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MISSION STATEMENT

To lead the citizens of Columbia County in sustainable use of our shared agricultural and natural resources through partnerships, education, and technical assistance, in order to assure the best quality of life for future generations.

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Photo: Stream structures and shrub/pollinator buffer for erosion control and fish habitat installed on East Branch Briar Creek, Berwick.

DISTRICT NEWS

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

2022 was a busy year, welcoming new staff to assist with workload. Numerous projects for Ag BMPs, streambank restoration/fish habitat, and dirt and gravel and low volume roads were completed. The CCCD also held many environmental education events, conferences, workshops, field days, and camps. Interns Autumn Gunn and Alec Hettinger helped with CAP Ag BMP verifications. John Esslinger came on board part-time in October to continue their verification work. Steven Wanner joined our team in August to train with Barry in preparation for Barry's retirement. Steven lives in Benton and worked as an environmental inspector for the past eight years, and two seasons at PADEP. John retired from Penn State Extension as an Extension Educator who specialized in fruit and vegetable production in March 2021. We are excited to have Steven and John on our team!

Thank you to our great staff who work everyday to improve water quality and protect natural resources, whether through their own programs, or as a team effort. Of course we could not do it without support from our Board of Directors, volunteers, and our partners at the local, county, state, and federal levels.

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO BARRY

After 46 years with the CCCD, Barry Travelpiece retired in December. His experience and working relationships with staff, landowners, contractors, consultants and agency partners to protect our natural resources through erosion control were incredible assets to the district. It has been a pleasure and an honor working with Barry over the years and he will be greatly missed.

Thank you to Barry for his dedication and service to conservation in Columbia County. We wish him all the best!



Happy Retirement Barry!
Photo: Barry Travelpiece working at one of many district plant and tree sale events.



Photo: CCCD staff in December. Left to right are Beth Gensemer, Aaron Eldred, Abby Sieg, Barry Travelpiece, Patrick McCarthy, Steven Wanner, and Nancy Corbin.

CCCD DIRECTOR DOUG BROWN WINS GOLDEN OWL AWARD

Doug Brown, Agricultural/Environmental Science Instructor and FFA Advisor at Central Columbia High School for 31 years, was awarded the PA State FFA 2022 Golden Owl Award in June. Nationwide Insurance, the PA Farm Bureau, and the PA FFA present the Golden Owl Award to a teacher as PA's Agricultural Educator of the Year.

Doug was nominated by parents of his FFA students and the Columbia County Farm Bureau. In addition to teaching and advising FFA, Doug is an assistant varsity football coach, head coach of the boys' track and field team, Athletic Hall of Fame Chairperson, In addition to Vice Chairman of the CCCD, he also serves as a director for Penn State District Extension. Congratulations on this honor, Doug!



Photo (L—R): Bob Perhacs, Regional VP Farm Bureau, Doug Brown, Mark Shultz, Columbia Co. Farm Bureau President, and Charlie Porter, Columbia Co. Farm Bureau State Rep.

DISTRICT YEAR-END RECAP

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2022 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **500 staff site visits** throughout Columbia County to assist landowners and farmers
- **\$740,000 of road projects** completed or contracted to reduce stream pollution for **11 municipalities**
- **1,000 acres** of cover crops planted with grant fund assistance to reduce nutrients and sediment in streams and improve soil health
- Assisted in the completion of **12 REAP applications** totaling over **\$305,000** in tax credits
- **2 Ag projects** for livestock barnyard/manure storage
- **26 stream permits** issued for responsible work in our streams; **14 NPDES permits** issued for **450+ project acres** with **225 acres** of disturbed land
- **7,800 linear ft** of streambank restored - 10 projects
- **1.5 acres** of wetlands restored
- **30+ education and outreach programs** reaching thousands; college scholarship
- **5,000 trees** planted via 10 Million Trees Program
- **100 acres** of buffers
- **2 new participants** in the Better Backyard Program to restore habitat and reduce stormwater impacts
- **50 sanitary well caps** distributed
- **10 Spotted Lanternfly traps** distributed

GRANTS RECEIVED

Bonneville Environmental Foundation
\$71,650 Litwhiler Stream Project

CAP Grants
\$388,000 Nutrient/Sediment Reduction
\$30,000 Ag BMP Verification
\$21,000 Coordination

DEP Environmental Education
\$3,000 Rainfall Simulators and Slake Tubes

PACD NPS Mini-Grant
\$2,000 Groundwater Model Purchase

DEP Growing Greener
\$245,000 Kinney Run Watershed

Northcentral PA Conservancy
\$46,000 Ulanoski Stream Structures
\$34,000 Rodriguez et. Al Stream Structures

Donations
\$7,875 Jaques Weber, CSWOA, The Table

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our staff, directors, volunteers and partners who collaborate on district projects for agriculture, streambank, buffer, and education projects to promote soil health and water quality.

