

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Conservation District Support Section, located in the Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management (BWRNSM), provides operational and liaison support to the 66 [Conservation Districts](#) throughout Pennsylvania.

The Conservation District Support Section manages more than \$9.5 million in annual funding for Pennsylvania's County Conservation Districts. These funds are distributed through the State Conservation Commission's (SCC) Conservation District Fund Allocation Program. These funds are used to support County Conservation District Managers, Erosion and Sediment Control Technicians, Administrative Staff and to implement best management practices.

In addition, the Section oversees regional DEP Conservation District Field Representatives in delivering administrative and technical assistance to County Conservation Districts. Conservation District Field Representatives are DEP employees who attend district board meetings and act as a liaison between DEP, the SCC, and the Conservation Districts.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding between DEP, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and the SCC, the Conservation District Support Section provides a wide variety of support, coordination, and evaluation services to Pennsylvania conservation districts which are organized statewide in accordance with the [Conservation District Law](#) (Act 217 of 1945). The Conservation District Support Section provides assistance and training for conservation district directors and staff in understanding programs delegated and contracted by DEP, as well as policies and laws applicable to conservation districts. Section staff serve on technical and advisory committees including: Leadership Development Committee; Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Roads workgroups; Conservation District Advisory Committee; and the Pennsylvania Envirothon Board.