

2019 Conservation Funding Programs

Funding Program	Agency	Contact Information	Application Deadlines	Funding Details
<p style="text-align: center;">EQIP- Environmental Quality Incentives Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">USDA-NRCS 3500 Concord Road York, PA 17402</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eric Samus/ staff Phone: 717-755-2966 Ext. 3 Email: eric.samus@usda.gov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No current deadlines</p>	<p>Cost incentives are paid to producers or landowners for best management practices to address existing resource concerns on land owned and/or operated. A ranking of applicants is done annually to determine which applicants will receive financial assistance. All agricultural land uses are eligible, including forests.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RCPP- Regional Conservation Partnership Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">USDA-NRCS 3500 Concord Road York, PA 17402</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eric Samus/ staff Phone: 717-755-2966 Ext. 3 Email: eric.samus@usda.gov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No current deadlines</p>	<p>Currently a specific agreement with the PA Bureau of Farmland Preservation to use funding, with the same guidelines as EQIP, specifically for preserved farms or applicants for preservation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CSP- Conservation Stewardship Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">USDA-NRCS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eric Samus/ staff Phone: 717-755-2966 Ext. 3 Email: eric.samus@usda.gov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Usually before the third Friday in October</p>	<p>Program evaluates the level of current conservation on the land offered for enrollment. Applicants must choose at least one practice or enhancement to install during the contract that will give greater environmental benefits than currently exist on the land. Contracts are for 5 years and payments are based on the current level of conservation and the type/amount of practices/enhancements chosen.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CRP/CREP- Conservation Reserve Program, and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">USDA-Farm Service Agency 3500 Concord Road York, PA 17402</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anne Crist Phone: 717-755-2966 Ext. 2 Julia Smith Phone: 717-755-2966 Ext. 107 Email: jsmith@ pheasantsforever.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No current deadlines</p>	<p>Program covers the cost to remove Highly Erodible Land or environmentally sensitive land out of production and install practices, like grass and tree plantings, that address erosion and benefit wildlife. Landowners receive annual per- acre rental rate as these are managed for a period of 10 to 15 years. Unforested riparian areas currently do not need to be in production.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Buffer Bonus Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chesapeake Bay Foundation 1426 North 3rd Street, Harrisburg PA 17102</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bill Chain Phone: 717-200-4535 Email: bchain@cbf.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No specific deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Incentives for Riparian Forest Buffers</p>

<p>Exelon Habitat Improvement Project</p>	<p>York County Conservation District 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402</p>	<p>Mark Flaharty/ Gary Peacock Phone: 717-840-7430 Email: mflaharty@yorkccd.org; gpeacock@yorkccd.org</p>	<p>Apply anytime, but by 10/1/2019 to be considered for the next round</p>	<p>This program provides funding for habitat improvement projects, with forested stream buffers and stream restoration projects as priorities, but other agricultural best management practices may be funded in addition to the stream improvement practices. Check out more under "Watersheds" and "Habitat Improvement" at the District website- www.yorkccd.org</p>
<p>York Cost Share Funds</p>	<p>York County Conservation District</p>	<p>Mark Flaharty - See Above</p>	<p>Apply anytime, but funds may be limited</p>	<p>These cost share programs will assist farmers in paying for best management practices on the farm, with stream fencing and buffers as priority practices.</p>
<p>Planning Reimbursement Program</p>	<p>DEP- Department of Environmental Protection- (Use Team Ag address- 120 Lake Street, Ephrata, PA 17522)</p>	<p>Jedd Moncavage- Team Ag Inc. Phone: 717-721-6795 Email: jeddm@teamaginc.com</p>	<p>4/1/2020 to request funds/ plans in by 5/30/2020</p>	<p>This program reimburses the costs to the farmer for Conservation Plans, Ag E&S plans, Act 38 Nutrient Management Plans, and Manure Management Plans. Plans developed on or after 1/1/2019 are eligible. A tract of less than 10 acres receives \$250; 10-50 acres= \$500; 51 to 150 acres is an additional \$10 per acre with a \$1500 maximum per tract, or cost of plan- if it is less. Plan must be reviewed by a qualified reviewer. \$6000 cap.</p>
<p>REAP- Resource Enhancement And Protection Program</p>	<p>PA State Conservation Commission 2301 North Cameron Street Harrisburg PA 17110</p>	<p>Joel Semke Phone: 717-705-4032 Email: jsemke@pa.gov</p>	<p>Still time to apply for 2019 fiscal year, until 6/30/2020</p>	<p>The farmer can receive State tax credits, 50%-75% of the cost of plans, best management practices installation, no-till planting equipment etc. Must have current Ag E&S plans, manure management plan, and/or nutrient management plans on all tracts farmed.</p>
<p>Habitat Development</p>	<p>Pheasants Forever- Susquehanna Valley Chapter</p>	<p>Julia Smith Phone: 717-755-2966 Ext.107 Email: jsmith@pheasantsforever.org</p>	<p>No specific deadlines</p>	<p>The Chapter offers assistance with several aspects of wildlife habitat development for ground nesting birds and other wildlife. They offer free use of a no-till drill and seed for projects, as well as guidance from Farm Bill Biologists. May help alongside CRP, CREP, and other funded wildlife habitat projects. A donation may be requested if funding is received from these projects. The Chapter also assists with Youth Education and Public Awareness programs.</p>
<p>For Program specifics please contact the individuals identified above.</p>			<p>Compiled By David Boose, York County Ag Land Preserve Bd (10/11/2019)</p>	