DISTRICTS HOST NPDES/CH. 102 CONSULTANTS' WORKSHOP

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On December 7th, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union county conservation districts co-hosted the Susquehanna Valley Consultants Workshop at Pine Barn Inn in Danville. The workshop clarified frequently asked questions and addressed new concepts relating to chapter 102 NPDES permits. Presentation topics included Manage Release Concept, off-site discharge, Solar panel E&S and stormwater management, e-permitting, and NPDES permits. Professional development hour certificates were distributed.

- 68 Attendees
- 26 Firms
- 6 CDs
- 5 Speakers
- 4 Vendors
- 1 Successful Workshop!



Attendees listening to a presentation at the workshop.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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FIELD DAY AT CHAPIN FAMILY FARM

The district sponsored a soil health field day through a DEP Growing Greener Grant in August at the Chapin family farm in Mifflin township. Attendees viewed field demos on infiltration testing and aggregate stability as well as slug management in rolled cover crop fields. Rosetree Consulting gave a demonstration on enhanced soil and plant nutrition testing. Mark Rohrbach, Soil Bound, LLC, presented on tailoring cover crop mixtures for specific goals. The day wrapped up with a discussion of local farmers on their experiences with cover crops and planting green into live cover. Special thanks to the Chapin family for hosting the event on their farm.



Sec. Redding with the Zaginaylo family and district staff



Steve Chapin discusses rolling covers and slug control

AG CONFERENCE STATION ROTATIONS

The District Biennial Ag Conference at Pondeuce Farms in February incorporated a new format of demonstration stations. Rotating groups between stations in addition to presentations added an interactive component to help farmers identify and correct erosion concerns on their operations.



Patrick at the infiltration station rotation

AG PROJECTS CONTINUE

Several on-farm conservation projects were started or completed this year.

Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Grant Projects:

-Dairy calf barnyard at Briar Creek Twp. farm. We were honored to have PA Dept. of Ag Secretary Redding tour this project while he was in the county this summer.

-Two manure storage projects at Madison and Roaring Creek Township farms will be completed in early 2023.

-CAP BMP verification visits on more than 25 farms to show farmers' efforts to help reduce nutrient loading to the Chesapeake Bay.

Growing Greener Grant Projects:

-Wetland restoration at Hemlock Twp. farm to manage stormwater and promote wildlife habitat.

-Two cropland conversion projects in Benton and Catawissa Townships will be completed in 2023.

-Cover crop reimbursements continue and now include pollinators and planting green. Some acres of pollinators are still available as field borders or permanent cover where too steep or wet to farm.

AG LANDOWNER OPPORTUNITIES

- REAP tax credit
- Cover Crop reimbursement
- Spotted Lanternfly circle traps
- Loan equipment: Aerway or Crop Roller
- New ACAP funding for Ag BMP projects

ROAD PROJECTS SAVE TIME, MONEY, & PROTECT WATER RESOURCES!

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Purpose: Sediment and aggregate from rural roads have a large impact on our streams. The CCCD receives annual funding available to municipalities through the State Conservation Commission's (SCC) Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Program (DGLVR). Columbia County municipalities can apply for funding to help rehabilitate public roads that are negatively affecting our local streams!

Eligibility & Training: Projects must meet environmental requirements to be considered for funding. Projects must negatively impact a stream and reduce environmental impacts. Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) training is required, and permits, if needed, must be obtained. Training is required and available. See Page 11 for a training opportunity. Call the District to schedule a site visit and begin the application process!

Applications deadlines: April 15, July 15, September 15

Equipment Loan Program: Municipalities can use the district's scarifying grader blades or PTO Leaf Blower to help maintain their public roads.

