



PERRY COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Annual Report



2017



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A Message from the District Manager

We have had a busy year with changes in staff and programs, along with the uncertainty of state and county budgets. Our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors is our anchor in this changing landscape.

Keeping the focus of our work on providing natural resource education and outreach, technical assistance and occasionally financial resources to the people, farmers, and municipalities of Perry County.

We said our goodbyes, and gave best wishes to two Ag Resource Technicians, Scott Flanders and Glenn Bell. Scott was with the District for 12 years, and is now embracing the challenges of full time farming. Glenn Bell joined us in 2015, and is pursuing new endeavors in Oregon.



Oscar Campbell, District Board Chairman, Stephen Naylor, Perry County Commissioner, and Sally Tengeres, District Manager, present Nevin Rice accompanied by his wife Maryann a Service Award plaque for his 27 years of dedication as a Farmer Director at the Annual Banquet on December 11.

In November, we welcomed Hiram Hunsberger on as Ag Resource Technician. Hiram is delivering the No Till Drill rental, and the Nutrient Management programs. We were also pleased to have the support of three new Associate Directors in 2017; Larry Gildner of Duncannon, Shawna Weller of New Bloomfield, and William Shilling of Liverpool.

As you read through this report, I hope it provides a clear picture of the many activities, programs and partnerships that the District relies on to achieve its goals. We could have never completed the accomplishments listed without dedicated staff, reliable cooperating agencies, our amazing Board of Directors, willing volunteers, and the Commissioners.

I am grateful for them, and look forward to continuing the relationships that support us in our efforts to ensure the wise use of Perry County's natural resources. Looking to 2018, we are ready to deliver on current programs and activities, as well as welcome new challenges, initiatives and potential partnerships.

Enjoy!

Sally Tengeres, District Manager

The 2017 Board of Directors



(Left to Right,) Back Row: William Shilling, Stephen Naylor, Dave McLaughlin, Ken Martz, Mike Clark.
Front Row: Oscar Campbell, Melvin Weaver, Larry Gildner. Not Pictured, Lloyd Byers, Shawna Weller, and Nevin Rice.

Oscar Campbell – *Board Chair*
Newport, PA

Stephen Naylor – *Commissioner Director*
New Bloomfield, PA

Melvin Weaver – *Farmer Director*
Ickesburg, PA

Nevin Rice – *Farmer Director*
Blain, PA

Ken Martz – *Farmer Director*
Duncannon, PA

Mike Clark – *Public Director*
Millerstown, PA

Dave McLaughlin – *Public Director*
Elliottsburg, PA

Lloyd Byers – *Associate Director*
Liverpool, PA

William Shilling – *Associate Director*
Liverpool, PA

Shawna Weller – *Associate Director*
Elliottsburg, PA

Larry Gildner – *Associate Director*
Duncannon, PA



The 2017 District Staff

(Left to Right) Glenn Bell, Mary Lou Moyer, Kristie Smith, Sally Tengeres, Neil Imes, and Scott Flanders.

Sally Tengeres - *District Manager*

Mary Lou Moyer - *Administrative Assistant*

Glenn Bell - *Ag Resource Specialist*
No-Till Drill Program
Nutrient Management

Scott Flanders - *Ag Resource Specialist*
Conservation Technical Assistance
Nutrient Management

Kristie Smith - *Watershed Specialist*
Environmental Education
Keep Perry County Beautiful
Watershed Grants & Activities Coordination
Recycling / Solid Waste

Neil Imes - *Resource Specialist*
Erosion and Sediment Control Program
Farmland Preservation
Dirt & Gravel Road Program
Ag & Farm Program Assistance





Cooperating Agencies & Contacts

**Perry County Ag-Land
Preservation Board**

- Jonas K. Stoltzfus,
Chairman

**Penn State
Cooperative
Extension**
-Becky Kaucher
-Liz Bosak

Farm Service Agency
- Bobbi Jo Zimmerman,
CED

Natural Resources Conservation Service

- Ashley Lenig, District Conservationist
- Donald Graybill, Engineering Technician
- Lauren Barlow, Natural Resource Technician (RC & D)

PA Fish and Boat Commission

- Richard Morder,
Conservation Officer

Department of Transportation

Steve Sayers

&

County Maintenance Manager

Marty Smith

State Conservation Commission

- Karl Brown, Executive Director

DCNR Bureau of Forestry

- Luke Book, Forester

PA Game Commission

- Kevin Anderson,
Conservation Officer



State Programs



Special Projects

In 2017, Chesapeake Bay Special Projects funding was received to cover the trade in cost of a new John Deere 1590 No Till drill. The drill was placed into service in April, with the expectation that it will be in service for three to four years and be used for planting about 1,200 acres per year. The District also received approval for funding toward the purchase of a new dedicated No Till Drill program truck.

