



Cambria County 2020 Conservation District

Annual Report

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MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

As I reflect back, like everyone else, I can sum up 2020 by simply saying "Covid 19 pandemic". Other words that come to mind include: adapt, adjust, efficient, flexible, improvise, resourceful, resilient, reschedule and versatile. Other words and phrases such as COOP, zoom, skype, teams, remote work, virtual meetings, and social distancing have become common vocabulary. To say that it was a unique year is an understatement.

However, due to nature of conservation districts we were able to overcome this challenge and continue our mission. The District still held a tree sale, completed stream improvement projects, completed Dirt Gravel and Low Volume road projects, held recycling events, reviewed plans, issued permits and even updated the strategic plan.

As always, the District's approach to this challenge was to ask "How can we?" and look for the opportunities. Several opportunities included:

- The update of our Continuity of Operation Plan (COOP) which hadn't been reviewed or updated in years.
- Updating computer hardware to allow for remote work when necessary.
- Learning how to participate and host virtual meetings effectively.
- Increasing participation in trainings and other organization meetings due to the ability to participate through a virtual platform.

Support from the Board of Directors and County Commissioners was tremendous throughout the year. As gathering restrictions were imposed, the board quickly pivoted to virtual planning meetings in the middle of our strategic plan update to ensure that we stayed on track. Thanks to the County Commissioners, we received all necessary PPE through the county Emergency Management Agency. The County maintenance staff was vigilant in cleaning and disinfecting the office and providing disinfection supplies for our vehicles and education center. The Commissioners also provided the District with CARES Act funding to upgrade computer hardware to allow for remote work. This support allowed the District staff to perform their duties effectively throughout the year.

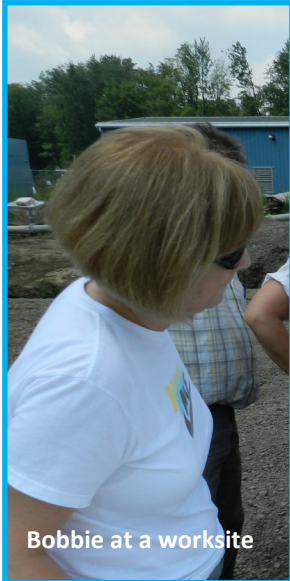
As you will see in the following pages, we were able to maintain the services expected of the District and continue our mission of local resource conservation. I hope you enjoy reading about our 2020 accomplishments and have a safe and better 2021.

Sincerely,

John

STAFF

Retired Staff- Bobbie Blazosky



We are at once delighted and disheartened to announce the retirement of Bobbie Blazosky. Bobbie was a tremendous asset to the district's Erosion and Sediment Control Program for 20 years.

She will be greatly missed by the board and staff. Her willingness to put in the extra time and effort to train the new E&S Program staff demonstrated a commitment to conservation that we have come to depend upon. In addition to her incredible competence and skill, she has been a friend to all with her thoughtfulness and encouragement. We wish her a long and happy retirement and many adventures with her grandchildren.

New Staff- Shannon Pierce

Shannon Pierce, our new Program Specialist, started her position in August of 2020. She had served as an AmeriCorps member from August 2018 through August 2020, and was given the wonderful opportunity to become a full time staff member at the end of her second service term. Shannon graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography and minor of Biology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2017, and also holds a certificate in Homeland Security. Her position at the District is to assist in the implementation of all programs, including the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program, Agricultural Land Preservation Program, map making, education, outreach, drone flying and planning operations, and any other duties as assigned.

Through working with the District over the past two years, Shannon has become familiar with District operations and made a smooth transition into her full time position. She looks forward to being an important team member of the Cambria County Conservation District and is excited to help further the accomplishments of Cambria County.

