

# Lancaster County Conservation District

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1. Request from the Township for assistance
2. Focused effort on farms to address needed BMPs
3. Building Permit requires a Conservation Plan
4. Chesapeake Bay Funders Network:
  - a. Engage private ag consultants developing Con Plans
  - b. Grant Coordinator – District Conservation Educator
  - c. Funded District ag staff for work beyond base salary
  - d. End result – 99% of the farmland in the Twp.- Con Plan

# Challenges/Opportunities:

1. Regulated Farms vs. Non-Regulated Farms
2. Max. Economic Yield vs. Max Environmental Yield
3. Soil Quality vs. Stream Quality
4. Voluntary Compliance vs. Req. Baseline Compliance
5. Science vs. Environmental Wish List:
  - a. Conservation Plan (NRCS – Progressive Planning)
  - b. Ag Erosion and Sedimentation Plan (PA Chapter 102)
  - c. Nutrient Management Plan (Act 38)
  - d. Manure Management Plan (PA Chapter 91)

## Successful People Programs (current)

1. Chesapeake Bay Program
2. Nutrient Management Program
3. Watershed Specialist
4. County Commissioner Grant
5. Contributory Agreements with NRCS
6. Grants (limited)

# Successful BMPs Programs (current)

1. EQIP – NRCS
2. Chesapeake Bay Special Projects Grants
3. Growing Greener Grants
4. Other Grants (CBFN, ED, NFWF)
5. Future Game Changers:
  - a. PennVest
  - b. Nutrient Trading
  - c. Regulatory Requirements
  - d. Farmgate Economics
  - e. Consumer Demands: (US grown, grass-fed, organic, safety)