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Grant Project Summary

The Little Conestoga Partnership

*A Community Watershed Approach
to Stormwater Management*

**Conservation
Foundation of
Lancaster County**



Working collaboratively in an impaired watershed in Lancaster County, PA, a dynamic, locally-led partnership will assist municipalities and suburban/urban landowners with innovative, cost-effective tools and approaches to achieve and maintain reductions in stormwater pollution. This project will serve as a model for a collaborative, integrated watershed approach to stormwater in PA to achieve local and Bay water quality goals by: embracing Lancaster County's agricultural heritage as a model; strategically employing incentives to reduce stormwater pollution; adopting local measures to promote green infrastructure; and demonstrating local, watershed based financing mechanisms for municipalities to cost effectively achieve reductions

The three key components of the project are:

- (1) Lessons from the Farm** - an innovative program for implementing urban stormwater BMP's in a historically agricultural watershed community.
- (2) Blueprints for Greenscapes** - a technical assistance program for watershed municipalities that implements the County's innovative green infrastructure and water resource plans.
- (3) Sustainable Stormwater Solutions** - an in-depth analysis to facilitate cost effective, watershed based solutions for municipalities to meet Chesapeake Bay stormwater obligations.

When and Where

The project will be carried out between August 1, 2011 and July 31, 2014 in the Little Conestoga Watershed, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Results

- Developing a stormwater management program that serves as a PA model
- Quantifiable cost savings achieved through a watershed-based approach to stormwater
- A community-wide awareness of and enthusiasm for clean water
- Creation of a Geo-spatial database for agricultural and non-ag BMP tracking

Project Funding

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- Grantee Matching Funds: \$440,000

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- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund

Partners

Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County

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Other Partners:

- Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium
- Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance
- Lancaster County Conservation District
- Penn State University
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- Brandywine Conservancy
- Lancaster County Conservancy



NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund Program and Sponsors

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund is dedicated to protecting and restoring the Bay by helping local communities clean up and restore their polluted rivers and streams. We advance cost-effective and creative solutions with financial and technical assistance. Working in partnership with government agencies and private corporations, the Stewardship Fund awards \$8 million to \$12 million per year in grants.



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