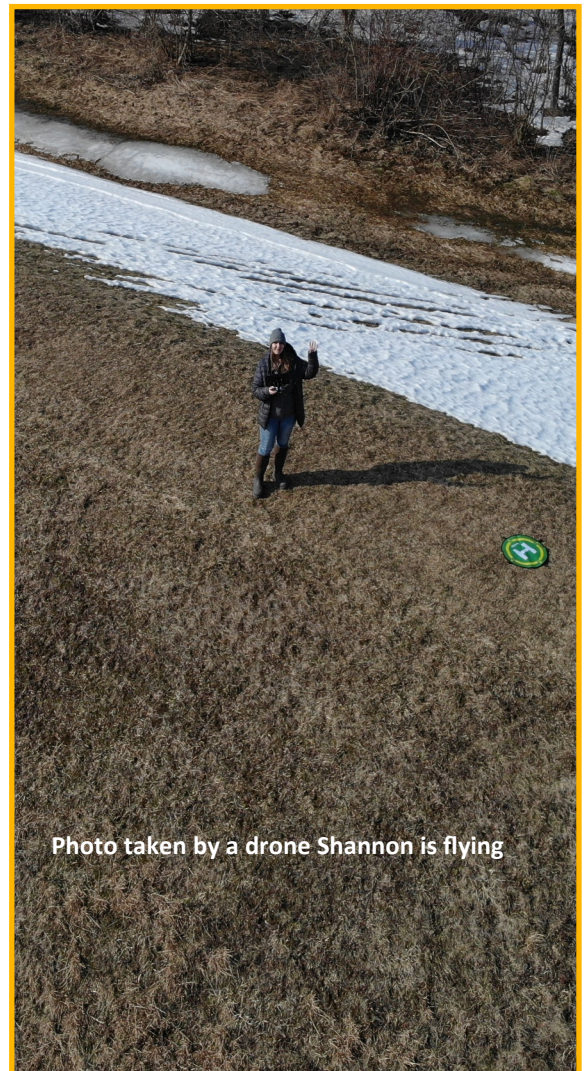


Photo taken by a drone Shannon is flying

SUMMER INTERN & AMERICORPS

Bailey and Alexis

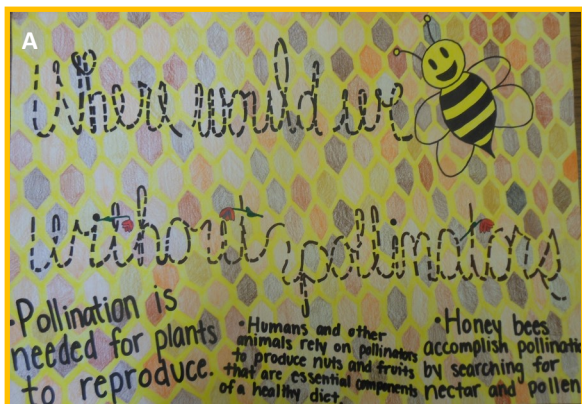


Bailey Hildebrand, a student from the Environmental Science program at St. Francis University completed an abbreviated internship with the district during the summer of 2020. Bailey worked on developing some invasive species information and materials as part of the district's new initiative to tackle invasive species in Cambria County. She also helped out on some of our stream bank projects that were completed during the summer.



In August of 2020, Alexis Robison joined the district team as our new Ameri-Corps member. Alexis jumped right in and helped with the appliance and tire cleanups and stream bank stabilization projects that were completed in the fall. Alexis also accompanied staff on several drone missions throughout her time with the District!

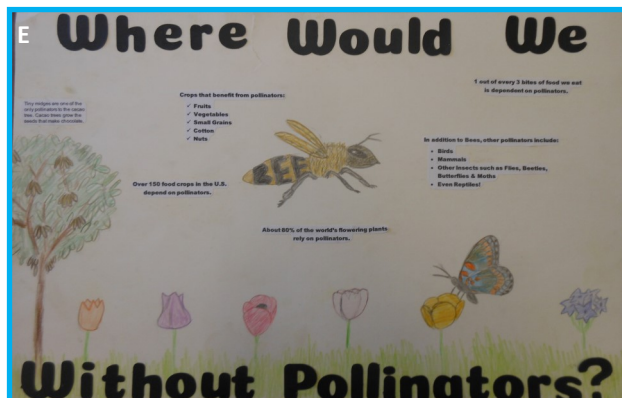
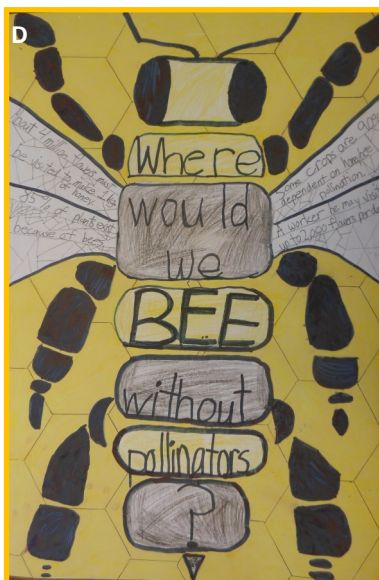
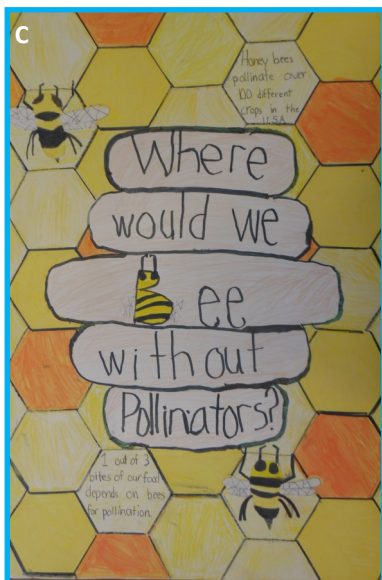
2020 POSTER CONTEST FIRST PLACE WINNERS



Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?



