



# Cameron County Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

**Date: April 13, 2026**

**TIME: 4:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: Conservation District Office**

**CALL IN NUMBER 814-486-9313 Password: 272727**

## **AGENDA**

Call to Order

Election of Officers

Introduction of Guests & Comments

Minutes of March Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Bills to be Paid

District Managers Report

Conservation Resource Technician Report

Watershed Technician Report

Administrative Assistant/Educator Report

Agency Reports

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Fair Donation
- Headwaters Sinnemahoning Watershed Grant Program Update
- Budget Update

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

## **ADJOURN**

**CAMERON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2026**

**In Attendance – Directors:** Mark Johnson, Steve Zoschg, Marsha Hendrickson, Dave Gelnett,  
Kirk Bainey  
**Associate Directors:** None  
**Staff:** Todd Deluccia, Jim Zoschg Jr., Jon-Marc Burdick, Jenn Dixon  
**Agency Reps.:** Carli McConnell (DEP)\*  
**Guests:** None

\*Via Teleconference Call

**Call to Order:** The meeting is called to order by Chairman Mark Johnson at 4:30 PM in the Cameron County Conservation District office.

**Election of Officers:** Deleted from Agenda.

**Introduction of Guests & Comments:** Carli and, subsequently, the staff and directors introduce themselves. Mark welcomes Carli aboard on her first day with DEP.

**February Minutes:** The date of March’s meeting was corrected to read “09”, not “08”, March. Steve makes a motion to accept the minutes, as corrected, Marsha seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kirk makes a motion to accept the report, Steve seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Bills to be Paid:** Steve makes a motion to pay the bills, Marsha seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

**District Manager’s Report:** Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Steve seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Conservation Resource Technician Report:** Kirk makes a motion to accept the report, Marsha seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Watershed Technician’s Report:** Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Kirk seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Administrative Assistant / Environmental Education Report:** Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Steve seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Agency Reports:** DEP (Carli): Relevant “Field Rep Talking Points” were emphasized with the Larson Design Group TAP, Agricultural Inspection Training, the PA Envirothon need for volunteers, DGLVR Program Trainings, and Leadership Development Director “Back to Basics” Workshops being highlighted.

**PF&BC:** WCO Darrell Miller is no longer employed by the agency so there is, and for the foreseeable future, will not be, a representative at these meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chapter 102 Fee Schedule Update: On the 3<sup>rd</sup> page, under item 11., the words” a review” should be inserted between the words” without” and “being”. On the “Fee Schedule” page (p.4) under item B., 2<sup>nd</sup> line, “charges” should be changed to “charged”. Kirk makes a motion to accept the proposed Fee Schedule as corrected, Steve seconds, and the motion passes unanimously. The Schedule will go into effect 30 days from today.

**NEW BUSINESS:** New Computer Purchase: Jim needs a new computer which should cost about \$1000 plus labor to transfer files and the installment of programs. Total cost should be no more than \$1500. Steve makes a motion to purchase the computer, transfer files onto it, and install necessary programs, an operating system, etc. at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00. Marsha seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

Conservation District 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The milestone is acknowledged but it is felt that no further commemoration is needed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** The district’s Annual Report is coming due soon and Jenn reminds Mark that his article will be needed for inclusion in the report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Steve makes a motion to adjourn, Marsha seconds, and the motion carries unanimously. The meeting adjourns at 5:04 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, 13 April 2026 at 4:30 PM in the CCCD office.

