# Welcome to Lycoming County's Clean Water Open House!



# Agenda:

- What is the CAP?
- Goals of the CAP
- Importance of participating
- Timeline and process
- Who's involved?
- Pollution reduction goals
- Our next steps
- What can you do to help?
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## What is the CAP?

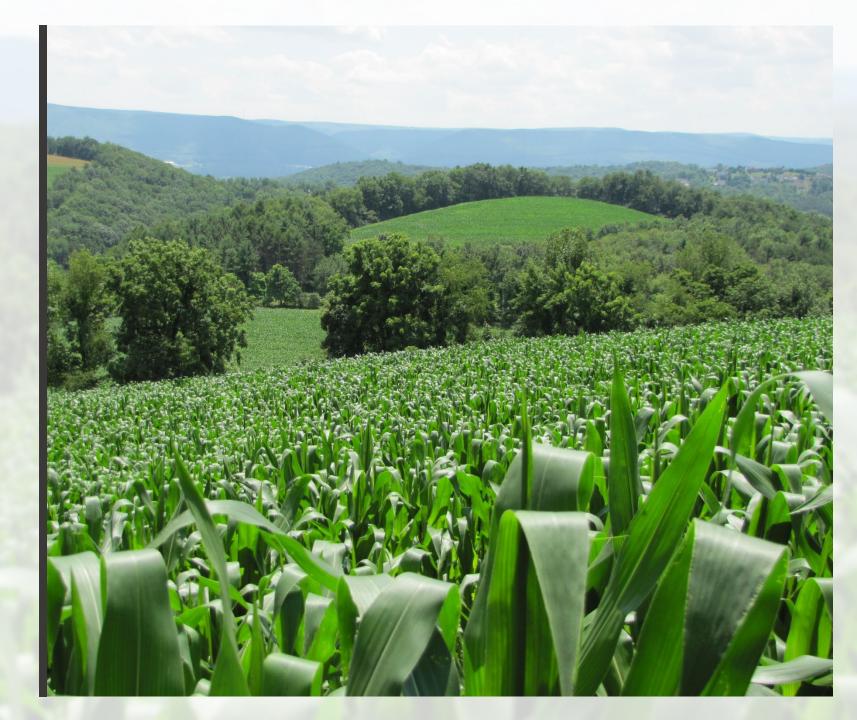
"This is a unique and exciting opportunity...It's not every day that you can play a role in how government will function for the upcoming future" – Greg Bonsall, LCCD District Manager

Officially known as the Countywide Action Plan (CAP), this plan is a comprehensive initiative to reduce nutrient pollution in our local waterways.

It is part of a larger initiative supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to meet state clean water goals.

# Goals of the CAP

- Improve local water quality
- Reduce flooding
- Enrich partnerships
- Support farmers
- Bolster local and regional economy
- Leverage funding opportunities
- Avoid regulations and higher costs for compliance



## Importance of participating

#### **Benefits of CAP success**

- Retain control of our local water resources "agenda"
- Maintain county-identified solutions for pollution and flood reduction
- Provides opportunity to identify previouslyunknown grant and cost-share opportunities

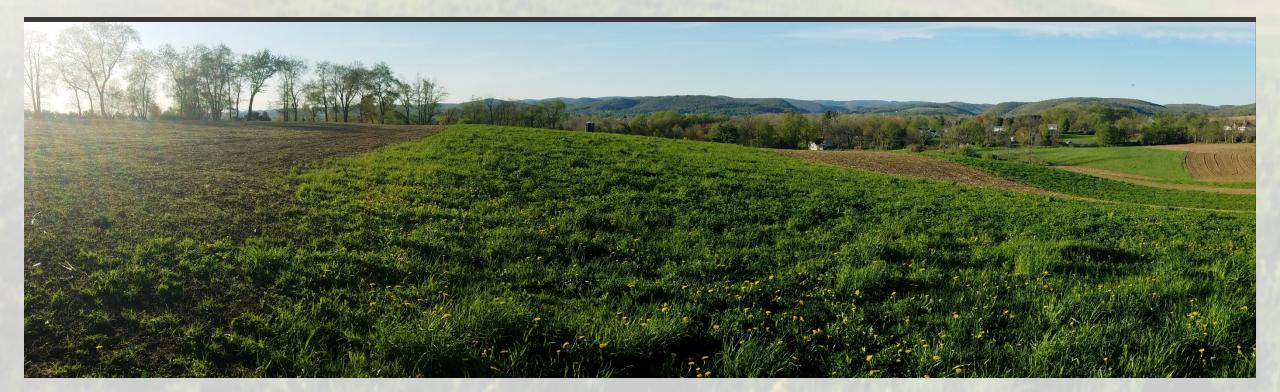
#### **Consequences of non-participation**

- Missed opportunities to address local water pollution and flooding
- More regulation and government oversight
- Higher costs for compliance
- EPA may withhold or redirect funding



## The CAP is not a(n)...

- Unfunded mandate
- Regulation
- Expansion of MS4
- Plan to increase taxes



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# Who's involved?