- A Madeline Cecere, 10-12
- B Evelyn Warner, 7-9
- C Grant Wharton, K-1
- D Brock Wharton, 2-3
- E Keita DeRosa, 4-6



EDUCATION EVENTS



While most education events were halted this year, the District was able to attend some earlier in the year. In March of 2020 two staff members traveled to the Bottle Works Ethnic Art Center in Johnstown to present at their annual 'Nature Works' exhibit. Several other nature related agencies and groups gathered for the event from 10:00-2:00. Small groups, mostly families, rotated through exhibits at their own pace, stopping and talking in depth with presenters. The District presented several of the animals we have at our Education Center, Disaster's Edge. Some of the animals staff had taken to the event included a ball python, a water turtle, a box turtle, a blue tongue skink, and several cockroaches. Several photos and information sheets were set up on display for passersby to enjoy. The many reptiles brought by the District are always a big hit!

Another education opportunity the District was able to participate in this year, was an outdoor preschool education event. Staff members traveled to Nathan's Divide Watershed Education Center, and presented outdoor lessons to pre-school aged children. One lesson centered on fish and their way of life, after the lesson children were able to make their very own fish prints to take home with them! While these were short lessons, the District really enjoyed being able to teach while surrounded by nature and inspire these children to love the outdoors!



The District was also able to host a handful of socially distant kayaking events. The events were held at Wilmore Dam with boy scout groups and church groups. While we were able to hold less kayaking events in 2020 than most other years, we are happy to have been able to get some time on the water!

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Another annual Legislative Breakfast is in the books for the Cambria County Conservation District. The breakfast was held at the Crystal Hall in Ebensburg, which is a large enough venue for us to adhere to social distancing, starting at 8:30 am, and featured breakfast foods for all guests. Legislators, partners, and various local organization representatives from around the area were invited to join together to share in some of the accomplishments the District has made over the last year. While the gathering was much smaller than years past, we were still able to hold our annual event with fewer people. As in years past, a presentation was given to guests showcasing an aspect of District happenings. This year's presentation titled, "Getting Things Done in 2020" presented by District Manager John Dryzal, gave guests the opportunity to view some of the projects and events we were still able to accomplish in 2020. During breakfast, a video was shown of several of the preserved farms within Cambria County. The video was shown in celebration of the 20th year of Cambria County's participation in the Agriculture Land Preservation Program. Footage for the video was shot by a drone, courtesy of the Cambria County Drone Team. The half hour long video was comprised of 8 farms flown this summer, with hopes of flying the remaining farms in the program in the coming months.

Each audience member also received a program highlighting some of the year's past happenings. From education to Dirt and Gravel Road projects, erosion and sedimentation permits to agriculture plans, the audience was able to see a snapshot of the year to date District accomplishments. District staff looks forward to putting together a new presentation for next year's Legislative Breakfast!



KEEP CAMBRIA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

Keep Cambria County Beautiful, in agreement with participating municipalities, held four Appliance and Tire Collections this year. These fall collections were held in Croyle Township, Tunnelhill Borough, Summerhill Township, and Stonycreek Township.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, several of our usual collection locations were canceled or moved from spring to fall. Although there were new conditions in which to hold the collection, everything went smooth and all requirements were easily adhered to. At these collections, people were able to bring appliances such as refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, etc. for a small cost. Appliances containing Freon cost \$6.00, while non-Freon containing appliances are free. Off rim tires cost \$1.00, on-rim tires cost \$2.00, and tires that are four feet tall and/or wider than 14 inches cost \$15.00. Despite challenging times, we were able to collect 265 appliances and 5,692 tires!



5,692 TIRES
COLLECTED

265 APPLIANCES
COLLECTED

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

2020 saw the Districts first ever electronics recycling event! The District gathered various electronics, including laptops, monitors, towers, computer accessories and numerous cords. Once the electronics were collected, staff organized them by type and palletted them. Stacking the electronics on to a pallet turned out to be a very large puzzle, as certain things had to be put in certain places. Once all items were stacked, they were wrapped in both bubble wrap and shrink wrap to insure their safety. The pallets were then picked up by a company in New Jersey and all parts were recycled. The 2020 collection was held at a small local scale in order to gauge the outcome. Following the event, it was decided that it was such a success that we would give it another go in 2021!