Kirk Baine, Secretary

**Cameron County Conservation  
Treasurer's Report  
March 2026**

	Date	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Deposits	Checks	Balance	
* 1000 Checking-Northwest	<b>Beginning Balance</b>							<b>277,430.85</b>
	03/02/2026	1906099062	Dept. of Ag.	LVR Replenishment	8,776.50		286,207.35	
	03/03/2026	17		Transfer to ACAP		150,000.00	136,207.35	
	03/05/2026	1906101127	Dept. of Enviro Prot, (DEP)	CDFAP 4th Qtr 2025	40,523.20		176,730.55	
			Zito Business - Commercial Services					
	03/10/2026	4566	Billi	Monthly Billing		315.75	176,414.80	
	03/10/2026	4557	VISA - Jon Marc	Prev. Approved Transactions		9.00	176,405.80	
	03/10/2026	4558	Hugh Water Supply	Monthly Billing		24.00	176,381.80	
	03/10/2026	4559	Jenn Dixon	AA 26-02 Expenses		59.45	176,322.35	
	03/10/2026	4560	L & M Lumber	Prev. Approved Transactions		31.96	176,290.39	
	03/10/2026	4561	Judd A Schager, CPA	Monthly Billing		375.00	175,915.39	
	03/10/2026	4562	VISA - Todd	Prev. Approved Transactions		562.29	175,353.10	
	03/10/2026	4564	Way Office	Prev. Approved Transactions		111.21	175,241.89	
	03/10/2026	4565	Project Grass	Prev. Approved Transactions		25.00	175,216.89	
	03/10/2026	4567	Todd Deluccia	DM 26-02 Expenses		116.00	175,100.89	
	03/10/2026	4569	Jon-Marc Burdick	WS 26-02 Expenses		23.93	175,076.96	
			Cameron County Conservation	Transfer 178890 LVR				
	03/10/2026	4568	District	Replenishment 8776.50		26,666.50	148,410.46	
	03/10/2026	ACH	Marco (Copies Lease)	Monthly Billing		194.86	148,215.60	
	03/10/2026	4556	Jim Zoschg	CRT 26-02 Expenses		23.20	148,192.40	
					<b>\$ 49,299.70</b>	<b>\$ 178,538.15</b>		
* 1102 PUC-Northwest	<b>Beginning Balance</b>							<b>141,940.41</b>
	03/31/2026	INTEREST		Interest Earned	1.21		141,941.62	
					<b>\$ 1.21</b>			
* 1103 Clean Water-Northwest	<b>Beginning Balance</b>							<b>40,024.31</b>
				Lyme Timber & Mid Cameron				
	03/02/2026			E&S/GP-8 Fee	500.00		40,524.31	
	03/12/2026		HRI	E&S Review Fee	75.00		40,599.31	
	03/17/2026		Glenn Hawbaker	E&S Review Fee	150.00		40,749.31	
	03/20/2026		Russell Real Estate	NPDES	605.00		41,354.31	
	03/31/2026	INTEREST		Interest Earned	0.35		41,354.66	
					<b>\$ 1,330.35</b>			
* 1106 DGR-Citizens	<b>Beginning Balance</b>							<b>100,973.44</b>
	03/31/2026	INTEREST		Interest Earned	4.29		100,977.73	
					<b>\$ 4.29</b>			
* 1109 Petty Cash	<b>Beginning Balance</b>							<b>62.71</b>
				Transfer to Balance				
				*Year End Transaction Hung up in Bill Pay - JH Corrected		<b>\$ 12.71</b>	50.00	
* 1110 LVR - Citizens	<b>Beginning Balance</b>							<b>9,923.72</b>
				Cameron County Conservation				
	03/12/2026		District	Transfer 178890 LVR Replenishment 8776.50	26,666.50		36,590.22	
	03/31/2026	INTEREST		Interest Earned	4.46		36,594.68	
					<b>\$ 26,670.96</b>			
* 1111 ACAP- Northwest	<b>Beginning Balance</b>							<b>278,109.96</b>
	03/03/2026	17		Transfer to ACAP	150,000.00		428,109.96	
	03/31/2026	INTEREST		Interest Earned	3.55		428,113.51	
					<b>\$ 150,003.55</b>			
* 1112 PLGIT/ PRIME	<b>Beginning Balance</b>							<b>34,624.36</b>
	03/31/2026	INTEREST		Interest Earned	110.24		34,734.60	
					<b>\$ 110.24</b>			

\* Reconciled as of 3/31/26

**Cameron County Conservation  
Treasurer's Report  
As of March 31, 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Memo/Description</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
03/12/2026	Advanced Computer Solutions	ACS- Jim computer	1,382.60
03/31/2026	Hugh Water Supply	Office Supplies- Water	24.00
03/31/2026	Jenn Dixon	AA 26-03 Expenses	79.03
03/31/2026	Jim Zoschg	CRT 26-03 Expenses	287.10
03/31/2026	Jon-Marc Burdick	WS 26-03 Expenses	31.90
03/03/2026	Judd A Schager, CPA	Monthly QB	375.00
03/16/2026	Marco (Copies Lease)	Marco Lease Copier	194.86
03/25/2026	R&R Engineering, LLC	Bauer ACAP Project	4,330.00
03/31/2026	Todd Deluccia	DM 26-03 Expenses	206.63
03/20/2026	VISA - Jon Marc	Ace- Office Supplies	25.43
03/06/2026	VISA - Jon Marc	Uptown Grille- Ag Producers Meeting	420.00
03/28/2026	VISA - Jon Marc	Tactacam- Monthly Billing	9.00
03/12/2026	VISA - Todd	Amazon- Office Supplies Boot Brush	38.94
03/05/2026	VISA - Todd	DG-Ag Producers Meeting	40.62
02/06/2026	VISA Jenn	DG- Office Supplies	13.99
03/17/2026	VISA Jenn	DG- ED program	17.49
03/20/2026	Visa- Jim	Postage	6.86
03/05/2026	Visa- Jim	NW Grazing Conference	99.74
03/31/2026	Zito Business - Commercial Services Billi	Phone/Internet	315.75
Previously Approved - Pending Reimbursement			
12/31/2021	Cameron County General Fund	CRT 2021 4th Qtr Wages	10.00
12/31/2025	Cameron County General Fund	CRT 4th Qtr 2025	17,537.71
12/31/2025	Cameron County General Fund	WS 4th Qtr 2025	17,488.31
12/31/2025	Cameron County General Fund	DM 4th Qtr Wages	22,388.51
12/31/2025	Cameron County General Fund	AA 4th Qtr 2025	17,544.14
			<b>\$ 74,968.67</b>
Previously Approved - Pending Project Completion			
06/30/2019	Gibson Township	Gibson001-06/30/2018-023-01 (Nanny Run 1/2 pmt)	5,203.08
10/12/2023	Grove Township	NEW PROJECT 50% GROVE TWP- JERICO RD	1,074.88
07/14/2020	Lumber Township	Lumber Hunts Run	44,654.00

