

## **Sandy Creek Watershed Conservation Project (NW160098)**

### **Mercer County Conservation District**

#### **Projects Completed Summary:**

An earthen liquid manure storage was decommissioned at Schlabach Farm including site regrade, mulching and seeding; access road improvement, pasture management fencing and gate(s) installation, and an approximate 2.84 acre riparian buffer zone was planted with approximately 390 potted trees.

An approximate 1,100 linear foot underground stormwater conveyance feature consisting of 18 inch pipe was installed at Hillview Acres Farm. The structure included a stilling basin, tile line, and a rock chute outlet.

300 acres of agricultural fields in the watershed were cover cropped on three different agricultural operations.

Two (2) NRCS Practice Standard 590 Nutrient Management Plans were developed for two (2) agricultural operations within the Sandy Creek watershed.

A soil health and cover crop workshop was held on October 22, 2020. Approximately 20 local farmers and technical service providers attended the event. Soil health and the importance of cover cropping were discussed and demonstrated during the event.



Earthen Manure Storage Before



Before Stormwater Control Structure



Earthen Manure Storage After



After Stormwater Control Structure

**Growing Greener Grant Award: \$209,000.00**

**Funding Allocated to Projects: \$177,543.25**