

# 2025 Lancaster County

## Clean Water Progress Snapshot

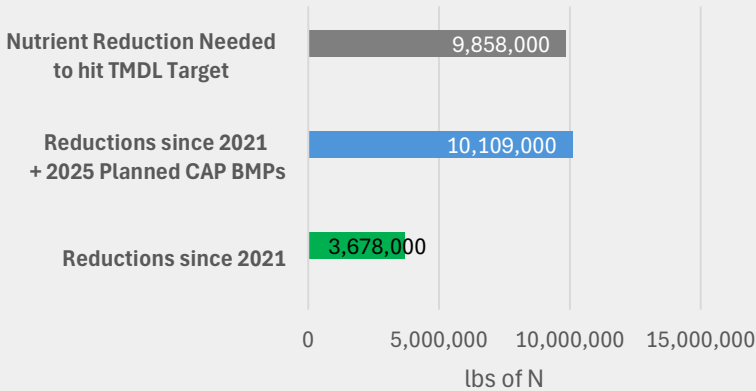
Lancaster County is one of 34 counties in Pennsylvania’s Chesapeake Bay Watershed that have developed a voluntary Countywide Action Plan (CAP). The goal of each CAP is to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment loads generated within the county. Mitigating these nutrient loads benefits not only the health of the Chesapeake Bay but also improves local water and soil quality. This Snapshot provides an overview of the county’s current nutrient loading rates, the county identified nutrient reduction goals, and the progress made to date.

### Current Conditions

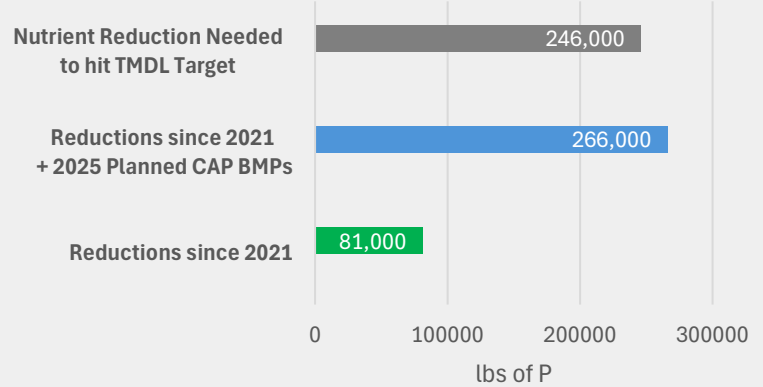
Lancaster County’s current nutrient loading rate is approximately 21.9 million pounds of nitrogen and 962,958 pounds of phosphorus per year. To meet the requirements established under the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), the county must reduce these loads to 12 million pounds of nitrogen and 716,958 pounds of phosphorus annually. Achieving this target will require total reductions of 9.8 million pounds of nitrogen and 246,000 pounds of phosphorus.

Since 2021, Lancaster County’s implementation efforts have resulted in reductions of 3.68 million pounds of nitrogen and 81,000 pounds of phosphorus. Additionally, in its 2025 CAP BMP Entry Form, the county set a goal to further reduce nutrient loads by 6.43 million pounds of nitrogen and 185,000 pounds of phosphorus.

