local/State Agency Staff

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Watershed Awareness

Description: Grazing conference focuses on rotational grazing in an effort to decrease NPS pollution in watersheds by better utilizing land and water resources.

Program Year: 08/09



Watershed Festival

Jefferson County Conservation District Deb Wilson, Project Leader 1514 Route 28 Brookville, PA 15825 (814) 849-7463

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,250

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: Acid Mine Drainage, Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Festival promotes county-wide conservation efforts to correct and avoid NPS pollution. Educates stakeholders on how to become involved in locally-led environmental efforts.

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Program Year: 08/09



Rain Barrels in Urban Environments

Lancaster County Conservation District Matthew Kofroth, Project Leader 1383 Arcadia Rd., Room 200 Lancaster, PA 17601 (717) 299-5361

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Media, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Workshop provides stormwater education and distributes rain barrels. Goal of project is to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff emanating from the urban environment.

Program Year: 08/09



Lancaster/Lebanon Watershed Forum

Lancaster County Conservation District Matthew Kofroth, Project Leader 1383 Arcadia Rd., Room 200 Lancaster, PA 17601 (717) 299-5361

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Contractors, Media, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness, Wetlands

Description: Educational forum and networking opportunity to increase knowledge of participants on NPS pollution and to fuel continued involvement in watershed conservation.

Program Year: 08/09



Guidance for Proper Installation of Best Management Practices

Lawrence County Conservation District Rebecca Naber, Project Leader 430 Court St.
New Castle, PA 16101
(724) 652-4512

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,650

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Contractors, Media, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Stormwater

Description: Produce a PowerPoint presentation that details, step-by-step, proper installation of BMPs. Hold a local educational workshop using the presentation as a learning tool.

Program Year: 08/09



Watershed Workshops

Luzerne County Conservation District Josh Longmore, Project Leader

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485 Smith Pond Rd. Shavertown, PA 18708 (570) 674-7991

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Homeowners, Government Officials, General Public

Educational Focus: NPS Pollution Awareness, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Workshops address means of reducing NPS pollution and stormwater runoff. Include demonstrations on how to keep sediment and nutrient pollution out of local waterways.

Program Year: 08/09



Clean Water Campaign

McKean County Conservation District Sandy Thompson, Project Leader 17137 Route 6 Smethport, PA 16748 (814) 887-4001

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Contractors, Media, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Campaign shows that individuals can make a difference, even if they don't live next to a stream. Focus is on negative impacts of NPS pollution on water resources and health.

Program Year: 08/09



Rain Barrel Workshop

Montgomery County Conservation District Kristina Henderson, Project Leader 143 Level Rd. Collegeville, PA 19426 (610) 489-4506

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Homeowners, Landowners, General Public

Educational Focus: NPS Pollution Awareness, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Workshop educates residents on proper management of stormwater to enhance and improve water quality by reducing NPS pollution generated on their property.

Program Year: 08/09



Twilight Meetings

Northumberland County Conservation District Judy Becker, Project Leader 441 Plum Creek Rd. Sunbury, PA 17801 (570) 286-7114

Mini-grant Funds: \$750

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Audience: Farmers, Landowners, General Public

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness,

Watershed Awareness

Description: Meetings educate farmers about conservation and how to improve their practices

including through the installation of agricultural BMPs.

Program Year: 08/09



Pike/Wayne Rain Barrel Workshop

Pike County Conservation District Michele Ulmer, Project Leader 556 Route 402, Suite 1 Hawley, PA 18428 (570) 226-8220

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Homeowners, Landowners, Watershed Groups, General Public

Educational Focus: Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Program for homeowners on importance of stormwater management. Focus is on NPS pollution, how it affects the watershed, and how to reduce it by installing a rain barrel.

Program Year: 08/09



Pike/Wayne/Monroe Stormwater/Flood Summit

Pike County Conservation District Michele Ulmer, Project Leader 556 Route 402, Suite 1 Hawley, PA 18428 (570) 226-8220

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Government Officials, Local/State Agency Staff

Educational Focus: Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Summit targets local decision-makers to inform and educate them on the importance of stormwater and floodplain management and implications for reducing water pollution.