2020 TREE AND PLANT SALE



The 2020 Tree and Plant Sale distribution took place on Thursday May 14, 2020. Each year, this fundraising event yields profit that is used to further education efforts and conservation projects within the District. We focus our stock towards natives, fruit trees, ground cover, beautiful assortments of flowers, a few vegetable, various wildlife boxes, as well as tree stakes and tubes.

District staff gathered at the Cambria County Fairgrounds the second week of May to sort and label the stock. They then spent the day packing customer orders. This year, was spent a little differently, as we had to push back the pick up date by over a month.

2020 was a year like no other, but we made it work. We were still able to hold our annual sale, and were able to do it all safely. While it was an unusual year, it was successful yet again selling 7,371 trees and plants, and raising \$6,315!

Thank you to all of our supporters!

Some of the stock offered in 2020



AMBROSIA APPLE



HEDELINGEN CHERRY



CONTENDER PEACH



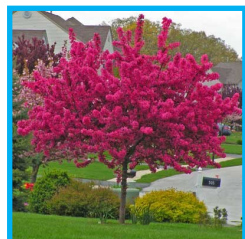
STANLEY PLUM



AC HARROW PEAR



RED SUNSET MAPLE



INDIANA SUMMER



DOUGLAS FIR



YELLOW TWIG DOGWOOD



CRIMSON RED RHUBARB



ARIZON SUN BLANKET



GALLERY YELLOW LUPINE



CREeping PHLOX



ADOBE ORANGE CONEFLOWER



BLUEBIRD BOX

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION PROGRAM

PA-DEP CHAPTER 92, 102, AND 105 PROGRAMS

Chapter 92, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program

17 NPDES General Permits reviewed and approved.

2 NPDES Individual Permits reviewed and approved.

1 ESCGP Permit reviewed and approved.

Collected \$13,000 in permit fees for the processing of new NPDES applications.

Collected \$87,700 in E&S review fees for new NPDES applications.

CHAPTER 102 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PROGRAM

49 plans with initial review and comments completed.

The plan review fee schedule brought **\$24,375** into the County.

9 complaints were acknowledged and resolved during the year.



CHAPTER 105, DAM SAFETY AND WATERWAY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

30 general permits were reviewed and acknowledged, 27 of which were e-permits

\$7,075 in permit fees was collected.

15 complaints received and resolved concerning various aspects of the program.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT/NO TILL DRILL PROGRAM

AG CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Assisted **6** farmers with Manure Management Plans

