



# SNYDER COUNTY

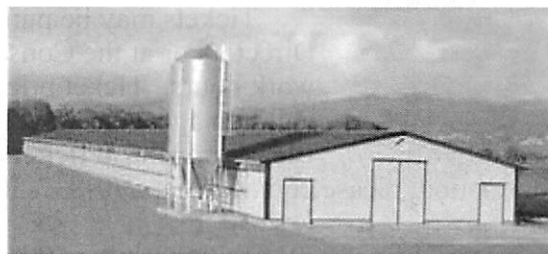
A Newsletter from the  
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## Spring Construction Projects May Require Plans or Permits

As the weather breaks, it is time for new construction projects. Are you building a new house? Perhaps you are expanding your farming operation with a new barn or manure storage facility. Are you moving soil to expand a parking area for your store or business? Any of these activities may require a permit or an approved plan.

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) is here to help you through this process. Any project involving 5000 sq. ft. of earth disturbance requires an erosion and sediment plan to be utilized and available onsite. There are times when this plan may need to be submitted to the SCCD for review.



When the earth disturbance reaches 1 acre or more, an NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit is required and must be submitted for review and approval through the SCCD.

Your local municipality may have further regulations that could affect your project. For more information or assistance, please contact Tim Hornberger at (570) 837-3000 ext. 113 or by email at [thornberger@ptd.net](mailto:thornberger@ptd.net) ■

## PA Farmers Can Report Their Efforts to Clean Chesapeake Bay



Pennsylvania's farmers deserve credit for the work they do to ensure clean water and healthy soil. **Yet many of the conservation practices that many farmers have implemented have not been counted for tracking purposes toward anticipated Chesapeake Bay water quality improvements.** This is mostly true with practices not receiving financial and/or technical assistance from conservation districts, USDA-NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) or other agencies.

**In order to give farmers the proper credit, various groups such as PA Farm Bureau, PA Association of Sustainable Agriculture and PA Farmers Union are asking farmers to complete a survey on the good work they have done on their operations.** A letter from the Penn

State's Survey Research Center has been mailed out to farmers asking them to complete the survey online. Paper surveys will be mailed to farmers who do not complete the survey. The survey will ask farmers to describe what BMPs they installed on their farms. This information will show EPA as well as other government agencies and non-government organizations the good that the agricultural community has accomplished to improve water quality.

*Note: Much of the information for this article has come from Penn State's Survey Research Center. ■*

## Annual Banquet Coming: March 18

The Snyder County Conservation District will host its annual awards banquet on Friday, March 18, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road near Selinsgrove. Traditionally, many individuals, organizations and FFA members are honored for their efforts toward conservation.



This year's guest speaker will be Chad Eyler of the PA Game Commission. He will give a presentation about the history of the state wildlife conservation agency.

Tickets may be purchased from Conservation District Directors and Associate Directors or at the Conservation District office during regular work hours. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults are \$15.00, children ages 6 to 12 are \$8.00 and children under 6 are free.

**Please purchase tickets by Friday, March 4.** For more information, please contact us at 570-837-3000, extension 110 or [sccd@ptd.net](mailto:sccd@ptd.net).

Note: The year 2016 will mark the 60th anniversary of the Snyder County Conservation District's formation in 1956. ■



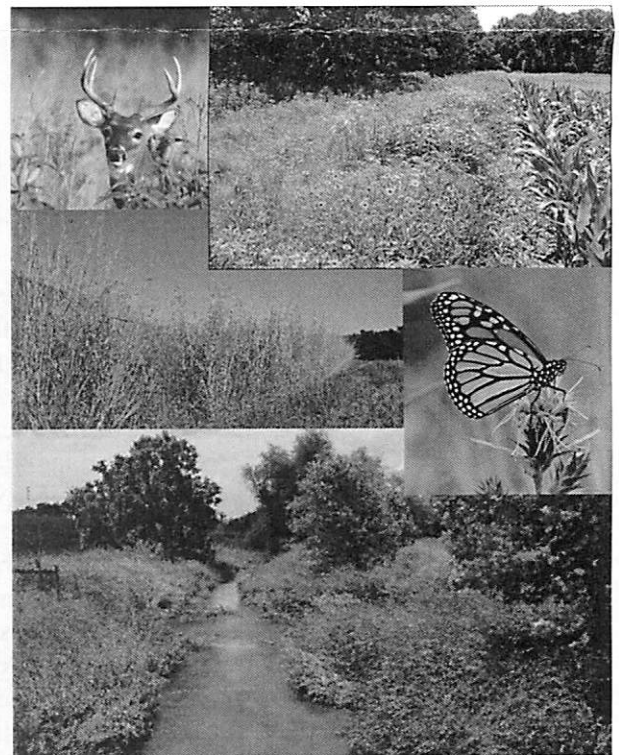
## CREP Open House for Current & Potential Landowners: March 18

