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Ross Run Restoration Project - Phase 2
Growing Greener Project SW160070
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Project Description: The Ross Run Restoration Project – Phase 2 aimed to reduce erosion and sedimentation in a small watershed in northern Indiana County. This project included installing agricultural best management practices as well as planting a riparian buffer on an active farm. Project time frame 3/2019 – 12/2022.

Project Goals: Main goal for this project was the reduction of erosion and sedimentation in an impaired watershed. By reducing the amount of exposed soil and un-buffered areas on the Stewart Farm, WPC staff and project partners aided in reducing erosion and sedimentation from impacting two unnamed tributaries on the farm.

Project Results: The best management practices that were installed on this farm excluded livestock from impacting the small tributaries that are recovering from overgrazing.



Before – BMP Installation



After – BMP Installation

Project Costs: \$22,268.24

Lessons Learned: A private landowner can change their mind about installing BMPs even if they have signed a Letter of Commitment. Recruiting additional landowners in a small watershed can be challenging.

Partners: Indiana County Conservation District and United States Department of Agriculture

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