

LYCOMING COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2022 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Our mission is to encourage using Best Management Practice to conserve the natural resources essential to the quality of life for the County's citizens, through development and implementation of technical, educational and financial assistance programs.

AREA OF CONCERN: Erosion and Sediment Control

GOAL: Minimize accelerated erosion of the land and sediment in streams.

OBJECTIVES TO ATTAIN GOAL

1. Administer the Chapter 102, erosion and sediment control program as delegated by DEP.
2. Seek to obtain MOUs for municipalities, County Planning, and others as appropriate.
3. Yearly review and update fee schedules

AREA OF CONCERN: Education and Youth

GOAL: Inform persons of the value of natural resource conservation and the District's responsibility.

OBJECTIVES TO ATTAIN GOAL

1. Conduct workshops on a variety of conservation topics for the Ag community, with assistance from cooperating agencies.
2. Update web site.
3. Watershed Specialist is to contact schools to offer a field day program.
4. Conduct the following educational programs as warranted:
 - a) Cooperator of the Year
 - b) Conservation Camp Scholarships
 - c) Envirothon
 - d) Trout in the Classroom
5. Promote and coordinate activities for the Conservation Learning Trail at the County Farm.
6. Promote and coordinate the Lycoming County Conservation Environmental Education Mini-Grant Program.

AREA OF CONCERN: District Operations and Personnel

GOAL: To operate the district effectively and efficiently.

OBJECTIVES TO ATTAIN GOAL

1. Seek grant opportunities and other sources of income.
2. Conduct committee meetings as appropriate.
3. Conduct an annual tree sale to promote the Conservation District.
4. Encourage more involvement from the Associate Directors.
5. Review and evaluate district goals and objectives half way through the year and provide a report to the directors.
6. Conduct Directors' tour each year.

AREA OF CONCERN: District Image and Public Relations
GOAL: Develop a strong and conservation district presence.

OBJECTIVES TO ATTAIN GOAL

1. Distribute the annual report as required.
2. Publish an Environmental Education newsletter for teachers.
3. Provide the Lycoming County Conservation District display to at least three public locations/events and update display on a yearly basis.
4. Support and promote area agencies and organizations, such as Northcentral PA Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, local watershed organizations, etc. as needed.
5. Pursue and maintain appropriate Conservation District signage at the County lines and at District funded projects.
6. Utilize drone to promote District programs and enhance public image.
7. Add a Facebook page for the District.

AREA OF CONCERN: Land and Water Resources
GOAL: Provide guidance and programs for land use decisions and to protect our water resources.

OBJECTIVES TO ATTAIN GOAL

1. Administer the Bay Program as delegated.
2. Participate with local representatives of agricultural and environmental agencies to outline activities to train and educate the public in agricultural related issues.
3. Seek funding for watershed restoration projects.
4. Work in close cooperation with the staff of the Lycoming County Planning Commission on matters pertaining to land use; invite a representative of the commission to a district meeting. Attend several commission meetings per year.
5. Support and assist the Watershed Associations.
6. Administer the Nutrient Management and Manure Management Program as delegated by the State Conservation Commission, promoting development/implementation of nutrient management plans.
7. Coordinate the Gypsy Moth Program as needed.
8. Administer the Ag land Preservation Program as delegated by the Bureau of Farmland Protection.
9. Support and encourage implementation of conservation and resource management plans.
10. Cooperate with local, State, and Federal agencies on conservation efforts and activities.
11. Administer the Dirt & Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program as delegated by the SCC.
12. Promote and coordinate the Conservation District's no-till drill rental activities.
13. Administer the Mosquito Disease Control Program as defined in the grant agreement.
14. Work with County Commissioners and County farm staff to identify and implement ag related practices and projects, providing educational opportunities on the farm.
15. Participate in the County Action Plan.

AREA OF CONCERN: Local, Regional, State and National Actions
GOAL: Take action on environmental issues.

OBJECTIVES TO ATTAIN GOAL

1. Appropriately align District goals and objectives with County priorities.
2. Encourage board attendance and staff representation at state, regional and national conferences, executive council meetings and other important conferences.
3. Support PACD in their efforts to promote the conservation of our natural resources, so that districts speak as a unified voice. Invite PACD representatives to a District meeting.
4. Cooperate and enter into MOUs with conservation districts in surrounding counties to promote regional efforts and activities.
5. Contact legislators to keep them informed of district activities and provide comments on conservation related legislation. Invite legislators to district functions; hold a legislative breakfast in the spring.