Nutrient Management Program

The PA Nutrient Management Act became law in 1993 and went into effect October 1, 1997. This law requires all operations with greater than two thousand pounds of animals per acre, and eight or more animal equivalent units to have an Act 38 Nutrient Management Plan.

The Act 38 Plan must detail the environmentally sound application of manure, be developed by a certified plan writer and approved by the District Board. The Perry Conservation District is delegated by the State Conservation Commission to deliver this program.

Perry County farms, required to develop and implement Act 38 Plans under Nutrient Management Law include 28 operations regulated as CAOs, and 12 volunteer operations (VOL). These operations receive a yearly on-site status review to verify that they are operating according to their written Nutrient Management Plan. In 2017, there were a total of 14 plan renewals, and 3 new plans received.

In addition, under Chapter 91 Pennsylvania requires all operations with animals to have a written manure management plan onsite for the land application of manure. The District offered a Manure Management Plan writing workshop, and provided educational outreach in the form of newsletters and direct mailings to farmers.

Erosion & Sedimentation Control Program

The Focus of the erosion and sedimentation control (E&S) program is the conservation of soil and water resources. The Perry County Conservation District administers the E&S program through a signed delegation agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). As the county continues to experience overall growth, it becomes increasingly important to make sure that resources are protected.

Through the program, the Perry County Conservation District reviews and approves E&S control plans for earthmoving sites. Inspections of sites with active earthmoving are conducted to assure the plans are properly implemented, and that required controls are installed and maintained to minimize off site sedimentation. In addition, the District's Technician offers educational outreach and technical assistance to contractors, developers, engineers, timber harvesters and others. A federal regulation that works in conjunction with the local E&S program is the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. This regulation requires earthmoving activities disturbing one acre or more to obtain an NPDES permit which is reviewed by the District.

Neil Imes, Resource Specialist, hosted 24 E & S Technicians at the District on October 24, 2017 for an annual meeting in the region.

In 2017:

Erosion Control Plans reviewed	29
NPDES Permits issued	10
Complaints	13
Inspections	40
Technical Assistance	142

Dirt & Gravel, Low Volume Road Program

The Dirt and Gravel Road program arose from the need to better maintain Pennsylvania's unpaved roads in order to reduce stream pollution from dust and sediment. The program was created by the State Conservation Commission (SCC) and became law (Pennsylvania Code Title 75, Section 9106) in 1997. The SCC's goal was to create a program that is simple to manage, controlled locally, offers dedicated funding and requires the use of environmentally sound practices and materials. Local municipalities and townships are the end beneficiaries of the Dirt Gravel Low Volume Road program. The District works with the SCC and the Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies to provide financial and technical oversight to participating municipalities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission are District partners under this program.

In 2017, the District completed three projects.

Robinson Road in Jackson Township, \$63,628.86.

Robinson Road in Juniata Township, \$164,165.54.

Kline Hollow Road in Liverpool Township, \$111,599.96.

Robinson Road - Jackson Township (Phase 2)



Robinson Road - Juniata Township (Stream Crossing)



Kline Hollow Road - Liverpool Township



District Programs

No-Till Drill Program



Glenn Bell and Hiram Hunsberger

The Conservation District offers four no-till drills at competitive rental rates to encourage the no-till planting of forages, pastures, commodity crops, native grasses, food plots, and cover crops. The District currently has three 10ft John Deere 1590 drills and one 6ft Land Pride 606NT drill. Rentals cost \$11/Acre for cash crops, \$9/Acre for cover crops and \$8/acre for the LP 606NT.

The machines were used to seed a total of 2,750 acres across Perry County in 2017. The no-till drill rental program was administered by Glenn Bell, Resource Specialist. In November of 2017, the District hired Hiram Hunsberger to take over the no-till drill program as Glenn was moving on to greener pastures at the end of the year. Contact 717-275-5111 to schedule a drill delivery.



Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program

The Pennsylvania Resource Enhancement and Protection program (PA REAP) is a State Tax Credit program administered by the Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission. The REAP program follows the state budget year beginning July 1st. The District offers fee based assistance to farmers with determining applicant eligibility, eligible equipment, and evaluating Best Management Practices for verification or certification. On July 1, 2017, the Conservation District began charging a fee of \$150 per application to verify the required plans, in addition to fees already in place for providing signatures for REAP applications. In 2017, the District verified the eligibility and applications of 6 landowners and assisted them with this program.

NRCS CA / NRCS Partnership

A primary focus for the Perry County Conservation District is to provide technical assistance in conservation planning to our agricultural cooperators. Cooperators receive a soil conservation plan, which can meet federal and state erosion control requirements. This allows the operator to achieve sustainability of the soil resource while also protecting water resources. Assistance is also provided in design, layout, and construction of soil and water conservation in addition to manure management practices. Much of this assistance is provided by a partnering agency, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Planning Highlights

- 48 Conservation Plans written on 2,080 acres.
- 8 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP) written.
- 68 Plans applied on 3,400 acres.

Installation Highlights

- 2 Acres of grassed waterways.
 - 10 Lined waterways.
 - 2,000 Acres of conservation crop rotation.
 - 1,657 Acres of no-till.
 - 173 Acres of cover crops.
 - 3 Acres of critical area planting.
 - 120 Acres of nutrient management.
- Cropland Practices and Enhancements**
- 6 Waste-storage facilities.
 - 2 Waste-transfer lines.
 - 230 Feet of access roads.
 - 7,437 Square feet of heavy use area protection (4).
 - 4 Roofs.
 - 2 CNMPs applied.
 - 9 Structures for water control.
 - 910 Feet of subsurface drainage.
 - 2,666 Feet of underground outlet.
- Farmstead/Livestock Practices**
- 455 Feet of fencing.
 - 304 Acres of forage harvest management.
 - 64 Acres of prescribed grazing.
- Woodland/Wildlife Practices**
- 26 Acres of early successional habitat.
 - 25 Acres of upland wildlife habitat.

NRCS Report for Fiscal Year 2017



NRCS agent Don Graybill was the official photographer for the 2017 Perry County Envirothon held at the Ickesburg Sportsmen's Association.



NRCS agent Ashley Lenig and NRCS Volunteer Larry Gildner ran the Soils Testing Station during the 2017 Perry County Envirothon held at the Ickesburg Sportsmen's Association.

NRCS CA / NRCS Partnership continued



NRCS staff, Ashley Lenig and Don Graybill helped out at the Demo Pit during the 2017 Perry County Land Judging Competition held at Ken Martz Farm in Duncannon.

On January 3, 2018, Donald Graybill retired as a Civil Engineering Technician from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) after 38 ½ years of service with the agency. Don began his conservation career in 1975 as a Conservation Aide with the Juniata County Conservation District. In 1979, he started with NRCS in Blair County as a Soil Conservation Technician. He transferred to Dauphin County in 1988. For the last 20 years, he has worked in both Perry and Dauphin Counties. His primary job has involved the design and installation of conservation practices to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality. He has assisted many farmers, excavators, and contractors with the installation of a wide range of projects that can be seen on a drive through the Perry County countryside. Don says, "It's been very rewarding to work with persons who value our natural resources and who recognize the importance of conserving them." We have certainly enjoyed working with Don and appreciate his contributions to our natural resources and community. We hope to welcome Don back to work part-time in February through the National Older Worker Career Center's Agricultural Conservation Experienced Services (ACES) program. Happy Retirement, Don!



Don Graybill at his retirement party.

District Education & Outreach

Newsletters

The Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road newsletter was sent out to all municipalities within the county with information on the purpose of the program, grant eligibility, Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance Training course dates, the new Perry County Cost Share Policy, benefits of the program, a showcase of projects completed in 2016, and how to submit an application.

The Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) Program newsletters were sent out to local consultants and to all municipalities within the county with information on Pennsylvania Code, Title 25. Environmental Protection, Chapter 102, when a plan is required, NPDES Permit requirements, the enforcement of Chapter 102 regulations, delegation of authority, and what a municipality's role is in Chapter 102. The newsletter sent out to consultants explained the importance of recordkeeping once an NPDES Permit is authorized. Topics included PCSM Instrument Filing and the Notice of Termination and Final Certification.

