



## **AGRICULTURAL PLANNING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM PENNSYLVANIA'S CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED**

### **How the Program Benefits Farmers:**

Agricultural operators/landowners are reimbursed for fees they've paid to consultants to create manure management plans, nutrient management plans, and agricultural erosion and sediment control plans.

Implementation of these plans brings numerous benefits to agricultural operators/landowners, such as cost-effective use of farm resources and long-term farm sustainability, as well as improved herd and soil health.

### **Plans Covered:**

One or more of the following plans developed after January 1, 2017 are eligible for reimbursement:

- Manure Management Plans and Agriculture Erosion and Sediment Control Plans (Ag E&S Plans) that are required by and meet Pennsylvania's Chapter 91 and Chapter 102 regulations.
- Act 38 Nutrient Management Plans (required if the operation meets certain animal density and/or animal number thresholds).
- Conservation Plans that are used in place of Ag E&S Plans (only if the Conservation Plans also meet the State requirements outlined in Chapter 102).

Plans developed by NRCS, using NRCS funding, or for REAP tax credit, are not eligible for assistance under this program.

Note: Agricultural operators/landowners may qualify for reimbursement for more than one plan.

### **How to Get Your Agricultural Plan Fee Reimbursement:**

Reimbursement funds are allocated based on impact to the Chesapeake Bay and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Contact the coordinator (on back) for your county to register for fee reimbursement.

Registration deadline: April 1, 2018

You'll complete a short registration form to (1) select the plan(s) you'd like reimbursement for and agree to develop the plan(s) and (2) acknowledge that any information obtained for the purposes of the Agricultural Planning Reimbursement Program may be subject to Pennsylvania's Right to Know Law.

Reimbursements will be allocated after the eligible plan(s) has been submitted and approved by the coordinator.

Plan submission deadline: May 30, 2018

### **What Information Does DEP Require?**

DEP, the Department of Agriculture, and Penn State are partnering to ensure that work farmers do to improve local water quality is counted toward Pennsylvania's quantitative pollution reduction targets in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. For this purpose, DEP logs the following information from agricultural operators who register for plan fee reimbursement:

- Whether there are existing agricultural plans for the operation;
- The location of planned and implemented best management practices specified in plans submitted for reimbursement;
- The number and types of plans for which fee reimbursement is sought; and
- Information on the registration form, such as name, address, phone number, and farm acres.

**Coordinators:**

**Northeast and northcentral counties in Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay watershed:** Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Cameron, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, Clearfield, Centre, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wyoming, and Luzerne.

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**Southeast and southcentral counties in Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay watershed:** Cambria, Somerset, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Dauphin, Lebanon, York, Lancaster, Berks, and Chester.

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