



# SNYDER COUNTIAN

A Newsletter from the Snyder County  
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## Landowners Wanted:

### Stream Buffer Plantings

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) and Snyder County Commissioners are seeking landowners interested in planting forested or multifunctional riparian buffers funded through a DCNR (PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources) Riparian Buffer Grant Program. Funding is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Interested landowners are encouraged to contact Lauren Maguire, SCCDs Watershed Specialist, at 570-837-3000, extension 114 for additional information. ■

## CREP/Stream Buffer Field Day Event Planned for October 16

You may have heard about the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, also known as CREP, for several years. You may have heard about an increased push to install stream buffers in the news. You may also have read or heard about a new buffer program in Snyder County.

However, do you know how stream buffers and other practices help local water quality, as well as wildlife and potentially livestock health? How much do you know about buffer opportunities offered within Snyder County? What do you know about CREP and other conservation programs offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)? After a buffer is installed, do you know how to maintain it?

A Stream Buffer & CREP Field Day event, free to the public, will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. We will meet at the Fremont Fire Department's Social Hall along Millrace Road, Mt. Pleasant Mills, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m.

The Field Day Event will visit several sites that have installed various types of stream buffers and CREP practices. Practices include: forested stream buffers, grass buffers and warm season grass plantings, streambank fencing and stream crossings. Partners from Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD), USDA, Pheasants Forever, PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR), Chesapeake Conservancy and Snyder County Commissioners will be available to answer your questions about CREP, buffer establishment, live stake plantings, proper maintenance, environmental, herd health & other benefits, invasive plant and other weed identification & control, and sign-up procedures and contract obligations for various programs.

Attend the Event - Visit Real Farm Buffers - Get Questions Answered - Know How Buffers & CREP Work.

Participants will travel in few vehicles to and from the social hall. Participants are asked to be good neighbors and practice personal biosecurity before attending the tour. Refreshments and lunch will also be provided.



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Reservations are due by Monday, October 7 by calling the SCCD's Barry Spangler at 570-837-3000, extension 118. (The office, located at 10541 Route 522, Middleburg is open Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.)

If you require any special assistance to participate, please contact the SCCD by Friday, October 4 for coordination.

*Note #1: For more information about the SCCD's buffer programs, contact Lauren Maguire, SCCD's Watershed Specialist, at 570-837-3000, extension 114. If interested in CREP, contact Katy Lewis, Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist, at 570-837-0007, extension 4029.*

*Note #2: Financial and other support for the CREP Outreach Program Office Migrant Program is provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. through a Growing Greener Watershed Protection grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and with additional support from USDA-NRCS. All USDA and Conservation District programs and services are offered on a nondiscrimination basis. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. ■*



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**Fossil Dig at Faylor Lake: September 29**

A community fossil dig, organized by the Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy will be held at the quarry along Shale Pit Road, Beaver Springs, on Sunday, September 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is for anyone, including families, willing to explore nature. Arrive anytime your schedule suits. For more information, call 570-524-8666, email linn@ptd.net or check out www.linnconservancy.org. ■



**Walk in the Woods set for Faylor Lake: October 6**



Enjoy an approximately two-mile walk leaving from the Faylor Lake Boat Launch, 750 Mattern Road, Beaver Springs. You will be traveling across the dam breast and into the wooded trail section across the lake. Local Snyder County Conservation staff will be on hand to lead the walk and answer questions. The walk starts at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. *Note: This walk is not wheelchair or stroller friendly. People-friendly leashed pets are allowed; owner must clean up after their pets, m*



**Conservation District Seeking Ideas for 2020  
Tree/Seed/Plant Sale**

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) is making plans to hold its annual tree/seed/plant sale next year. Before the SCCD decides on what trees, seed mixes, plants and other items, we would like to receive suggestions from you. If you have any ideas, please forward them to us by Thursday, October 31, 2019, by contacting Jason Winey, District Manager (570-837-3000, extension 112; manager@snydercd.org) or Renee Swineford, Administrative Assistant (570-837-3000, extension 110; admin@snydercd.org). ■



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## Farm Girls Rock Workshop for Women in Agriculture: October 26

Women have a vital role on today's agricultural operations, often times being the bookkeeper, communications manager, human resources manager and laborer, all in one!