Newsletters continued

The District's Winter newsletter included the announcement of the new Ag Service Fee Schedule, updates to the No-till Drill Rental Program, the announcement for the Perry No-till Group meeting with guest speaker Dr. John Tooker (entomologist), a reminder of the requirements for Act 38 Nutrient Management, and the announcement for the Ag E & S Plan Writing and Manure Management workshop dates. Quick tips about Ag Compliance were also included along with Agricultural Funding availability, a short press release about our annual Tree Sale, and an NRCS Newsflash on the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The District's Summer newsletter announced the need for volunteers interested in helping with the annual Juniata River Clean-up, a reminder of Odor Management Regulations within Act 38 of 2005, an excerpt from the Chesapeake Bay Health Report Card, tips to reduce flies, an informative article on Confined Space and Manure Storage Hazards, an ad for the No-till drill Rental Program, another informative write-up about Riparian Buffers for the Bay, and a short article on the PA REAP program. A calendar of events was also listed.

Presentations & Displays



Kristie Smith poses with a soil display at the 2017 Farm Show.

Perry County Corn & Crops Day

The District participated as an exhibitor at Corn & Crops Day coordinated by Penn State Extension held at the Perry Mennonite Center on January 27, 2017. This year's display focused on the importance of soil health and the multiple benefits of cover cropping. Scott Flanders and Glenn Bell assisted farmers by answering questions about the District's No-till Drill Rental Program and the Chesapeake Bay Program. Total attendance during the event was approximately 210. Special guests included Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding and Representative Mark Keller.

Manure Management / Ag E & S

The District serves as a Manure Management Plan Writing resource for farmers within the County. In 2017, eleven farmers were assisted with their manure management plans at a workshop held at the Spring Township building on February 15, 2017 coordinated by Scott Flanders. Twelve farmers were also assisted on a one-on-one basis with their Ag E & S plans during a two-part workshop held at Greenwood High School on February 22 and March 1 with the help of several student FFA members that acted as assistants.

Township Supervisors Convention

District staff members Neil Imes, Sally Tengeres, and Kristie Smith were joined by Jason Finnerty, of the Planning Commission, and gave a presentation at the Township Supervisors Convention held at Greenwood Elementary on February 25, 2017. Topics included a District Overview, Dirt & Gravel Road project funding, Keep Perry County Beautiful and Electronics Recycling, and a Planning Commission Overview.

Well Water Workshop



Forty-one members of the public were in attendance during the Well Water Workshop held on March 9, 2017.

On March 9, 2017, the District held a Well Water Workshop in partnership with Penn State Extension Educator Bryan Swistock and the Perry/Cumberland Master Gardeners. Drinking water test kits were distributed to the forty-one people from the public who were in attendance. Topics like ‘how nitrates affect the human body’ and ‘how to do preventative maintenance on your well cap’ were covered in addition to ‘how to identify problems within your well’.

Hickory Ridge Outdoor Days



Fourth grade students from Blain Elementary ‘make it rain’ on the Enviroscape model at Hickory Ridge Outdoor Days.

The DCNR Bureau of Forestry in New Germantown coordinates their annual outdoor days for all of the 4th grade students in the West Perry School District during the month of May in partnership with the PA Game Commission and the Conservation District. Watershed Specialist Kristie Smith gave the Enviroscape model demonstration to 250 students at the station called ‘Water Works’.

Farm Fest

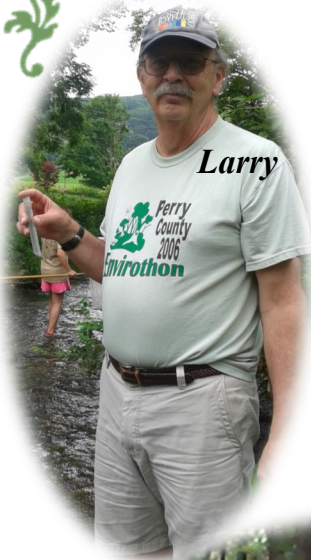


Watershed Specialist Kristie Smith and District Manager Sally Tengeres at the ‘We All Live Downstream’ educational station at Farm Fest.