## **March District Manager Report**

The 19<sup>th</sup> round of the Sinnemahoning Watershed Grant Program was due this month. I met with a couple of the potential grantees for advice in their application. The committee met for review of the projects. 6 projects were submitted and all 6 projects were funded for a total of \$179,266 for a variety of projects. I put together all grant agreements as well and sent off to grantees.

Jon Marc and I are preparing for the retrofit of the MAYH13 intake. The Coanda box is in hand and will be installed in April. This will leave with just a couple more to retrofit to get things on par. I have been discussing potential work at the 1555 treatment with DEP Mining Office. The system needs to be rebuild. We committed some money a year or so ago but things fell through the cracks with DEP and it didn't happen. We will be meeting in April to discuss moving forward with something there.

We held our annual Ag Producers Meeting. As usual it was well attended and went off without a hitch. This year it was held at the Cameron County Fairgrounds.

I looked at several sites with townships for DGLVR funding. I met with Lumber to look at a new slide that has occurred on May Hollow Road. I also looked at a potential slide on Tannery Heights for Shippen Twp. We potentially will be doing both in the future. At this time the May Hollow job is pretty critical and I would expect an application for it next month. I also have prepared the final bid package for the Nanny Run LVR culvert replacement in Gibson Twp. The prebid will held May 11<sup>th</sup> and bid opening May 18<sup>th</sup>. We already have quite a bit of interest in the job.

We met with Bill Kcenich and Jeff Ream to look at the Wayne Kamatz project in Plank Road Hollow. We will be installing an H-Pile wall to stabilize the streambank and home from further erosion. DEP has committed to funding this project. We also will be doing a small streambank stabilization on Driftwood Branch by the sewage treatment plant utilizing rip rap and log framed stone deflectors.

I attended quite a few regular meetings including the monthly statewide managers meeting, the NRCS annual local workgroup meeting, and NC PACD quarterly meeting.

Todd Deluccia  
District Manager

March 2026 Monthly Report  
Conservation Resource Technician Report

Under the Chapter 102 program, this past month we received a new NPDES permit for the clearing and construction of a camp off Low Grade Road (SR 555) in Gibson Township. The permit is a PAG-01, the new general permit that is only applicable in select situations involving low-gradient terrain with a small percentage of impervious surface. The review for this permit is more streamline than the review for the PAG-02 general permit. This is the first PAG-01 permit that we have received.

On March 26 I met with Clarissa Alcorn, the DEP biologist who covers our county, to look at several sites in the county where there have been questions regarding the presence of wetlands. I conducted one Chapter 105 inspection during the past month and had two technical assistance visits with landowners under Chapter 105.

On March 24 I met with Mike and Melissa Rubano at Scott Bauer's farm. Mike surveyed the site to begin the design work for Scott's roofed heavy use area/manure storage building that is being funded through ACAP. Melissa collected soil samples as a first step for developing a nutrient management plan for the farm. During the month I coordinated with Jake Tomlinsn of Penn State's CACAT for the design of a manure storage building for Tim Britton's farm and a dual manure storage/roofed heavy use area for Terry Lyon's farm. The end of March, Jake sent out RFP's (requests for proposals) for the design of both these projects. The deadline for both RFP's is toward the end of April, so by the end of the month, we should know who will be designing both projects. The designs are scheduled to be completed by mid-summer. From there we can work with the farmers to submit grant proposals to ACAP for the construction of the projects.

On March 5 we held our annual Ag Producers Meeting. We ended up having seventeen people in attendance, plus our staff and the four speakers. Amanda Murdock of the USDA NRCS Office, Travis Wingard with Penn State Extension's Master Watershed Stewardship Program, Nicole Santangelo Thompson—Penn State Extension Agronomy Educator and Katie Brooks—Penn State Extension's Forestry and Wildlife Educator presented during the meeting. I also presented providing a brief overview of ACAP and summarizing Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 regulations that relate to farmers.

During this past month I completed the final revisions to my ACAP Grazing Practices Practice Approval System Mock Plan. I was notified the beginning of April that I have received provisional certification approval. I will have a year to design and oversee a project involving the grazing practices BMP's. These are fencing, critical area planting, hay and pasture planting & animal walkways.