Program Year: 08/09



Agricultural E&S Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Clinic

Potter County Conservation District Angela Kellert, Project Leader 107 Market St.
Coudersport, PA 16915
(814) 274-8411

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Landowners, Contractors, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils

Description: Program promotes understanding of how to reduce NPS pollution through erosion and sedimentation (E&S) controls and how the reduction of erosion benefits watersheds.

Program Year: 08/09

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Watershed Awareness

Somerset County Conservation District Dave Kemp, Project Leader 6024 Glades Pike, Suite 103 Somerset, PA 15501 (814) 445-4652

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Media, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: Acid Mine Drainage, NPS Pollution Awareness, Watershed Summit & Tour

Description: Summit and Tour focuses on the Casselman River Watershed, historically impacted by severe point and nonpoint source mine drainage. Tour highlights restoration efforts and educates participants on actions they can continue to take.

Program Year: 08/09



Conservationist Newsletter

Venango County Conservation District Lisette Lane, Project Leader 471 Beach Rd. Franklin, PA 16323 (814) 676-2832

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: NPS Pollution Awareness

Description: Newsletter promotes understanding of the importance of conservation and the impact that conservation practices have on NPS pollution. Newsletter features actions to take.

Program Year: 08/09



Rain Barrel Education Project

Venango County Conservation District Lisette Lane, Project Leader 471 Beach Rd. Franklin, PA 16323 (814) 676-2832

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public

Educational Focus: NPS Pollution Awareness

Description: Workshops provide stormwater management education and cover the construction of rain barrels. Educational brochures will also be developed and distributed.

Program Year: 08/09



Conservation Tour

Warren County Conservation District Heather Wilcox, Project Leader 609 Rouse Ave. Youngsville, PA 16371 (814) 563-3117 Google Maps Page 10 of 11

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, Media, Watershed Groups, Local/State Agency Staff, General Public, Teachers

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness

Description: Tour educates area residents about agriculture and conservation, the prevention or control of NPS pollution, BMPs on area farms, and riparian restoration projects.

Program Year: 08/09



Rotational Grazing as Nutrient Management Tool

Warren County Conservation District Michael Wright, Project Leader 609 Rouse Ave. Youngsville, PA 16371 (814) 563-3117

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Farmers, Landowners, Media, Watershed Groups

Educational Focus: Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Watershed Awareness

Description: Tours cover rotational grazing as a nutrient management tool, and strategies for transitioning from a barn and concrete management system to a grass-based system. Focus is on reducing NPS pollution.

Program Year: 08/09



Contractor's Workshop

Wayne County Conservation District Jamie Roche, Project Leader 648 Park St. Honesdale, PA 18431 (570) 253-0930

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,125

Audience: Contractors, Local/State Agency Staff

Educational Focus: Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Stormwater, Wetlands

Description: Workshop addresses NPS Pollution through E&S education and stormwater

Program Year: 08/09



Loggers & Stone Harvesters Workshop

Wayne County Conservation District Jamie Roche, Project Leader 648 Park St. Honesdale, PA 18431 (570) 253-0930

Mini-grant Funds: \$1,275

Audience: Contractors, Local/State Agency Staff, Loggers/Stone Harvesters

Educational Focus: Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Wetlands

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Description: Workshop addresses NPS Pollution through E&S education, including the use of BMPs and issues relevant to Chapter 102 and 105 regulations.

Program Year: 08/09



We All Live Downstream: Conservation Tour of Sewickley Creek Watershed
Westmoreland County Conservation District
Mimi Thomas-Brooker, Project Leader
218 Donohoe Rd.
Greensburg, PA 15601
(724) 837-5271

Mini-grant Funds: \$2,000

Audience: Homeowners, Landowners, Government Officials, General Public

Educational Focus: Acid Mine Drainage, Agricultural Impacts, Erosion & Sedimentation, NPS Pollution Awareness, Soils, Stormwater, Watershed Awareness, Wetlands, Timber Harvesting

Description: Tour includes sites were BMPs are being used to improve the quality of the Sewickley Creek watershed. Relevant NPS education will be provided at each site.

Program Year: 08/09