2022 Contracted DGLVR Projects

Creekside Ln - Phase II, Beaver Twp (DG)
Campbell Rd, Cleveland Twp (DG)
Campbell Rd, Franklin Twp (DG)
Mourey Dr, Hemlock Twp (DG)
W. Maple Dr, Main Twp (DG)
Yost Hollow Rd, Briar Ck Twp (LV)
Mountain Rd, Catawissa Twp (LV)

2022 Completed DGLVR Projects

Heights Rd, Berwick Boro (DG)
Karns Rd, Benton Twp (DG)
Gas Well Rd, Cleveland Twp (DG)
Taylor Rd, Madison Twp (DG)
Belles Rd, Orange Twp (DG)
Jackson St, Montour Twp (LV)

2023 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT— HEIGHTS ROAD, BERWICK BOROUGH (DG)

Heights Road crosses the floodplain of Glen Brook, a wild trout stream in Berwick Borough. Only one of four existing 30"-diameter concrete pipes under the road was functioning, causing frequent flooding. The flooding consistently washed out the road, delivering sediment to the stream and requiring constant maintenance from the Borough's road crew. This stream crossing project included replacing the existing pipes with a 16'4"-wide bottomless aluminum arch culvert and stream channel reconstruction and restoration. Additional road work included construction of a high-water bypass (a reinforced low point of the road where it is expected to flood), a 100'-long drainage swale, 4 overflow cross pipes, and 450' of Driving Surface Aggregate placement. The finished project allows aquatic life to pass through the new structure, reduces the sedimentation to Glen Brook, and requires much less maintenance from the Berwick Borough road crew.



Creating better roads and cleaner streams!

WATERSHED GROUP HAPPENINGS

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1ST ANNUAL SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY WATERSHED FESTIVAL HELD AT CARA PARK IN CATAWISSA

On July 30, 2022, the First Annual Susquehanna Valley Watershed Festival was held along the banks of the Catawissa Creek at CARA Park in Catawissa. The event was hosted by the four watershed organizations in Columbia County with assistance from CCCD staff. Columbia County watershed groups include:

Briar Creek Association for Watershed Solutions
Catawissa Creek Restoration Association (CCRA)
Fishing Creek Watershed Association
Roaring Creek Valley Conservation Association

The idea of the multi-watershed festival was a silver-lining solution from CCCD staff and CCRA members after CCRA's unsuccessful bid to win River of the Year. The planning team built upon the excitement created during the voting process to bring together the watershed groups and the community for a joint festival hosted by a different watershed each year. CCRA reached out to all of the watershed organizations about a joint festival to celebrate all of our wonderful watersheds. The festival will rotate every year to a different watershed to highlight each of the four main watersheds that drain to the Susquehanna River in Columbia County.

After months of planning, the first festival was a success and drew in a large crowd on a beautiful, hot July day. The festival included displays from 20 different organizations, three food trucks, live music, games, prizes, and rubber duck races on Catawissa Creek. Some attendees included DCNR, the PA Game Commission, Catawissa Water Authority, Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy, PPL, The Children's Museum, PA Native Fish Coalition, Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandon Mine Drainage (EPCAMR), Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR), and more. It was a day focused on bringing the community together to have some fun and learn about the great work that is being done in our county to help conserve our waterways, wildlife, forests, and all natural resources.



2nd Annual
SVW Festival
Briar Creek Lake
July 29, 2023!



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

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The Envirothon is a hands-on, environmental, problem-solving, competition that provides team building and leadership experiences for students. Each year, high school and middle school students from Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties compete at our Susquehanna Valley Regional Envirothon competitions. The winning high school team from each county goes on to compete at the PA State Envirothon competition. Students are tested on aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and a current topic. The current topic for 2022 was Waste to Resources.

2022 ENVIROTHONS

The Susquehanna Valley Regional High School Envirothon competition was held on April 26th at the Shikellamy State Park Marina. High school students, teachers, and conservation district staff from all five counties were excited to be back outside and all together for the competition this year. Team winners from each county were Central Columbia, Danville, Lewisburg, Line Mountain, and Selinsgrove. Central Columbia won first place overall. Central finished 20th out of 66 teams in the state!

The middle school regional competition was on May 10th at the Montour Preserve. Benton Area Middle School won first place overall. Four of



the top five teams were Columbia County schools! Benton's team advisor was Tara Varner.