50 Chesapeake Bay Farm Inspections

Nutrient & Manure Management

Complaints handled– **6**

Outreach: **15** people



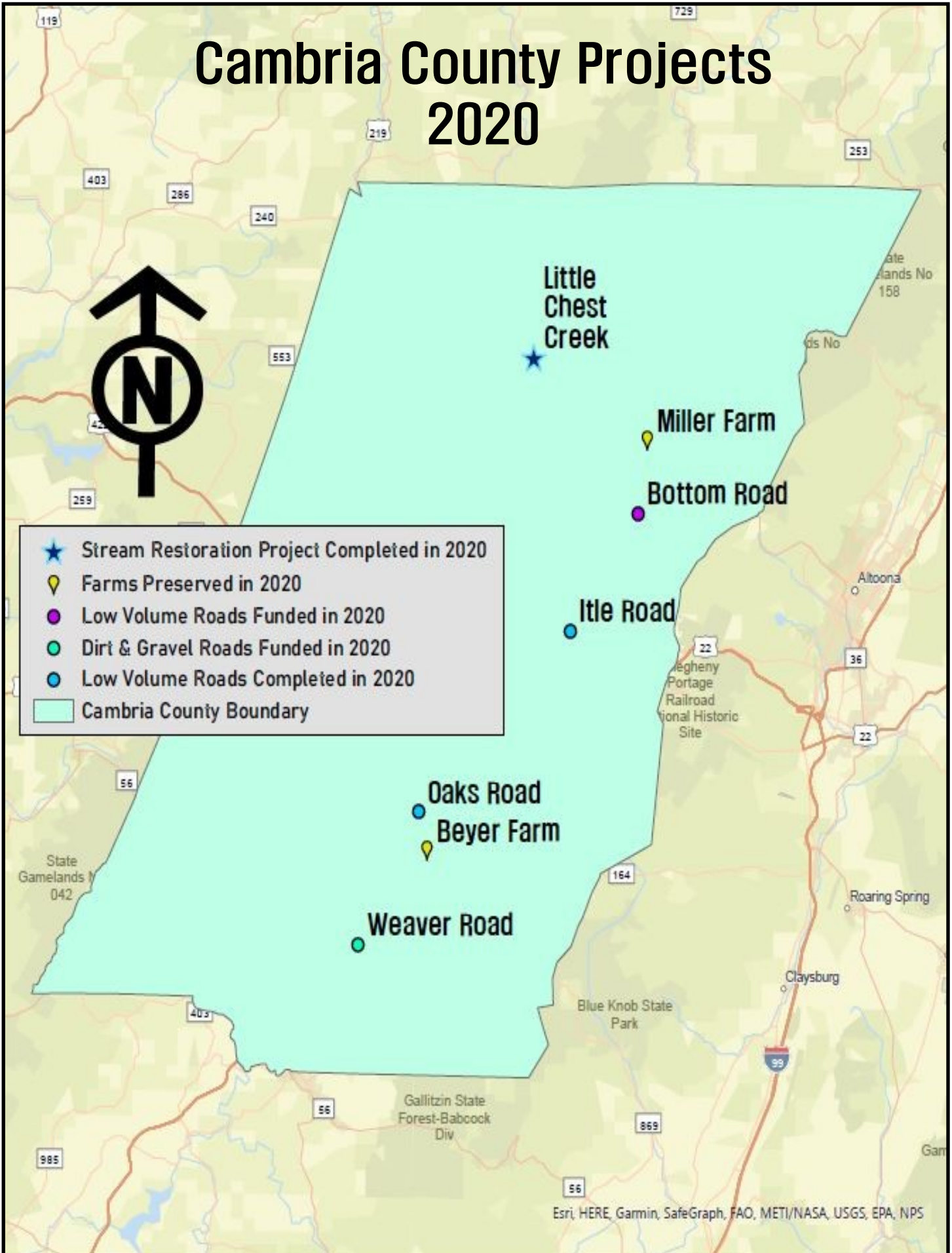
NO TILL DRILL PROGRAM

Total Acres: **692**

Uses: Hay, Small Grains, Soybeans, Food Plots, Cover Crops, and Pasture.



Cambria County Projects 2020



STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS

Little Chest Creek

Although Little Chest Creek has no listed impairment, observations at the project site clearly show eroding streambanks as well as encroachment from the urban setting such as stone and concrete walls, backyard sheds, garages, fences, which in return has channelized the stream overtime. To protect the banks from eroding and offset the channelization and habitat alteration the project will re-create a low flow meandering channel on a 1000 feet of stream utilizing fish habitat devices that will be installed into the streambank. These devices will include log framed cross vanes, modified mud sills with root wads, log framed deflectors, and single log deflectors which in return will reduce the sediment loading into Little Chest Creek. The PA Fish & Boat Commission Stream Habitat Division has designed the use of fish habitat devices for the low flow channel/streambank stabilization which includes 22 devices. These are log framed cross vanes, modified mud sills with root wads, log framed deflectors, and single log deflectors which in return will reduce the sediment loading into Little Chest Creek.



DIRT & GRAVEL ROADS- COMPLETED 2020

Harvey Dickie Road- Summerhill Township

Harvey Dickie Road in Summerhill Township was completed in the summer of 2020. Grannas Brothers Stone & Asphalt Company Incorporation won the bid for laying 730 tons of Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA) to finish off this dirt & gravel road. Drainage on this road was previously completed in 2018. By waiting up to two years, we allowed the road to go through freeze/thaw periods and heavy rainstorms to make sure the drainage we completed works, is enough, and allows the road to settle. We are then confident that the road is ready for a surface and will need minimal maintenance. It was a blue sky, sunny day in July when we laid the DSA. With this being a dead end road, and needing to give the DSA enough time to dry, closing down the road was necessary as it normally is. Thankfully, the day was so nice and warm with a small breeze that closing down the road for one day was all it needed. Giving notification to the landowners of this process with enough time is always a good idea so they are aware of the upcoming road closure. The Township came back a few days later to roll the road one last time for final shape. The project total payout in the end was \$25,251.80. This paid for Grannas Brothers to provide the DSA and lay it with their equipment, and for the Township to do the required work during the drying time.



Grannas Brothers laying the DSA.



