

Countywide Action Plans

Making an impact



The Pennsylvania Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) focuses on local solutions to lower nutrient and sediment pollution in PA waterways. Countywide Action Plans (CAPs) are bringing people together for local solutions to water pollution. CAPs are connecting counties into larger partnerships that support collective efforts and impacts. Read on to hear what others say about CAPs, and for more detailed information, visit: www.dep.pa.gov/pacountywideactionplans

Fostering new partnerships and streamlining implementation

“A big benefit of the CAP has been the communication with the other entities. We were all working in our own little bubbles. Conservation District over here, MS4s over there. Nonprofits somewhere else. The CAP process has spurred much better communication and collaboration on projects. We have to work together to clean the water, we can’t get there by doing our own thing.”

**—Julie Cheyney, Director,
Lebanon County Planning Department**

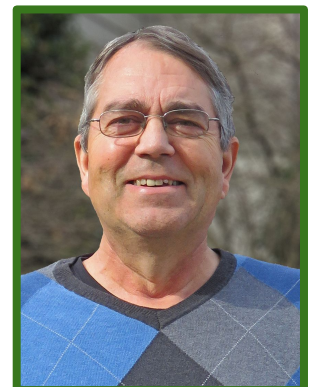


“A highlight of all of this is getting people involved and working towards common goals. The CAP process is bringing people together, building networks of people and resources focused on improving water quality.”

**—Josh Glace, CAP County Coordinator for Lackawanna, Luzerne,
Susquehanna, Bradford, Potter and Tioga counties**

“Having the CAP Coordinator brings uniformity to the feedback loop with PA DEP. For that person, it’s their day job. The best thing about the WIP is that it leads to more efficient processes for the work. ”

**—Gordon Hoover, Agricultural Outreach Coordinator,
Lancaster Farmland Trust**



Leading to more clean water projects and more funding

“We work with over 40 partners to clean up and rapidly delist streams in central Pennsylvania. We have had a number of our projects funded through Countywide Action Plan Implementation dollars, and we use these as matching funds as we pursue other grants.”

**—Adrienne Gemberling, Project Manager,
Chesapeake Conservancy**

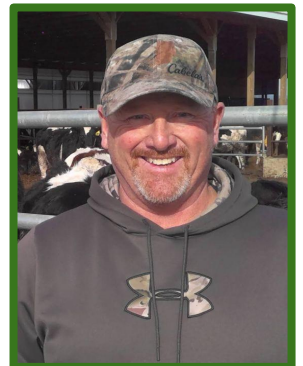


“The pie is getting bigger. There are more federal and state dollars coming into the effort, and that’s great because corporate partners want to see the match for their contributions.”

**—Jenna Mitchell Beckett, Pennsylvania State Director and
Agriculture Program Director, Alliance for Chesapeake Bay**

“Now that we can apply for CAP grants every fall, we have received a substantial amount of money for projects that are good for Franklin County streams and wells. We’ve installed a lot more practices in the last 18 months, thanks to the CAP and WIP. ”

**—Scott Metzger, Assistant Manager,
Franklin County Conservation District**



“The local conservation district has helped us line up grants to improve erosion and sediment control and manure management on our farm. We’ve done a significant amount of work, while only paying 20-30% of that out of pocket. The assistance to implement best management practices on our farm has improved with how we interact with our section of the waterway and, as a side benefit, the visitors to our farm have a better experience when they arrive.”

—Sara Hodgkiss, Woerth It Hollow Farm, Kirkwood