I attended the Western PA Grazing Conference with Paul Lyon in Clarion on March 12. As always, the grazing conference was quite informative. The main speaker was Steve Kenyon of Alberta, Canada. On the 18 I attended the Agriculture Sustainability Roundtable for Cameron, Mckean and Potter Counties that was held in Port Allegany. Steve Zoschg attended the event with me. It was held by the Clarion Small Business Development Center.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> Jon-Marc and I hosted the spring meeting of the Sinn. Invasive Plant Management Area (SIPMA). We had a good attendance from partnering organizations. On the 11<sup>th</sup> I helped with the Envirothon Study Day that was held at Pitt Bradford.

Sincerely,

Jim Zoschg, Jr.

## March 2026 Watershed Technician Report

With the Envirothon test day and study day coming up in April I did a couple of educational study days for Envirothon. First, I went into the school and did identification of the different fish, reptiles, and amphibians. Next, we hosted our winter study day at Pitt Bradford for both counties. Following that I was back in the school to go over the study materials that could possibly be on the tests. The District also hosted its annual Ag Producers Meeting. This meeting had several different presentations and after finishing the farmers received credits for spraying.

Winter is finally wrapping up and after the long winter and not being able to check on the AMD systems I was finally able to get up through the mines and check out all our systems. All the systems were fine except for the original pond at Finley 74. Here the water would go through a layer of rock before it would go out through an agu-drain. The problem the system was having was that the rock layer got plugged off with organic material that formed a layer that would not let water pass through. To remedy this, we will have to get a piece of equipment up to the system and scrape that layer of material off as well as stir up the rock to let the water pass through.

This month the District hosted its bi-annual SIPMA meeting. Here we discussed last year's projects, upcoming projects, needs and wants, as well as available funding. Also, with invasive the District was approved for its Headwaters grant of \$20,000 to continue the work to irradiate invasive plants on the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnemahoning River. The District was also approved for its Headwaters grant to plant a section of stream on May Hollow below the county landfill to reduce the thermal impact on the stream. This grant will also include long-term monitoring of the site for water temperature.

We visited two sites with DEP EWP. The first site is up Plank Road Hollow. Here the stream is eroding the bank to the point where it is up against the foundation of the house. With DEP funds we are going to build a wall to protect the house and foundation. The second site is on the Driftwood Branch in town. At this site there was a wall to protect the sewer plant vault, and it had caved in. To give it protection we are going to add 100 feet of riprap to armor it.

Todd and I met with Northpoint contracting to look at May Hollow 13 for the intake retrofit. Here we are going to go up stream of the previous intake and add a Coanda Box to prevent the clogging up of the system because this system is notorious for getting plugged.

Jon-Marc Burdick

Watershed Technician

## AA/Environmental Education Report – MARCH 2026

Environmental education continued strong throughout the month of March. I started the month off with a visit to the IU9 preschool where I presented the book “Who Grew My Soup.” Before I read the book, I talked to the students about vegetables. We talked about how and where you can grow them, what they need to grow, and what health benefits they give us.

Ag Literacy week is March 16-20<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate this week I once again presented “Who Grew My Soup” to the kindergarten students in Heather Bauer and Julie Thompsons classes. I once again discussed vegetables on how to grow, where to grow and the benefits they give us. After reading the book, each student was given paper and asked to draw their own garden. I am always impressed to see the creations young students have when given paper and crayons. The images turned out great, and most students gave a full detailed vision of their gardens.

I continued visits with the third-grade classes at Woodland, along with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes at the High School. For both grade visits I presented the “Incredible Journey.” The Incredible Journey is a presentation that focuses on the water cycle. With the use of pipe cleaners and beads students can see just where water is on earth, and how the water cycle moves water. Students roll a die that has different locations such as a lake, river, ocean, clouds, animals, plants, soil, groundwater, and glacier. With each roll, the student follows the directions of the die and moves to that location where they will add a bead to their pipe cleaner. This continues until their pipe cleaner is filled. Then they can connect both ends of the pipe cleaner and make a bracelet. Students can get frustrated as the dice are set up to keep them in certain locations such as clouds and ocean more often. However, after doing the program, they get a better understanding of why that happens.

The Wild Envirothon competition is getting closer which means we had our first study day held at Pitt Bradford in March. Students from McKean and Cameron School Districts spent the day preparing for test day being held at the McKean County Fair Grounds on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Jon-Marc and Jim were both part of the presentations throughout the day, and I spent time with the teachers discussing wish lists and more for the future.

Throughout the month I finalized the donuts for our second study day with Emporium Food Market, along with Lunch for test day with the VFW Auxiliary in Emporium. Both organizations will be donating food for all students and presenters.