On September 23, 2017 the Perry County Farm Bureau held its first annual Farm Fest at Jim Fuller’s family farm located in Duncannon. Over 600 people from the general public attended the event. The District was invited to participate in the event with an educational station focusing on the importance of water quality and how land activities impact streams and water sources along with the role everyone plays within the Chesapeake Bay. Water shed Specialist Kristie Smith gave the Enviroscape demonstration where the take home message was ‘if the land stays clean, the water will too’ at the “We All Live Downstream” station.

An article about the event was also featured in the Lancaster Farmer and local Perry County newspapers.

The SCOPE Project



In the spring of 2016, the District was given a PACD Mini-grant in the amount of \$1,700 to establish a stream monitoring team and to purchase water quality testing kits to use in the field. The goal was to collect data from all the streams in the County and establish an ongoing data base to monitor fluctuations from year to year. In 2017, the project continued and we gained some new volunteers. The final count on stream assessments came in at 68. Data was collected between the months of June and September towards the western end of the county. Educational materials and a master GIS map are in the process of being made to be incorporated into public outreach programs in 2018.

Our SCOPE volunteers were Larry Gildner, Brandon Yourth, Nikita Milliken, Ayla Miller, Samuel Groff, Isaac Nulton, Garrett Bolze, and the entire Clark Family. The project was coordinated by Kristie Smith, Watershed Specialist.



Pictured is a Giant Armored Stonefly found in McCabe Run, Tyrone Twp.

Envirothon

The District sponsors the Perry County Envirothon competition each year, which is open to all high school students.

The team that wins at the County level is sponsored to attend the State Competition.

“The mission of the PA Envirothon is to provide students with the knowledge and tools necessary to address the natural resource challenges of today’s world.”



Team Reigning Champs of West Perry High School (Colby McMillen, Kraig Cullison, Tim Foster, Dylan Zeigler, and Jared Foster) with Envirothon Coordinator Kristie Smith, Ickesburg Sportsmen’s Association President Leroy Chubb, and Rep. Mark Keller.

The 2017 Perry County Envirothon was held at the Ickesburg Sportsmen’s Association in partnership with cooperating agencies PA Fish & Boat Commission, PA Game Commission, DCNR Bureau of Forestry, NRCS, and Penn State Extension.

Team Reigning Champs, of West Perry, took 1st place at the County level and took 13th place at the State Competition!

Seth Radel, of Greenwood, won the annual Envirothon T-shirt contest with his creative ‘Keystone’ design.



Seth Radel, of Greenwood High School, won the annual Envirothon T-shirt contest.



Pictured Left: West Perry High School students Colby McMillen, Jared Foster, Kraig Cullison, Tim Foster, and Dylan Zeigler place 13th at the State Envirothon Competition held at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Way to go guys!

The Common Mergansers and the Fab Five of West Perry, and the Romping River Otters of Greenwood were the runners up at the Perry County Envirothon.

Congratulations to them all!



Perry County Fair

Each year, the District (in partnership with NRCS) creates an exhibit at the Perry County Fair that is designed to inform the public on a particular environmental topic.

In 2017, the District displayed an educational exhibit on the importance of Riparian Buffers and the role they play in achieving better water quality. Topics like soil health and the benefits of cover cropping were also included.



At the Perry County Fair: (L to R) Sally Tengeres, Kristie Smith, Scott Flanders, and Glenn Bell.

Land Judging

The District serves as the coordinator and sponsor of the county-wide land judging competition.

In 2017, the contest was held at Ken Martz Farm located just outside of Duncannon. Seventy-eight students, from Greenwood, Newport, West Perry, and Susquenita participated in the event. Garrett Beal of West Perry took 1st place. Jared Foster of West Perry placed 2nd and Brie Hess of Greenwood placed 3rd in the contest.

Thank you to Penn State Extension and NRCS for helping to make this event possible!



The Land Judging Winner, Garrett Beal of West Perry High School, stands with PCCD Board Chair Oscar Campbell, Senator John DiSanto, Representative Mark Keller, and Commissioner Stephen Naylor.

Pictured right: Ken Martz leads a talk on growing tomatoes in his high tunnels on site.

Below: Students at Pit #1.



Watershed Initiatives

Keep Perry County Beautiful

The District serves as the coordinator for the Keep Perry County Beautiful (KPCB) affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.