Photo Above: Central Columbia HS regional winning team, L-R: Laura Deroba, Olivia Hubler, Jane Corbin, Thanh Ho, and Owen Berlin, and advisors Doug Brown (CCCD advisor) and Kirk Seesholtz. Photo Left: Benton MS regional winning team, L-R: Mylee Retherford, Reagan Bergstrom, Malaia Hart, Amelia Ricker, and Dalton Koch

Thank you to our 2022 County Envirothon sponsors:

Briar Creek Association for Watershed Solutions,
Catawissa Creek Restoration Association,
Central Susquehanna Woodland Owners Association,
Bloomsburg Elks Lodge 436, First Columbia Bank,
Fishing Creek Sportsmen's Association,
Roaring Creek Egg Farm,
Roaring Creek Valley Conservation Association, Sons of the
American Legion Post 273, Stackhouse & Son

WILDLIFE KIT IS A HIT

The Pennsylvania Game Commission distributed 'Urban Wildlife Kits' to all conservation districts a few years ago as a tool to study for the Envirothon competitions. The kits include various pelts, skulls, track and skat replicas, study guides, and teaching guides. Many teachers and envirothon advisors borrowed the kit to help their teams prepare, but the CCCD took advantage of the kit and used it for many environmental education lessons. Kids love to see and touch the pelts, skulls, and tracks. Abby took the kit on the road for Greenwood Friends School students at Kocher Park. Campers experienced the kit at Outdoor Adventure Camp also held at Kocher Park. We expanded our audience with Rohrbach's Farm Market Kids Summer Workshop series and provided a wildlife lesson for a vacation bible school activity.



Abby gives a wildlife lesson at Rohrbach's

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WATER EDUCATION DAY RETURNS!

Like most events, Water Education Day (WED) was canceled the past two years due to the pandemic. CCCD staff, students, teachers, and volunteers were all excited about its return. We welcomed many new volunteers and were grateful for the veteran volunteers who attended. This is one of those events that we could not pull off without the help of volunteers and sponsors. We appreciate all of their time, effort, and financial support to make a great day for Columbia County eighth graders. A completely new station, Music and Discovery, was created to replace the former Drama station. Music and Discovery included a live band and live American eels supplied by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). Other stations included Aquatics, Streams, Water Quality, Groundwater, and Art and Poetry. Approximately 230 students from four different school districts attended with 50 volunteers.

Good Water = Good Life



Photo Top Left: Nancy and students using the stream table

Photo Bottom Left: Students observe the results of the filter challenge

2023 NATIVE PLANT & TREE SEEDLING SALE NOW IN PROGRESS!

We have new varieties that are sure to please!

Use the order form on the next page or download from our website. 

**PREORDER ASSIGNED
PICK UP DATES AND DRIVE
THROUGH PICK UP ONLY!**

Why NATIVES:

- Native plants require less maintenance like fertilizers, pesticides or watering.
- Native plants are critical to pollinators and crop production.
- We offer native varieties not typically available at retail stores and nurseries.
- Non-native evergreen and fruit trees are also available.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fruit** varieties include apple, peach, black cherry, persimmon, and blueberry.
- Mountain Laurel**, our state flower, is back!
- Erosion Control Seed Mix** can help achieve quick, green color and erosion control with strong, fibrous roots.
- Mason Bee Houses** support native pollinators and are maintenance-free, handmade by Central Columbia High School's Ag Science students.
- Color and bloom guide** to help you enjoy a variety of colors blooming spring through fall! Check out our catalog for in-depth descriptions and pictures.

Pre-Order Deadline: March 1st
Last name orders A-L: May 4th
Last name orders M-Z: May 5th
Remaining Preorders + Public: May 6th

Sale proceeds support environmental education in Columbia County!