The end of my month was spent at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg cheering on my daughter as she won her second state medal in wrestling with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. After a first round loss, she battled her way back on day two with 4 straight wins.

Jennifer Dixon – Admin. Asst/Envio Ed.

**April 2026  
Conservation District Field Rep  
Talking Points**

**No Required Match for Watershed Specialist in FY 26-27** – DEP is excited to announce that we are able to lift the match requirement for the Watershed Specialist Grants starting with the add-funds requests for FY 26-27. Additional information regarding the Watershed Specialist renewal for FY 26-27 will be sent out in May.

**319 Tier III Mini-grants for Teir III Monitoring**

As part of the 2027 319 Nonpoint Source Management Grant that will be open for application April 22, 2026-June 22, 2026, DEP's Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management (BWRNSM) added a project category, Tier III Monitoring Mini-Grants, within 319 Watershed Implementation Plan Watersheds, Total Maximum Daily Load/Advance Restoration Plan watersheds, and other impaired waters. Monitoring will be conducted by qualified collectors and generate assessment level data according to DEP standards. DEP will coordinate with larger entities to award mini-grants across the state. Each region of the state (West, Central, and East) will have a maximum amount of \$100,000 to award to smaller watershed groups, with each mini-grant project limited to a maximum amount of \$15,000 for each phase of this two-phased project. Funded organizations would initially participate in Phase 1 – collector training and certification, of collectors utilizing DEP water quality monitoring protocols. If successful, organizations would apply for Phase 2 – monitoring, data collection and laboratory analyses. During Phase 2, DEP will conduct random Quality Assurance checks, coordinating with the monitoring entity to observe their sample/data collection procedures.

**Growing Greener Grant Round to Open April 22** – The 2026 Growing Greener Grant round will be open April 22 – June 22.

There will be a few changes to Growing Greener in 2026. Growing Greener was once the Commonwealth's primary grant program for reducing nonpoint source pollution; however, recently new agriculture-focused funding streams have changed the landscape and created the need for a clearer program identity for Growing Greener. Within this new landscape, Growing Greener is uniquely positioned to be the lead funder for **design and permitting work for agricultural projects within the Chesapeake Bay portion of counties participating in the CAP Implementation program**, setting up the implementation phase of projects funded through other grant programs like CAP and ACAP for quick-turn around and ensuring the major grant programs complement one another. With most new grant programs targeting the implementation of agricultural projects, Growing Greener which is positioned to fund projects addressing all sources of nonpoint source pollution, can and should direct funds to quality projects or phases of projects that other programs cannot fund.

The updated information for this year's grant round went live on the website March 25, 2026. [Apply for a Department of Environmental Protection Growing Greener Plus Grant](#)

**2026 Section 319 Annual Virtual Meeting:**

The Annual Section 319 Meeting will be held virtually on May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for two half-day sessions. The purpose of this meeting is to communicate to existing and potential grantees, changes or updates to the 319 grant process/procedures and to highlight grantees' success stories and learn by sharing challenges. Attached you will find a tentative agenda, please note this schedule is provisional and subject to change.

You can find the registration link here - **Virtual Registration Form Link:**

<https://forms.gle/Z3wqNzcgXgh3jkc1A>

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Sarah Wright at [sarwright@pa.gov](mailto:sarwright@pa.gov).

## **Larson Design Group - Technical Assistance Program Round Open March 9 – May 1, 2026**

The next Technical Assistance Program (TAP) application round will be open from March 9 to May 1, 2026.

TAP will be accepting project service requests from County Conservation Districts within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to provide technical services for agricultural projects focusing on nutrient and sediment reduction. To be eligible to receive service awards, proposed projects must be located within a Most Effective Basin and have current agricultural plans listing the Best Management Practice(s) (BMP(s)) for related service requests.

### **Applicants may select services from either Phase 1 or Phase 2:**

Phase 1: Outreach, design, engineering, site survey, I&E, and permitting

Phase 2: Bid management, contractor management, and construction inspection

### **More Information:**

Updated Technical Assistance Program resources will be available on the Clean Water Academy Website starting March 9th, 2026.

PA DEP and LDG recognize that every project is unique, and we encourage you to reach out to us to address any questions that may arise during the application submission or throughout awarded services. Questions may be directed to Tammy Piper at [tapiper@pa.gov](mailto:tapiper@pa.gov)

## **PA Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)**

ACAP has reached 1,753 signed contracts totaling \$179.5 million committed or paid to farmers statewide with nearly 3,000 applications received. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$37.6 million in state funding for FY2026-27 through the Clean Streams Fund.

SCC would like to remind districts that the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026 will end March 31, 2026 and reports will be due by April 15, 2026. Note: the spending deadline for **Federal Funds being spent from local district accounts is December 31, 2026**. Districts should review their commitments and spending to ensure funds are used and reported correctly using the ACAP Reporting Tool.