A **CREP Open House** is planned for the general public at Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 Route 104, Middleburg on Wednesday, March 3, 2015. Representatives from various agencies and non-government organizations will be present to answer questions and give presentation about how CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program):

- a.) Works with farmland operators and landowners in offering financial incentives,
- b.) Installation and maintenance hints for stream buffers and grass plantings,
- c.) Creates environmental benefits toward water quality and wildlife.

Open House Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stay tuned for further details or contact the Snyder County Conservation District's (SCCD) Barry Spangler (570-837-3000, extension 118). This open house is a joint effort between SCCD, PA Association of Conservation Districts' Inc., Pheasants Forever and USDA.

*Note: Financial and other support for the CREP Outreach Program Office Mini-grant Program is provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. through a Growing Greener Watershed Protection grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and with additional support from USDA-NRCS. ■*



## Manure Management Workshop for Farmers, Livestock & Horse Owners



The Snyder County Conservation District will hold a workshop to aid farmers and livestock/equine owners/boarders in writing their own manure management plans (MMPs).

This workshop will be held on Tuesday March 22, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Conservation District office. Participants will leave the workshop with knowledge and information to complete a MMP that meets current environmental regulations required by PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). MMPs are now required by any person who raises or boards animals, produces or receives animal manure, regardless of animal type (equine, poultry, livestock, exotic, etc.) or number.

Please register by calling Barry Spangler, SCCD Ag. Conservation Technician, at 570-837-3000, extension 118.

*Note: Financial support for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant, the Clean Water Fund and the Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program (CBRAP). ■*

## Future Farm Mapping Workshop in April

The Snyder County Conservation District is holding two workshops at its office on Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 18, to aid farmers and livestock/equine owners/boarders in creating maps for their manure management plans (MMPs) and writing their own agricultural erosion & sedimentation plans (Ag. E&S plans). Participants will learn how to use PaOneStop, a web based mapping program developed by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.



Both sessions start at 6:30 p.m. The April 4 meeting will explain the mapping process while the April 18 session will explain Ag. E&S planning. Between sessions, participants can work on maps for their farms. Interested people are asked to register and attend both sessions. Please register by contacting Barry Spangler, SCCD Ag. Conservation Technician, at 570-837-3000, extension 118.

*See Note from previous article. ■*

## Funding is Available Now for Road Projects

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) currently has funds available to help townships, boroughs and agencies with road projects in environmentally sensitive areas. This funding is made available through the State Conservation Commission (SCC) and Penn State Center for Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Roads.

The Dirt and Gravel Roads program was established in 1998 to fund safe, efficient and environmentally sound maintenance of dirt and gravel roads. In 2013, the program expanded to also focus on our paved low-volume roads (under 500 cars/day). Our current funding available for 2016 is over \$200,000 to be administered within Snyder County.



If you have a road or stream crossing that you feel should be considered, please contact your local supervisors who own the road and encourage them to look into the program. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Craig Bingman or Tim Hornberger at (570) 837-3000. ■



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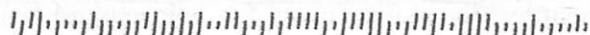
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## Conservation District Holds Annual Tree Sale

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) is holding its annual tree, seed, and plant sale in 2016. **An order form has been added to this newsletter for your convenience.**

The SCCD will be accepting orders, with payment, **by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016.** People can pick up their orders at our office, 10541 Route 522, Middleburg, **ONLY on Thursday, April 14 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. OR Friday, April 15 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**



We are offering the following: Black Hills White Spruce, Norway Spruce, Red Oak, Honey Crisp Apple, Sandra Rose Cherry, Johnboy Peach, Duke Blueberry, Southern Magnolia, Burning Bush, Paw Paw, and Hibiscus. Seeds include Ginseng, Peanut, Wildflower and Gourd. We are trying something different this year: Horseradish roots and Hops rhizomes.

Also, we will be selling Sunflower seeds (bird food), bluebird boxes, tree planting bars, rain barrels, tree tubes and soil test kits. ■