

Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.
Buffer Sub-Grant for Conservation Districts Mid-Term Report

Grant Number: 5720-75 DCNR

Grant Recipient (County): Chester

Project Contact: Cori Trice

Reimbursement Request:

45% of the sub-grant funding will be disbursed after review and approval of this mid-term report.

Total budget for this sub-grant:	\$ 52,289
Amount already received from PACD initially (45%):	\$23,530.05
Amount to be received from PACD following mid-term report (45%):	\$ 23,530.05

1. **Modifications** (List any modifications to the project that differ significantly from how your project was initially envisioned. Please note: PACD must pre-approve any budget modifications in excess of 10% of the total sub-grant).

None to date.

2. **Please provide a general project update:**

- a. **What have been your project activities to date?**

Phase 1 Work Completed: Mechanical removal of woody invasive species and site prep for future tree planting on 5.5 acres is complete. There will be two additional mowings prior to the planting date. Reserved 1700 tree seedlings from Octoraro Nursery. Communicated status of the project with the landowner and the township.

- b. **How many acres of buffers are installed?**

0

Phase 2 Work (Buffer planting) to occur in April/May 2022.

- c. **How many acres are you planning to install between now and the completion of your project?**

5.5 acres

- d. **Are you facing any roadblocks to completing a successful project?**

No. The invasive pressure is high, but we have funding reserved for continued mowings post planting (up to at least 4-5 years or more depending on how many mowings we need to do in the initial years and the seedlings will be installed with stone mulch to help with the weed competition.

KEEN FARM PHOTOS BEFORE INVASIVE REMOVAL (SPRING 2021) AND AFTER (WINTER 2022)



Above pond 1 from top of hill (before and after)



Pond 1 (before and after)



Looking up to pond 1 (before and after)



Looking down towards pond 2 (before and after)



Pond 2 (before and after)



Below Pond 2 (before and after)