McKean County Conservation District

Funding Brought to the County from Conservation District Efforts: $1.4 million

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Thanks to the General Assembly's conservation district allocations, we were able to take these actions in 2025 to reduce pollution:

Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Project, Taintor Road in Lafayette Township to prevent sedimentation to a high-quality wild trout stream. Accomplished by removing existing tar & chip surface, place fill to rebuild the poor base & top with DSA. Cross pipes were replaced & added underdrain. Total Cost $324,243.00 with $317,597.00 from the program & $6,646.00 from the township.

ACAP funded project to install a roofed heavy use area and manure stacking facility, stream exclusionary fencing, watering facilities and an improved access road. This project will reduce sedimentation and nutrients into a cold-water fishery. Total cost $421,773.25 with $383,430.23 from ACAP & $38,345.00 from the landowner.

Stream Crossing Restoration Project, will eliminate a severe AOP barrier, reduce sediment pollution, stream bank erosion and reconnect the riparian corridors by installing a new stream crossing and fish habitat improvement structures. This project is funded by a $263,359.00 Growing Greener Grant & match through the DGLVR Program of $103,318.84.

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Eldred Borough Stream Project will entail a multi-faceted approach to the repair of the levee in the Borough. Pictured is the eroding streambank that will be repaired utilizing a 200' modified mud sill. Along with this the Borough will be providing in-kind labor and materials to repair other eroding and unstable berms along the levee. Project cost of $20,000.00.

Continuing treatment of Goatsrue, a PA Class A & federally listed noxious weed; primarily located within McKean County. Goatsrue is impacting the ecological and economic values of the Upper Allegheny Watershed and is toxic to livestock. This is a partnership with PDA, APIPMA and various local landowners.

The Gardeau Stream Project will involve the installation of fish habitat improvement structures including 250' of modified mud sills and 10 single log vane deflectors to stabilize an eroding streambank as well as build necessary fish habitat along the Allegheny Portage, which is a Class A wild reproducing trout stream. Project cost of $32,869.30.

Scaffold Lick Run Restoration Plan, for a stream from one of the only parts of McKean County with historic mining activity on approximately 520 acres of abandoned mine land & 16 miles of the stream impaired. Partnerships with DEP, Hedin Environmental, PA Game Commission & private landowners have developed a watershed restoration plan for AMD/AML remediation & restoration. The goal is to remove the watershed from DEP's Integrated Water Quality Report.