DSA final product

Before—pot hole at outlet of pipe in road surface



After—driveway pipe, headwalls & endwalls, 2A to build up road base



Grozanick Road- Chest Township

Grozanick Road in Chest Township was a lengthy drainage project that was 1.8 miles long. This road paralleled Beaverdam Run which drains into Glendale Lake. Even though this is a Township road, it mainly borders State Game Lands. It is important to keep this road in good traveling conditions because of the type of travel that is occurring on it. A lot of the cross pipes were old galvanized pipes that were rusting away. We replaced all of the old pipes and put in additional new pipes where needed, totaling 21 pipes. Each pipe received new headwalls and endwalls that were back filled with fist size riprap and large boulder size stone faround the ends of the pipe. We also constructed a 320 square foot french mattress to drain a spring that popped up on one side of the road. This wet spot was constantly saturating the base and ditch line. To start building up the road base we also placed 1,057 tons of 2A. All of this work was completed by Feighner Trucking and Excavating. The project grand total paid by the Conservation District was \$70,990.79 for materials, equipment and labor. The Township paid in-kind \$3,875.00 for use of their equipment to load trucks from stockpile sites and their labor. This project is not completely finished, more base needs to be added and then a surface after this road sits for a year to make sure all drainage is fixed!

LOW VOLUME ROADS- COMPLETED 2020

Oaks Road- Cryole Township

Oaks Road in Cryole Township drains to Lick Run. The Township has a bridge on Lick Run that they have procured funding through another grant program to replace. The Township's ultimate goal is to repave the entire road so additional upgrades to drainage was necessary. A lot of drainage problems were coming from farm fields or driveways. Luckily most of these areas had direct points where the water was running to so a simple fix of cross pipes was all that was really needed. The Dirt & Gravel road program paid \$13,086.40 to do these upgrades. The upgrades included replacing 8 existing cross pipes and adding 1 additional cross pipe to the 6,643 feet long worksite. We also regraded 100 foot of ditch line and stabilized it with fist size riprap. The Township completed all of this work themselves adding an additional \$15,460.78 of in-kind for their labor, equipment and some material they had stock piled. Once the bridge is completed and we know that all of the drainage is fixed, the Township can then spend the money to repave this road and not have to fix anything for quite awhile! Although this was a small project, it was still a very good project with high benefit to the stream water quality which is exactly what our program is looking for! You never know when we may have a little pot of money leftover to complete little projects like this! It is always good to apply for anything, no matter how big or small it is!



Before—road surface cracking



After—Headwall with R4

Itle Road- Munster Township

Itle Road in Munster Township had one cross pipe on a steep grade that drained into the bordering farm's ground where they store a lot of their feed. A family member of the farm went to a Township meeting to see if they could come to an agreement to reduce the amount of water being released behind their bunkers by completing some work on the road. This was necessary for the farm because they were expanding and completing work in the area that road drained to. The Township agreed and came to the District for assistance. This project included adding 3 new inlet boxes, 665 feet of 8" underdrain, 775 feet of constructed parabola swale with fist size riprap to stabilize it, 1 new 18" cross pipe, 1 new 15" driveway pipe, and replacement of 1 existing 15" cross pipe. All pipes were either connected to the inlet boxes or received concrete prefabricated headwalls and endwalls. The underdrain was unique with this project because the geofabric went around the pipe instead of the whole excavated area. We will keep a close eye on this to see if it works as well or not! By completing all of this drainage work, this reduced the amount of water significantly to the one existing cross pipe and put the water at the bottom of the road into an existing drainage swale. This swale then drained to a Tributary of Clearfield Creek. Storm Excavating completed all of this work in one week. For the contractor's equipment and labor and for the Township to supply the material, the District paid \$50,142.24. The project came in several thousand dollars under budget so the District was able to pay for the entire project.

Before—Saturated ditches



During construction—underdrain with geofabric



After—concrete headwall, parabola shape swale



FUNDED DIRT & GRAVEL ROADS IN 2020

Weaver Road– Adams Township

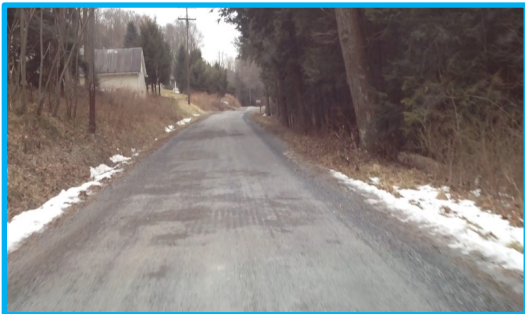
Weaver Road in Adams Township drains to the headwaters of Sandy Run. The water quality of this stream is very good so we want to be able to do all that we can to keep it that way. Weaver Road is a steep grade with a U-shape with Sandy Run at the lowest point. The Township has already completed a lot of drainage work on one side of Weaver Road so our project site will be from Cider Press Road intersection with Weaver Road down to Sandy Run, approximately 3,000 feet long. This section of road is very sunken and has little to no place for water to get off of it. It is graded down to hard base material that needs a jackhammer to get through for the most part. Our work plan for Weaver Road is to add several 18" cross pipes with headwalls and endwalls, construct riprap aprons at the end of pipes and when turnouts can be achieved for stabilization, and fill the road as much as we can to achieve sheet flow wherever possible. Because of our economy and the way prices have been changing, we will have to see how far we can get with this original contract and possibly multi-phase this project to add more fill, top it with 2A and then possibly DSA. Weaver Road contract was signed in November of 2020 and has until November 1st, 2021 to be completed. The contract is worth \$65,496.20. The Township plans to complete the work themselves.



