

**Allegheny County Soil & Water Conservation District
2015 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY**

DISTRICT CONSERVATION PROGRAMS:

- Three grant applications were submitted for the Round 21 Ag Nonpoint Source Grant and we had 2 grants approved:
 - Wellsville Water Supply Phase 2– total amount of \$708,500.00
 - Rushford Lake Protection– total amount of \$325,620.00
 - Total amount of grants - \$1,034,120.00
- Received a \$155,000 grant from Cathy Young's office for dredging at Cuba Lake, a boat wash station at Rushford Lake and for cleaning creeks in the county.
- Awarded a Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program grant for \$1.5 million.
- Agricultural Environmental Management program serviced 66 farms at several different levels of service
- Ag Assessments Completed – 90 parcels for a total agriculture acreage of 3,895
- Approximately 250 requests for assistance were acted upon
- 14 municipalities requested assistance

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT:

- Projects Completed
- Manure storages – 1 completed for a total amount of \$188,375.29
- Pasture Systems – 2 completed for a total amount of \$25,087
- Bunk Silo Leachate Collection – 1 system completed for a total amount of \$3,668.74
- Cover Crops – 125 acres planted for a total amount of \$9,250.00
- Nutrient Management Plans – 3 plans completed for a total amount of \$13,494.00
- Heavy Use Pad – 1 system for a total amount of \$13,595.00
- Milkhouse Waste Collection System – 1 for a total amount of \$12,811.00
- Total amount of projects implemented in 2014 - \$266,281.03
- Assisted 3 Towns with DEC and Army Corp permitting
- Assisted 2 landowners with DEC and Army Corp permitting

CONSERVATION EDUCATION:

- 15 students from Allegheny County participated in the Envirothon Program
- Staffed the State Soil and Water Conservation District booth at Empire Farm Days

REVENUES:

- Total value of service to the non-agriculture community - \$90,000
- Total value of service to the agriculture community - \$359,000
- Total estimated value of practices and services provided to the county - \$414,000
- Ended 2015 with over \$4.4 million in grants in varying stages of implementation

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING:

- Staff was involved with the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Group, Seneca Trails RC&D, Hazard Mitigation Plan Group and Southern Tier West Watershed Group
- Positions of Executive Director, Engineer/Watershed Technician, Agricultural Environmental Planner were maintained and the position of District Technician was created.

Respectfully Submitted,

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