Healthy Water, Healthy Communities Pennsylvania's Investment in Water Quality



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The 2022 Phase 3 WIP update includes over \$700 million in new funding. The money will be used to implement projects that improve the health of streams and rivers, preserve topsoil and farm viability, lessen flooding in fields and neighborhoods, and support outdoor recreation and tourism and their considerable related economies.



Introducing the Clean Streams Fund

Pennsylvania used \$220 million from ARPA funding to create the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Fund. The Clean Streams Fund will establish a new Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) to help farmers implement water quality best management practices (BMPs). The Clean Streams Fund will also enable Department of Environmental (DEP) to reinvigorate the Act 167 Stormwater Management Planning Program to provide grants to counties to plan and carry out stormwater runoff reduction measures. The fund will support DEP's abandoned mine drainage reclamation, the Department of Agriculture's assistance to farmers for development and implementation of nutrient management plans, and urban tree planting by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



Here is a breakdown of how the \$220 million in the Clean Streams Fund will be spent:

- \$154 million to Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)
- \$22 million to Clean Water Procurement Program
- \$22 million to Nutrient Management Fund
- \$8.8 million to Act 167 planning
- \$8.8 million to Keystone Tree Account
- \$4.4 million to Abandoned Mine Drainage