Columbia County Conservation District 2023 Plant Sale

ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 1st (to ensure availability)

PICKUP DATES

Thursday, May 4 11am -5pm

Friday, May 5 9am - 5pm

PREORDER & PUBLIC PICKUP DATES

Saturday, May 6 9am - 12pm

ATTENTION: PREORDER ONLY - remaining inventory will be limited at the public sale on Saturday

Customer Information Box

Name:

Phone #:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Email:

NATIVE EVERGREEN TREES

	Height	Price Each	# Singles	Price/Bundle	Qty	Amount Due
Blue Rug Juniper ²	2-4" (pot)	---	---	\$28.00/10		\$
Eastern White Pine	1-2'	---	---	\$12.00/10		\$
Norway Spruce (non-native)	10-20"	---	---	\$12.00/10		\$

APPLE & PEACH TREES

	Height	Price Each	# Singles	Two or More	Qty	Amount Due
"Daybreak Fuji" Apple ¹	4-6'	\$22.00		\$19.50		\$
"CrimsonCrisp" Apple ¹	4-6'	\$22.00		\$19.50		\$
"Contender" Yellow Peach	4-6'	\$20.00		\$17.50		\$

NATIVE DECIDUOUS TREES

	Height	Price Each	# Singles	Price/Bundle	# Bundles	Amount Due
American Sweetgum	18-24"	\$3.00		\$12.00/5		\$
Black Cherry	18-24"	\$3.00		\$12.00/5		\$
Persimmon	18-24"	\$3.00		\$12.00/5		\$
Red Oak	12-24"	\$3.00		\$12.00/5		\$
Tulip Poplar	18-24"	\$3.00		\$12.00/5		\$

NATIVE SHRUBS

	Height	Price Each	# Singles	Price/Bundle	# Bundles	Amount Due
Bayberry	12-24"	\$3.00		\$12.00/5		\$
Spicebush	18-24"	\$3.00		\$12.00/5		\$
Mountain Laurel	1-Gal. pot	\$12.00		---	---	\$

NATIVE PERENNIALS

	Plug	Price Each	# Singles	Price per 4-pack	# 4-packs	Amount Due
Creeping Jacob's Ladder ²	4-1/2"	---	---	\$12.00		\$
Green-Headed Coneflower	4-1/2"	---	---	\$12.00		\$
Mistflower	4-1/2"	---	---	\$12.00		\$
Narrowleaf Evening-primrose	4-1/2"	---	---	\$12.00		\$
Scarlet Bee Balm	4-1/2"	---	---	\$12.00		\$
Summer Phlox	4-1/2"	---	---	\$12.00		\$
White Turtlehead	4-1/2"	---	---	\$12.00		\$

NATIVE BLUEBERRY BUSHES

		Price Each	# Singles		Amount Due
Duke (early season harvest) ¹	1 Gal. pot	\$12.00		---	\$
Liberty (late season harvest) ¹	1 Gal. pot	\$12.00		---	\$

NATIVE WILDLIFE HOUSES

		Price Each	Qty		Amount Due
Handmade Bluebird House	-	\$13.00		---	\$
Handmade Mason Bee House	-	\$13.00		---	\$

SEED MIXES

		Price Each	Qty		Amount Due
Annual/Perennial Wildflower Mix	1 (1 oz.) packet	\$5.00		---	\$
Erosion Control Mix	1 (0.5 lb) bag	\$5.00		---	\$

(1 1 oz. packet of wildflower mix covers 200 sq. ft.)

(1 0.5 lb bag of erosion control mix covers 500 sq. ft.)

¹ Does best when both varieties planted

² Groundcover species

Note: all trees and shrubs are bareroot seedlings

Price increases are due to the rise of material costs and general inflation. However, for your convenience, **taxes are now included in the sale prices.**

TOTAL \$

For Credit Card Purchases:

Please drop off order form in person to complete transaction or place your order over the phone by calling **570-317-9456**. A 4% processing fee will be applied to your order.

Thank you for your support!

All proceeds from this sale go towards environmental education programs in Columbia County.

Please Make Checks Payable To:
Columbia County Conservation District
Return order form and check to the CCCD at:
702 Sawmill Road, Suite 103
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

The Conservation District cannot guarantee survival of plants and bareroot seedlings after pick-up.



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UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & OUTREACH

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!



Jane Corbin
Central Columbia High School
Maryruth Wagner Scholarship

The Maryruth Wagner Scholarship goes to a high school senior pursuing a degree in environmental or natural sciences. The scholarship is dedicated to Maryruth Wagner, CCCD Administrative Assistant and then District Manager for 32 years. She took great pride in district efforts to help protect the county's natural resources. She was especially passionate about the envirothon. Mary was a wonderful leader and passionate conservationist. Jane is attending Juniata College for wildlife conservation and biology.

The CCCD offers a total of four scholarships every year. Please encourage any high school seniors you know, who plan to continue their education in these fields after graduation, to apply!