#### Nitrogen Reduction Progress



#### Phosphorus Reduction Progress



### Lancaster County’s Top 3 Most Implemented Best Management Practices of 2024



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Conservation Crop Rotation



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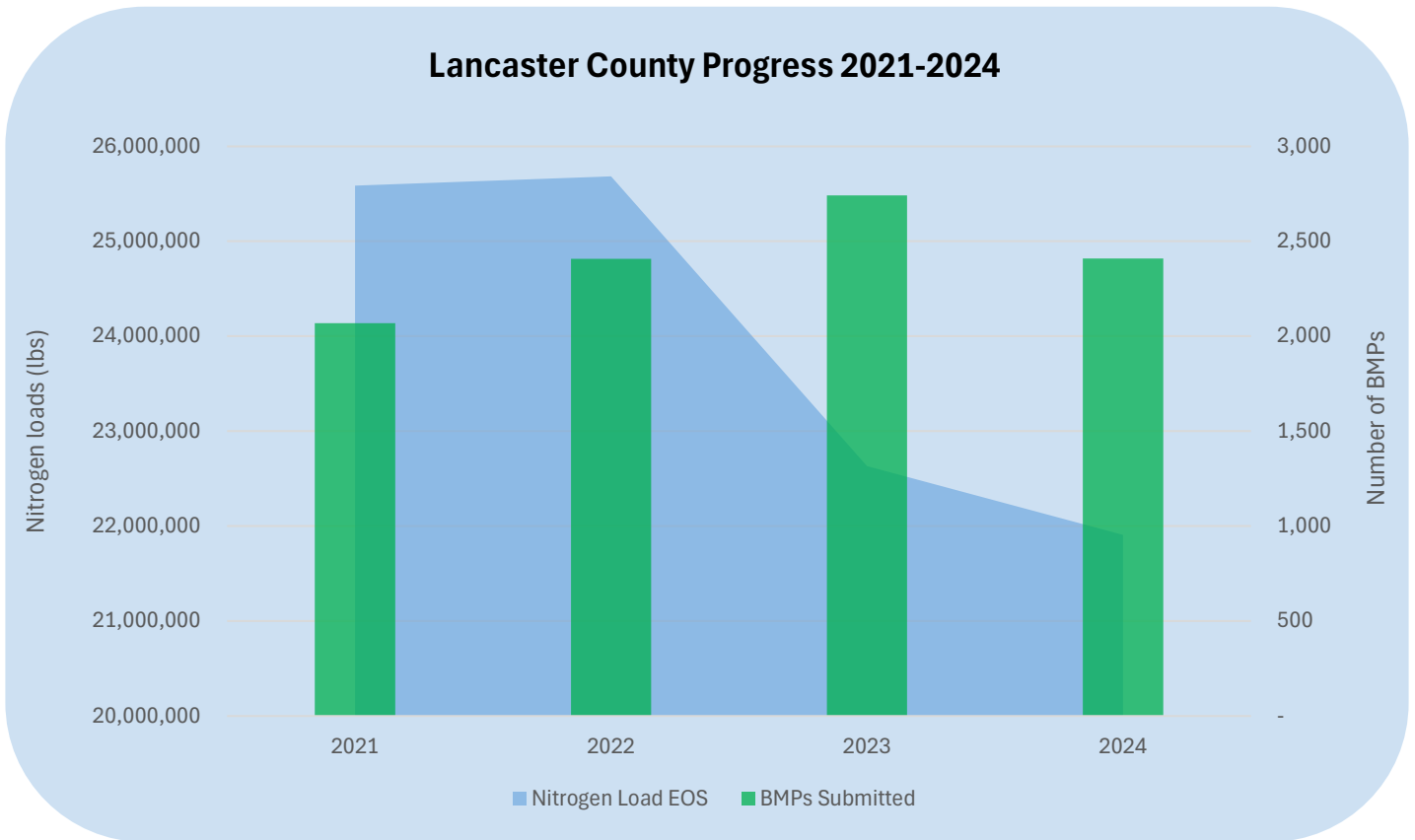
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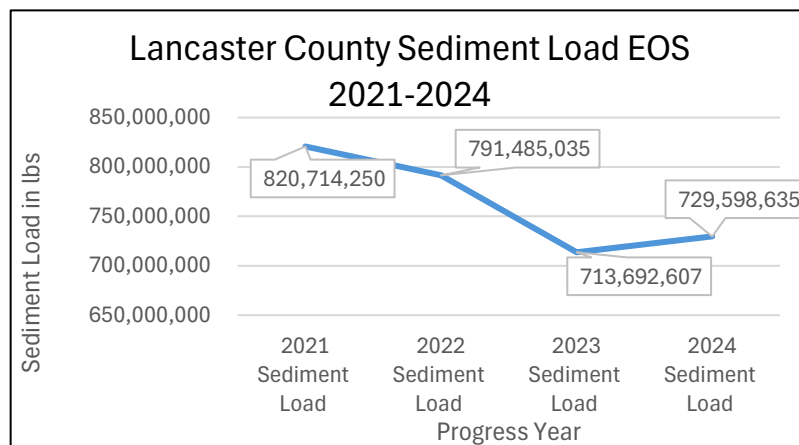
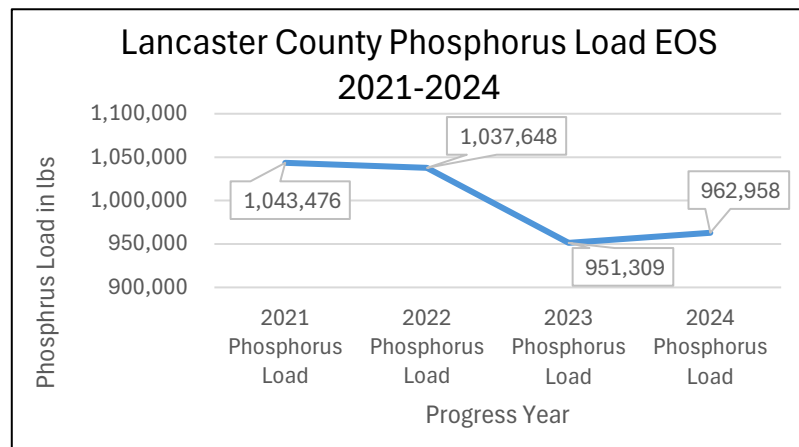


Lancaster County contains five major watersheds: Chiques Creek, Conestoga River, Pequea Creek, Octoraro Creek, and the mainstem Susquehanna River. Watersheds in Lancaster County have elevated levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment. Of the 1,499 total stream miles in Lancaster County, approximately 71% are impaired.

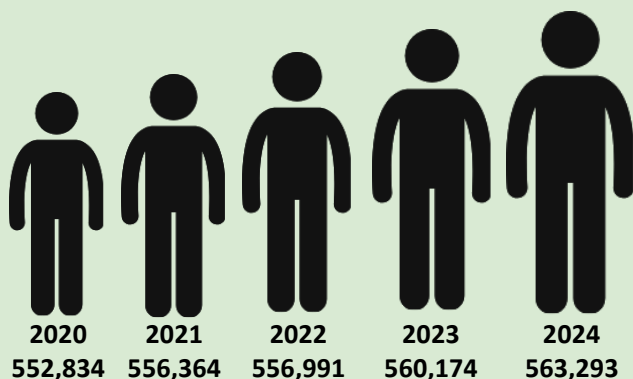
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## Nutrient Impaired Stream Miles in Lancaster County

As you review the information provided in this Snapshot, it is important to keep in mind that several influencing factors are beyond the control of the local organizations participating in the CAP process. These include population growth, land use changes, and limitations within the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST).



### Population Change from 2020 to 2024



Disclaimer: This dataset represents the original information submitted to NEIEN/CAST and does not reflect all active Best Management Practices (BMPs) currently in the CAST system. It may not include subsequent updates, corrections, or additions. Furthermore, this data does not account for BMP credit durations or lifespans as defined within the CAST model.