SCC is currently developing a new 5-year delegation/intergovernmental agreement that is expected to begin July 1, 2026. This new agreement will allow the SCC to roll all State funds into the new agreement. SCC staff will disencumber all remaining unspent state funds and re-encumber those funds into the new agreement when new agreement is fully executed. This will allow districts more flexibility in spending down any unspent State funds. Districts should still expect the two-year spending stipulation for when funds are received. Districts that anticipate difficulty expending funds should reach out to your regional SCC ACAP Coordinator.

FY25-26 ACAP fund advancements were processed, and districts should have received them sometime late January-February. If your district has not received their ACAP advance payment, please let SCC know.

The ACAP Admin Manual is under development. The manual is nearing the final draft form. Once in final draft form, SCC will send out to all districts for final review. Districts should have already received one copy of this as it went out to all districts as part of the February Commission meeting packet.

Conservation Districts should expect to be contacted by their ACAP Regional Coordinator as we are developing the ACAP Program Administrative Review (PAR). SCC and CACAT staff will be conducting initial pilot reviews. These initial reviews are to test our process and adjust as needed. PAR intends to be educational and SCC/CACAT staff would welcome any feedback during this process.

## **Center for Agricultural Conservation Assistance Training (CACAT)**

CACAT continues to develop new Practice Approval System (PAS) packages to strengthen conservation planning and implementation capacity. CACAT and HRG hosted the most recent PAS Stream Corridor package training on March 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> with 17 district staff members participating.

The next anticipated **PAS Barnyard Stormwater Training is planned for July 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> or July 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in State College**

CACAT and SCC continue to have monthly webinars on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 9-10:00 am. Upcoming Webinars are as follows:

- April 16 – **ACAP Conservation Cornerstones: Cover Crop and Conservation**
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16

Other upcoming ACAP Events and Training Opportunities:

- 2026 ACAP Ag Conservation Conference, September 15-17, Indiana County
- PAS Cropland Stormwater Training, November 17-18 or December 15-16, State College

Districts are encouraged to notify SCC of new ACAP staff, by contacting their Regional ACAP Coordinator. **All new ACAP staff must complete the required 1-hour training before gaining access to the ACAP Reporting Tool.**

## **Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road (DGLVR) Program Trainings**

The Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road (DGLVR) Program has several sessions scheduled for 2026. These include training on Environmentally Sensitive Road Maintenance (ESM), DGLVR Program Administration, DGLVR Finances, DGLVR Technician Bootcamp, and Road-Stream Crossing Replacements. Trainings are free for conservation district staff and partner agencies to attend; online registration is required. Details and registration are online at the Penn State Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies website: <https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/education-training/>

Upcoming DGLVR Trainings:

- Apr 8 - 9, 2026: ESM Training (Wayne County)
- April 14 - 16, 2026: DGLVR Technician Boot Camp (Centre County)
- Apr 28, 2026: DGLVR Financial Training (Centre County)
- Apr 29 - 30, 2026: ESM Training (Crawford County)

## **Chapter 105 Program**

**Updated Chapter 105 General Permit (GP) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** - On March 24, the Division of Wetlands, Encroachment, and Training (Division) announced the completion of minor edits and corrections to the Chapter 105 GP SOP following its roll-out in December 2025 and an internal January 2026 webinar. DEP regional office and delegated Conservation District staff provided valuable input for these minor changes and corrections. An FAQ document was also created, highlighting questions received with the rollout, and some of the changes made to the SOP. The [recorded webinar](#), [revised SOP](#) and [FAQ document](#) are online on the Clean Water [Academy 105 Resources pages](#).

**Pennsylvania Aquatic Resource Restoration Conference Clean Water Academy Course** - The Pennsylvania Aquatic Resource Restoration Conference (PARRC) has been converted into a course on the Clean Water Academy incorporating recorded video and downloadable presentations. PARRC was conducted by the Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands, Division of Wetland Encroachments and Training (Division) in collaboration with the Division's Waterways and Wetlands Restoration Workgroup (WRRW) on March 3-4. The conference facilitated knowledge transfer among scientists, regulators, and practitioners involved in aquatic resource restoration, with the goal of advancing restoration science. All of the downloadable presentations have been added to the Resources section of the course. As part of the Division's initiative to provide higher quality learning material, video and audio recordings of 28 presenters have been edited and uploaded to the Presentations section of the course, with more being added over the next few weeks. The link to the course: [PA Aquatic Resource Restoration Conference 2026](#)

**Chapter 105 Training Update** - On February 24, the Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands, Division of Wetlands Encroachments and Training (Division) shared 3 recently completed efforts to more easily share the various wetland trainings offered on the [Clean Water Academy](#) (CWA). These wetlands trainings are incredibly beneficial for Chapter 105 staff but also have great value that extends into various other programs areas, like ag compliance and grant programs. The CWA can be navigated independently, but the Division anticipates these 3 items being useful to learners needs.

