

Adams County Conservation District Office Showcases BMPs at Work



Adams County Conservation District owns the Agricultural and Natural Resources Center. The building, which was constructed in 2000, is home not only to the Adams County Conservation District but currently also to the County's Agricultural Land Preservation and Environmental Services Offices which have recently become part of the Office of Planning and Development, Penn State Cooperative Extension, United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Land Conservancy of Adams County. The building is also available to groups such as 4-H clubs and other nonprofits who wish to utilize one of three meeting rooms available on the lower level.

In describing the building, District Manager Larry Martick noted "When we began the discussion of creating this building back in 1996, it was important for us to develop a building that would allow us to house all of the agricultural and conservation groups under one roof. This would allow for greater accessibility and efficiency for members of the public in addressing their agricultural and natural resources needs."

The building also has various Best Management Practices (BMPs) in place including (but not limited to) a stabilized stream crossing, a bio-retention stormwater pond, a 11.2 Kw solar photovoltaic system (pictured), pervious pavers and rain gardens.

With the building of a new storage building, large containers were installed to collect rainfall coming off of the building. This water is being provided to the community gardeners to water their gardens and minimize the use of municipal water.



For more information about the Adams County Conservation District, visit <http://www.adamscounty.us/CountyOffices/Administrative/ConservationDistrict.aspx>.