FUNDED LOW VOLUME ROADS IN 2020



Cross pipe failing. Water out on road turning into ice.



Road cracking, cross pipes will be added and/or replaced

Bottom Road– Allegheny Township

Bottom Road in Allegheny Township parallels Beaver Dam Run for the entire length of the road. Our worksite is 10,075 feet long and will be a multiple phase project. In this original phase, the Township signed a contract in January for \$116,860.08, which is the whole Low Volume Road budget for the year. With the original application amount requested of \$267,928.00, this will get us almost half way to completing the drainage on this road. Bottom Road functionality is very poor right now. It has several wet spots, running water in the ditches, road base that is non-existent. The Township has a constant struggle to maintain this road from losing their tar and chip from wet spots, in winter time ice spots because of water on the road, etc. Although this road is going to be hard to get it to 100% fixed because of the stream paralleling so close to it, with the stream constantly moving back and forth, we are going to do our best to fix it as much as we can. This contract is going to be replacing and adding new cross pipes with headwalls and endwalls, a French mattress, underdrain, and begin the permit process for the stream crossings on this road. This road has 9 tributaries that run under Bottom Road into Beaver Dam Run. The work is going to be completed by a contractor but the Township is supplying the materials. The Township and contractor has until December 31st, 2021 to complete all the work under this contract. Once this contract is complete, the Township will apply in the next funding round available for the next phase of the project which will include any drainage that was not completed with this contract as well replacing the stream crossings.

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION



Patricia Miller Farm

Clearfield Township
128.38 acres
Preserved February 20, 2020



As of December 2020

3,154.8 acres

In Cambria County have
been preserved

Cambria County celebrated **20**
years of Agricultural Land
Preservation in **2020**



Justin Beyer Farm

Croyle Township
9 acres
Preserved September 18, 2020

This nine acres of land was donated by
Justin Beyer to the Agricultural Land
Preservation Program



DATA LOGGERS

10 dataloggers located in North Fork Bens Creek, Riffle Run, Dalton Run, Allwine Run, Saltlick Run, Laurel Run, North Witmer Run, Slatelick Run, Trout Run, and Bens Creek; 385,440 readings per year; 35,040 reading per year per datalogger

Greater Johnstown Water Authority (purchased three dataloggers):

Allwine Creek: Installed on 8/25/2011. 327,677 readings as of 12/31/2020. No significant changes in water quality during 2020.

North Fork Bens Creek: Installed 8/25/2011. 327,654 readings as of 12/31/2020. All readings have been relatively consistent during 2020.

Saltlick Run: Installed 8/25/2011. 327,654 readings as of 12/31/2020. All readings have been relatively consistent during 2020.

Dalton Run: Installed 6/30/2014. 227,904 readings as of 12/31/2020. All readings have been relatively consistent during 2020.

Riffle Run: Installed 9/16/2014. 220,512 readings as of 12/31/2020. All readings have been relatively consistent during 2020.



CCCD—Dataloggers purchased by the County:

Slatelick Run: Installed 4/26/2011. 339,900 readings as of 12/31/20. This is the site for Chevron Appalachia's Smithmyer well. This well has had the vertical and horizontal drilling done, but the fracking hasn't begun. There has been no significant change in water quality at this site during 2020.

Portage Municipal Authority (purchased two dataloggers):

Bens Creek/Earnest Run: Installed on March 20, 2014. 237,696 readings as of 12/31/20. All readings have been relatively consistent during 2020.

Trout Run: Installed on March 20, 2014. 237,696 readings as of 12/31/20. All readings have been relatively consistent during 2020.

Clearfield Creek Watershed Association (purchased one datalogger):

North Witmer Run: Installed on 1/6/12. This datalogger is located just above the Glendale Sportsman's Cooperative Trout Nursery. 314,880 readings as of 12/31/20. All readings have been relatively consistent during 2020.



Trout Unlimited (donated two dataloggers):

Laurel Run: Installed 7/28/2011. 336,196 readings as of 12/31/20. All readings have been relatively consistent during 2020.