- **Chapter 105 Wetland Training Update for February of 2026** – This quick 2-page list furthers our goal of ensuring well-designed training is accessible and beneficial to all learners. The Division anticipates numerous updates this year, including over 15 hours of interactive training courses, PDHs, informative webinars and videos.
- **Intro to Wetlands Course List** – This comprehensive list of trainings within the larger Introduction to Wetlands Determination course is geared towards learners seeking a foundational understanding of wetlands. This new wetland identification course includes informative videos, webinars, trainings and even a few quizzes. Interested learners can continue their experience with courses focused on restoration and other recommendations.
- **Technical & Educational Resources webpage** – This updated webpage is intended to share current initiatives regarding advancements in technical and educational resources, as well as to inform the public of forthcoming developments expected in the coming year. By increasing the visibility of these initiatives, the Division seeks to further promote its program and engage the public.

Questions about wetlands trainings can be sent to: [RA-EP105QUESTIONS@PA.GOV](mailto:RA-EP105QUESTIONS@PA.GOV)

*Please note that the CWA is undergoing a restructuring during 2026 to offer improved navigability and a better user experience. As such, some links will require updating, so keep an eye out for updated resources.*

**YouTube Release of Restoration of Watershed Resources Video**: The Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands, Division of Wetlands Encroachments and Training, in collaboration with Commonwealth University, announced last fall the release of an educational video via the [Clean Water Academy](#). This video addresses the critical importance of watershed resource restoration, a vital component in sustaining ecological health, improving human safety, supporting wildlife, enabling recreation, and providing clean water for communities.

Understanding the significance of watersheds, historic alterations, and modern constraints is paramount to developing effective strategies that honor the natural potential of these landscapes. In conjunction with Communications, the Bureau has expanded the video's accessibility through its release on YouTube. This strategic expansion aims to enhance public awareness and understanding of the restoration of our watersheds. By disseminating this educational resource across multiple platforms, the Bureau seeks to foster environmental stewardship and augment ecological literacy among Pennsylvanians, reinforcing the importance of watershed resource restoration. [YouTube Link: Restoration of Watershed Resources](#)

## Chapter 102 Program

**Chapter 102 Quarterly Newsletter** – The newsletter was emailed out the first week of April. It is also always available in the 102 Resource Center of Clean Water Academy, under [DEP Guidance, Policies, and FAQs](#). CCDs are encouraged to review the newsletter each quarter for reminders, updates, and tips. For example, the April newsletter discusses filter sock traps, a topic DEP receives a lot of questions. CCD staff are also welcome to make their own contributions to the newsletter; if interested, contact Luke Graver at [lugraver@pa.gov](mailto:lugraver@pa.gov).

**Delegation Agreements** – Various DEP programs (102, 105, etc.) that work with CCDs have been directed to modernize and update CCD delegation agreements. Many are significantly outdated and, in some cases, limiting program progress. These updates will more accurately reflect current program operations and promote better consistency across the Commonwealth. The Chapter 102 Program is currently aiming for a draft by summer, and a selection of CCD staff have been asked to participate in a workgroup to provide input and feedback. The tentative date for completion of all delegation agreement updates is July 2027.

**Chapter 102 Pilot Program** – The [Chapter 102 Pilot](#) program was launched May 1, 2024, to try new processes to see whether they accelerate permit review times for Individual NPDES Permits. Since then, 11 CCDs have been participating, though most projects have been in just a few counties. There have been 18 projects that were deemed eligible to participate and 15 of the Pilot permits have been issued to date. DEP has seen some preliminary success with the program; compared to the standard process, permits are being issued at least 25% faster. However, it has been determined that a larger sample size is needed before making conclusions about the new processes.

Therefore, the 102 Pilot program is being expanded to statewide participation. Any CCD who wishes to participate or has questions can contact the Bureau of Clean Water (BCW) at [RA-EPCHAPTER102@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EPCHAPTER102@pa.gov). Participation will require a delegation agreement amendment. PAG-02 reviews will also be added to the Pilot program. Any CCD who is currently participating may request that BCW amend their delegation agreement to include PAG-02 review.

It is critical that any CCD participating in the Pilot follow the SOP for the program. Straying from the Pilot procedures by issuing multiple technical deficiency letters, granting applicants extra time extensions, etc. diminishes DEP's ability to determine the Pilot's effectiveness.

## Upcoming Events

**Chapter 102 Basic Training** – Chapter 102 Basic Technical Training is scheduled for **June 1-5, 2026**, at the **Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, PA**. This training is open to CCD and DEP staff who work with the Chapter 102 program. The curriculum is designed for new or newer technicians and incorporates classroom learning and a field component. New staff are encouraged to participate in Basic Training for two years, if possible. **Registration opens in April**, so look for that announcement!

