

**Allegheny County Soil & Water Conservation District
2014 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY**

DISTRICT CONSERVATION PROGRAMS:

- Four grant applications were submitted for the Round 20 Ag Nonpoint Source Grant and we had 3 grants approved:
 - Black Creek Watershed Protection – total amount of \$263,410.00
 - Canacadea Creek Grazing Systems – total amount of \$83,580.00
 - Oil Creek BMP Implementation – total amount of \$117,058.00
 - Total amount of grants - \$464,048.00
- Agricultural Environmental Management program serviced 57 farms at several different levels of service
- Ag Assessments Completed – 125 parcels for a total acreage of 10,549 acres
- 225 requests for assistance were acted upon
- 10 municipalities requested assistance

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT:

- Projects Completed
- Manure storages – 3 completed for a total amount of \$279,838.18
- Pasture Systems – 4 completed for a total amount of \$40,849.83
- Bunk Silo Leachate Collection – 1 system completed for a total amount of \$21,392.00
- Cover Crops – 300 acres planted for a total amount of \$16,898.00
- Barnyard Systems – 3 completed for a total amount of \$32,608.88
- Total amount of projects implemented in 2014 - \$391,586.89
- Assisted 2 Towns with DEC and Army Corp permitting
- Assisted 2 landowners with DEC and Army Corp permitting
- Assisted the Towns of Allen, Amity, Caneadea and West Almond with FEMA applications.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION:

- 35 students from Allegheny County participated in the Envirothon Program
- Staffed the State Soil and Water Conservation District booth at Empire Farm Days
- Held a Soil Health Training at Reinbold Farm in Whitesville
- Held a Game of Logging Training.

REVENUES:

- Total grant money received for projects and technical assistance - \$310,000
- Total value of service to the non-agriculture community - \$90,000
- Total value of service to the agriculture community - \$512,000
- Total estimated value of practices and services provided to the county - \$602,000

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING:

- Twelve Board meetings were held
- 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 and Agricultural Environmental Planner were maintained

Respectfully Submitted,

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