WATERSHED NEWS

160 Big Bear Lane, Ashville, PA 16613

DECEMBER 2020

ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 2020

- Completed 2 trash cleanups on Rte. 53, Dean to Syberton (9 miles), our 18th year of this project.
- Initiated two stream cleanups of Clearfield Creek from Dean to Ashville (5 miles).
- Continued to clean up our new section of highway, Route 36- 2 miles, Buckhorn towards Ashville.
- **Note:** CCWA is one of the very few groups that cleans up 11 miles of roadway and 5 miles of stream.
- Organized our annual Fishing Derby for kids, canceled due to virus. Funds raised put aside for 2021.
- Maintained a membership of 115 members for 2020. Continued a junior membership category-\$1.00 fee.
- Continued quarterly sampling and inspection of the Klondike and Swank treatment systems. Treatment is good.
- Inspected and sampled the W. Ferris and Gibson treatment systems quarterly, conducted needed maintenance. Outflows are well treated.
- Sampled Little Laurel Run quarterly; the 7 treatment systems remove about 80% of the acid and metals.
- Continued experiments on new iron removal methods with Ecoislands Inc. at the Klondike.
- Assisted the statewide Snapshot program evaluating volunteer watershed associations by sampling at 21 sites.
- Received a \$50,350.00 grant from the State for the Sand Springs treatment system near Rte. 36.
- Received a grant of \$1,650.00 from Dominion Gas Co. for water testing.
- Continued studies of the Brubaker watershed leading to plans for treatment of this severe problem.
- Negotiated with the landowner for development of the Ferris Wheel System 4 treatment system.
- Inspected, sampled and flushed the Ace Drilling site quarterly under contract with the DEP Office, Ebensburg.
- Maintained data loggers testing water quality on Witmer Run and Slatelick Run for gas well contaminants.
- Acquired a shed for centralized storage of association equipment and placed at a member's property.
- Used pumping to flush excess iron solids from the Klondike-1 system.
- Continued to sell chances for support of our Dam Cleanout Fund. Money is designated for future dam work.
- Continued our investment in an endowment fund, which will improve and protect the quality and beauty of the Clearfield Creek Watershed, with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.
- Updated our website (www.clearfieldcreekwatershed.org) and continue to receive newspaper coverage on activities and projects.

2021 AGENDA

Clearfield Creek Watershed Association is, once again, planning an aggressive agenda in 2021:

- Continue to monitor, test and maintain our treatment systems at WFW, Gibson-Halstock, Klondike, and Swank.
- Inspect and flush the Ace Drilling site quarterly.
- Design the Sand Springs System using the recent grant money received.
- Advance our projects to treat acid mine discharge, especially on Brubaker Run, improve the water quality of Clearfield Creek in both Cambria and Clearfield Counties and raise funds for educational purposes.
- Initiate construction of the final treatment system at W Ferris Wheel System number 4.

OFFICERS FOR 2021

President-Dan McMullen. Elections will be held for the President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and one at large Board position at the January, 2021 meeting. Art Rose continues to serve as the Tech Committee Chairman.

MEETINGS

CCWA meets at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at the Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office. **Note:** Our annual meeting is on January 19, 2021. All members are cordially invited to attend. We ask for your continued support of Clearfield Creek Watershed Association. CCWA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation.

CONSERVATION STAFF & DIRECTORS

County Staff

John S. Dryzal, *District Manager*

Mary Ellen Bard, *Administrative Assistant*

Mark A. Stockley, *Resource Conservation Supervisor*

Jacqueline Ritko, *Resource Conservation Supervisor*

Bryan Rabish, *Watershed Specialist*

District Staff

Anna Itle, *Resource Specialist*

T. Christopher Kerr, *Resource Specialist*

Kevin Brydon, *Agriculture Resource Specialist*

Bobbie Blososky, *Per Diem Resource Specialist*, retired
November 2020

Shannon Pierce, *Program Specialist*, hired August 2020

Directors

Dennis Beck, *Chairman*

Bob Davis, *Vice-Chairman*

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Commissioner Chernisky 2020 Board Meeting Perfect Attendance

Several staff members of the District met great milestones in the year 2020. Staff members present at the Legislative Breakfast held in October were recognized and thanked for their service through the years.

Mary Ellen Bard, *Administrative Assistant*, **40 years**

Jacqueline Ritko, *Resource Conservation Supervisor*, **25 years**

Bryan Rabish, *Watershed Specialist*, **20 years**

Bobbie Blososky, *Per Diem Resource Specialist*, **20 years**

Anna Itle, *Resource Specialist*, **5 years**



Ellie Bard, Bryan Rabish, Jackie Ritko

Thank you for all of your hard work!



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