**Regional In-Person E&S Training** – DEP's Bureau of Clean Water is hosting one-day small group E&S training events again in 2026. These in-person events are intended for new staff, with a focus on sediment basin/trap review. Completion of the Level I Training Program and event registration is required. Details and sign-up are available on Clean Water Academy: <https://pacleanwateracademy.remote-learner.net/course/view.php?id=922>.

- Northeast – June 17
- Southeast – August 5
- Northcentral – September 10
- Northwest – October 14

## Clean Water Academy

### Course: 2026 Conference - Permitting and Compliance Lessons Learned and Best Practices for Chapter 102

**Course Sponsor:** This workshop is brought to you by the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE) and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). **Date:** March 10, 2026. **Content:** This course includes 3 recorded presentations along with downloadable PDFs of the presentations and conference material.

### Course: PA Aquatic Resource Restoration Conference 2026: Past, Present and Future

**Course Sponsor:** Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands. **Date:** March 3rd, 2026 and March 4th, 2026. **Content:** This course includes 33 presentations, broken up over two days. There are videos available to watch along with downloadable PDFs of the presentations and conference material.

### Course: Down the Drain

Discover the hidden dangers lurking in your backyard due to neglected septic systems. This video highlights a personal experience with a "soggy spot" that turned into a costly sewage issue, emphasizing the importance of proactive septic maintenance. Learn how to identify potential problems, understand the function of septic systems, and implement simple, cost-effective practices to protect your home and health.

### Course: Mitigation Banking in Pennsylvania 101: History, Process, and Results

Mitigation banking in Pennsylvania continues to evolve as regulators and practitioners refine approaches that balance permitting efficiency with strong, measurable ecological outcomes. In this webinar, Dave Goerman of the Pennsylvania DEP and Katie Wolff and Jon Kasitz of RES share a clear, practical look at how the state's mitigation banking program has developed, what makes it distinct, and how it functions today. Drawing on decades of regulatory and project delivery experience, they unpack the current framework, real-world ecological results, and what applicants, consultants, and developers need to know to successfully integrate mitigation banking into project planning and permitting timelines.

## Chesapeake Bay

**Watershed Assessment for Restoration Potential (WARP) Dashboard Tool: Webinar Wednesday -** DEP's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Division will be hosting a Webinar via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday, May 1 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**. The webinar will provide an overview of the tool to quickly screen watersheds within a county to identify areas with both special protection and ag-impaired reaches, which have high response rates to water quality health improvement interventions.

**County Snapshots Distributed -** DEP's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Division recently distributed Snapshots to each county participating in the Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Program. These Snapshots provide an overview of the county's current nutrient loading rates, the county identified nutrient reduction goals, and the progress made to date. County partners are encouraged to talk to their Project Advisor about the Snapshots as they review the content.

**Agreement Closeout Considerations -** DEP's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Division will be closing out Countywide Action Plan (CAP) agreements which have periods of performance ending on June 30, 2026. As counties send in their final reimbursements that will draw down the last of the funds on those agreements, they should be sending in a list of the completed projects funded during the period of performance of the agreement. With that last reimbursement request, they will provide a data-pull from PracticeKeeper of all the best management practices (BMPs) that were CAP-funded. DEP Project Advisors will check to make sure that all BMPs have an associated project name and date-stamped photo.

**Dates to Remember**

**2026 State Conservation Commission Meeting and Conference Call Dates**

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Conference Calls</u>
May 19, 2026 *	June 18, 2026 (Thursday)**
July 23*	August 18, 2026**
September 8, 2026 *	October 20, 2026**
November 17, 2026*	December 15, 2026**

\*SCC Meetings – 9:00 am Briefing Session, 10:00 am Business Meeting

\*\*SCC Conference Calls – 8:30 – 10:00 AM

**Agriculture Inspection Training**

Monroe County Conservation District	April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Penn State Extension Building (Mercer County)	April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Leadership Development Director “Back to Basics” Workshops**

Lawrence County Public Safety	April 1
Berks CD	April 23

**Pennsylvania Envirothon**

**Oral Component** (Fully Virtual – Volunteer Remotely) May 14 and 15

**State Envirothon Station Testing Day** (In-person, Camp Mt. Luther) May 20

**Chapter 102 Basic Training** – Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, PA June 1-5

**102 Regional Small Group In-Person E&S Training**

Northeast	June 17
Southeast	August 5
Northcentral	September 10
Northwest	October 14

**DGLVR Trainings:**

ESM Training (Wayne County)	Apr 8 - 9, 2026
DGLVR Technician Boot Camp (Centre County)	April 14 - 16, 2026
DGLVR Financial Training (Centre County)	Apr 28, 2026
ESM Training (Crawford County)	Apr 29 - 30, 2026

**Also**, check the Conservation District Training/Special Events Calendar at, [www.PACD.org](http://www.PACD.org). Select the "Events" tab and then the "Training Calendar" tab.