- Federal agencies
- State agencies
- Local government
- Water and sewer authorities
- Conservation District
- Watershed associations
- Environmental organizations

- Non-profits
- Farmers
- Teachers
- Colleges
- Businesses
- Interested citizens
- Data scientists



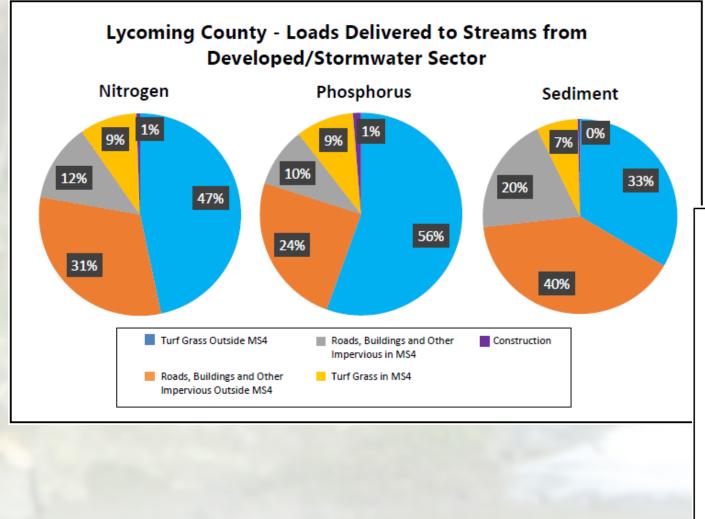
## Lyco County pollution reduction goals

#### Lycoming County's Clean Water Goal

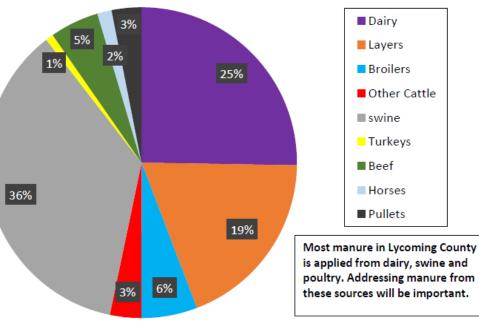
Figure 2. Countywide Goal for Lycoming County

| Year   | Nitrogen<br>(pounds/year)<br>Delivered to Local<br>Lycoming County<br>Waterways | Phosphorus<br>(pounds/year)<br>Delivered to Local<br>Lycoming County<br>Waterways |
|--|---|---|
| 1985   | 6,536,000   | 598,000   |
| 2019   | 5,387,000   | 348,000   |
| 2025 (Final TMDL Planning Target)                                | 4,152,000   | 272,000   |
| Remaining Load to be<br>Achieved Through Local<br>Planning Goals | 1,235,000   | 76,000  |

## Lyco County Technical Toolbox



Estimated Share of Manure Nitrogen Applied to Agricultural Land in Lycoming County by Animal Source



## Our next steps

#### Planning

- Continue meeting with stakeholders to identify projects that will reduce pollution
- Work toward an agreed-upon prioritization strategy

#### Outreach

- Release and review the Public interest survey and the Agriculture practices survey
- We'll be at the Lycoming County Fair, July 14-24

#### Communication

- Newsletters
- Press releases and Facebook
- Stakeholder check-in meeting materials and recordings on web page: <u>lyco.org/CWAP</u>



## What can you do to help?

#### Keep us in the loop!

- Fill out the Public interest survey
- If you're a farmer, fill out the Agriculture practices survey
- Tell your friends and neighbors about these surveys, and ways they can reduce pollution on their property

#### Stay involved

- Newsletters
- Recorded meetings
- Meeting notes distributed
- Web page: <u>lyco.org/CWAP</u>



## Questions



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For more information visit <a href="https://www.lyco.org/CWAP">https://www.lyco.org/CWAP</a>

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