2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 10, 2023

<u>Edgar Fenstermacher Scholarship - \$500</u>	Senior pursuing a degree in agriculture
<u>Lavere McClure Scholarship - \$500</u>	Senior pursuing a degree in education focused on ag or science
<u>Maryruth Wagner Scholarship - \$500</u>	Senior pursuing a degree in environmental/natural sciences
<u>Conservation Leadership School - 2 \$300</u>	Students that completed 9th grade. One week session on natural resource issues, conservation, and wildlife. Two \$300 scholarships toward tuition - sign up with a friend!

CCCD SUMMER CAMPS

Camps are a great way to get kids outdoors to explore nature. The district was invited to teach a soil health lesson at a new camp offered by Rohrbach's Farm Market. Patrick and Abby had a great time at Kids Ag Camp showing the kids infiltration activities and investigating a soil pit.



2023 summer camps TBA:
Nature Mini Camp, K-2 grade
Outdoor Adventure Camp(partner:Ctrl Columbia, 3-6)
Kids Ag Camp (partner: Rohrbach's FM 4-7 grade)

EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST

Deadline: April 21, 2023 Theme: One Water

The annual Earth Day Poster Contest promotes using art and science to learn about watersheds. The 2022 theme was Healthy Soils, Healthy Life. Congratulations to Philip Polstra, Bloomsburg Christian student, for placing first, 7th-9th grade category, for both Columbia County and the State!



Photo: PA state winner Philip Polstra with Bloomsburg Christian teacher Josh Greene and Pastor Sean Stouffer

Thank you to Farmer Moofy for continued sponsorship of cash prizes and corn certificates!

LOCAL EVENTS SCHEDULED

CONTACT: Beth Gensemer 570-317-9456 beth.gensemer@columbiaccd.org

LOCAL DGLVR BREAKFAST TRAINING

WHO: Geared towards municipal staff including managers, supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, and road crew personnel

WHAT: DGLVR program overview training, full breakfast provided

WHEN: March 7, 2023 - 8AM to 11AM

WHERE: Ag Services Building, Lower Level
702 Sawmill Road, Bloomsburg

PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 14, 2023



MARCH 22, 2023 • 9:00AM - 2:30PM

St. Luke Lutheran Church

9 St. Luke's Way, Bloomsburg

Registration/Breakfast at 8:30am

- How to maximize soil health
- Business strategies and targeting local consumers
- How to fund projects on the farm
- Food chemistry: lengthening shelf life and saving \$
- Cheese making!

\$10 Registration - Please RSVP by March 13th

Light Breakfast and Hot Lunch



Thank you to our sponsors: Soil Bound LLC,
First Columbia Bank, Horizon Farm Credit



March 25th, 2023

at Kocher Park

Located off S.R. 487 near Lightstreet

10:00am - 2:00pm

**GOOD WATER
=
GOOD FISH**

What better way to celebrate PA trout season than with Trout Unlimited, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and the Conservation District?!

Grab a youth and bring them on out for
Mentored Youth Day!

- **FLY FISHING LESSONS**
- **FLY TYING DEMOS**
- **GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**
- **FOOD**
- **TROUT STOCKING BY PFBC**



ANNUAL AG BANQUET

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Join us to celebrate the farming community at
the Columbia - Montour Vo-Tech High School

Congratulations to last year's recipients!

- **2022 Cooperator of the Year**
Raymond Sobolesky of Drum's Produce
- **2022 Educator of the Year**
Cynthia Cronrath



Call the CCCD for
ticket information
Please RSVP by
March 27

It is a fun night of great food, friends, door prizes,
award recognitions, and entertainment!



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Frank W. Kocher Memorial Park

Enjoy Kocher Park & Johnson Flats - your local creekside nature experience!
1519 State Route 487 Orangeville, PA



*Volunteers and guests fishing during our
Annual Fish 'n' Fun event in June*

Work on the conservation buffer projects at Kocher Park and Johnson Flats is underway with the removal of invasive species and preparation of the site for plantings. The projects are expected to be installed by July of 2023.

Check our website or Facebook for upcoming events

March: Good Water = Good Fish

June: Fish 'n' Fun

June-July: Summer Day Camps

Summer/Fall: Community Hikes

Be a Friend of Kocher Park!

*A Leave No Trace park
maintained by volunteers, donations, and grants*