Join the Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) and AgChoice Farm Credit on Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 10 until 2 at the Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 Route 104, north of Middleburg, PA, to celebrate the role of women in the agricultural industry and learn some information that will be helpful for you, on and off the farm. Registration begins at 9:30.

Lunch will be served. The program will cost \$5.00 per person. Bring a friend or family member. All attendees will receive a free gift to help spread the message that "Farm Girls Rock!" Anticipated speakers, topics and activities include:

- Amy Stoltzfus - Successful Local Entrepreneur—Cowgirl Cheesecakes
- Carrie Bomgardner—AgChoice Farm Credit Social Media Etiquette
- Valerie Fry - Investing in your future FFA—
- Lauren Cheran—Make and Take Succulent Planter

Reservations to Renee Swineford, SCCD Administrative Assistant (570-837-3000, xl 10, admin@snydercd.org) is preferred. Space is limited, so RSVP early! Walk-ins accepted. ■

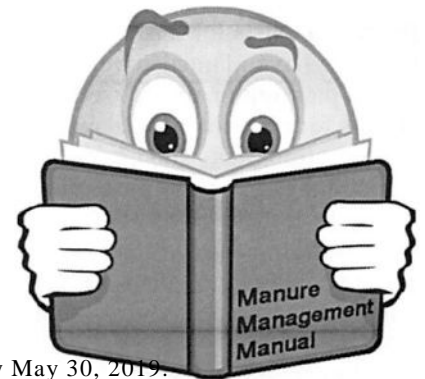
## Cost Share Available for Farm Plans Written by Private Sector

The PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) is currently offering a cost share program for agricultural operators and landowners to help with costs for hiring a commercial plan writer to develop the following:

- a manure management plan (MMP)
- a nutrient management plan (NMP)
- an agricultural erosion & sedimentation plan (Ag. E&SPlan)
- a conservation plan (similar to a plan written by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service)

Any of the plans listed above and completed after January 1, 2019, are eligible. Applicants must:

1. Complete an application and submit it by April 1, 2020, or when funds expire, whichever happens first.
2. Submit the plan(s), with reimbursement request form, for a completeness review by May 30, 2019.



For basic information or applicable forms, contact Snyder County Conservation District Ag. Conservation Technician, Barry Spangler at 570-837-3000, extension 118. Snyder County farmers can also Teave a message with Sara Bolton, Larson Design Group, Inc., 1780 State Route 522, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 (570-374-5700) for detailed information. ■

**Website**

[www.snyderconservation.org](http://www.snyderconservation.org)



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## **Tax Credit Program Available for Farmers' Plans, BMPs**

A PA tax credit program (REAP Program: Resource Enhancement and Protection Program) exists for farmers who installed or plan to install best management practices (BMPs), have planted cover crops the prior crop year, or have purchased or will purchase no-till planting or specialized manure handling equipment. Farmers can also receive tax credits for nutrient management plans (NMPs), manure management plans (MMPs), conservation plans and agricultural erosion & sedimentation (Ag. E&S) plans. REAP is through the PA State Conservation Commission (SCC) and PA Department of Revenue.



It should be noted that any interested farmer must have an MMP or NMP (if produce or receive manure) AND an up to date conservation or Ag. E&S plans on all land they own and rent to qualify for BMP and equipment tax credits. If not, tax credits can only go towards the development of MMPs, NMPs, conservation and Ag. E&S plans.

Contact anyone at the Snyder County Conservation District office (570-837-3000), or Joel Semke, SCC REAP Program Administrator in Harrisburg, PA, at 717-787-8821 for information. You can also receive information or download an application by going to the SCC's REAP website.

The SCC plans to start accepting applications beginning on September 16, 2019, for completed and proposed projects at this time. ■



**Farm Girl Rock! Workshop**  
Saturday, October 26 *More Information Inside*