On May 20th, the District and KPCB partnered to host a county-wide Electronics Recycling and Collection event with contracted services provided by E-end Recycling of Fredrick, MD. With the help of sixteen volunteers and staff, a total of 50,289 pounds of electronics were collected and properly recycled belonging to 279 Perry County residents. This was the largest event in E-end Recycling history.

On August 26th, twelve volunteers and staff removed 500 pounds of trash and 54 tires from the Juniata River between Millerstown and Newport as part of the annual Juniata River Clean-up in conjunction with Huntingdon, Juniata, and Mifflin Counties. Funding this year was through the Foundation of PA Watersheds and New Pig.

KPCB was also successful in hosting the eighth annual county-wide tire recycling collection on September 9, in conjunction with Juniata, Mifflin, and Huntingdon Counties. The Tire War incentive is driven by the need to remove used tires from the landscape at an affordable price. This year's event was held at the Loysville Community Park. Eleven volunteers and staff were able to unload 605 tires that day. Perry was the recipient of the Flat Tire Award for last place.

On November 8th, eleven students and staff from Carson Long Military Academy removed 16 large bags of trash from the truck pull-off along Route 322 and the Juniata River in Greenwood Township in as part of the KPB International Coastal Cleanup Incentive.

Thank you to everyone who was involved that made each of these events a huge success! Together, we are keeping Perry County a beautiful place to live and work!



Volunteers sort and stack TVs at the Newport Fairgrounds on May 20th.



Volunteers Fred Wertz and Brandon Yourth pull a tractor tire out of the Juniata River on August 26.



Tire War volunteers at the Loysville Community Park on September 9th.



Carson Long students participated in the KPCB International Coastal Cleanup on November 8th.

County Assistance

Farmland Preservation

The District provides staff support to the Perry County Agricultural Land Preservation Board and the PA Department of Agriculture. Over 50 farms are on the application list for this program each year. To date, 9,211.89 acres of farmland have been preserved in the county, 2,738.47 of which were through donation.

In 2017, 212.34 acres of farmland were preserved belonging to the Hinkel family in Greenwood and Liverpool Townships.



Jonas Stoltzfus, Farmland Preservation Board Chairman, presents the Hinkel Family with their sign at the Annual Banquet on December 11.

Recycling

The District serves as the Recycling Coordinator for the County. Grants are processed to obtain State support for education and program assistance. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is the cooperating agency. There are five recycling drop-off sites throughout Perry County in addition to municipal buy-a-bag programs collected on a weekly basis.

In 2016, a total of 5,939.57 tons of materials (glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminum, mixed metals, electronics, yard/leaf waste) were collected and reported in the County.

The County recycling options rely heavily on township sites and their supporting groups. Municipalities, dedicated volunteers, the County of Perry, and private businesses all work together to provide convenient recycling options to our residents. A list of current options can be found on the District website at www.perrycd.org.

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Kristie Smith with Perry County Commissioners Brenda Benner, Paul Rudy, and Stephen Naylor as November 15th was proclaimed America Recycles Day in Perry County.

Municipal Solid Waste

The District is tasked with Solid Waste Planning/Oversight for the County. The District tracks the solid waste tonnage each year and promotes the implementation of the 2015 County Solid Waste Plan.

The District has continued to move forward with the implementation of the plan by providing administrative support to municipalities as they create and implement their own Municipal Solid Waste Ordinances within the next three years.

The reported municipal waste tonnage was 12,350.0 tons in 2017.

Special Awards



Pictured left to right, Brent Leach (Juniata), Shannon Reiter (Keep PA Beautiful), Pam Sechrist and Mindy Williams (Mifflin), Sally Tengeres and Kristie Smith (Perry), and Stacia-Fe Gillen (Huntingdon).

Keep Perry County Beautiful, Keep Huntingdon County Beautiful, Keep Juniata County Beautiful, and PA Clean Ways of Mifflin County received the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in recognition for their collaborative efforts with the Tire War project. A total of 40,235 tires from all four counties have been removed from the Pennsylvania landscape and properly recycled since the beginning of this incentive. From 2009-2017, Perry County has recycled 9,857 tires through the program. The ceremony was held on April 25, 2017 in Harrisburg, PA.



KPCB Volunteer of the Year Brandon Yourth and KPCB Coordinator Kristie Smith.

Brandon Yourth was recognized as the Keep Perry County Beautiful Volunteer of the Year at the District Annual Banquet on December 11, 2017. Brandon is a student at Carson Long Military Academy who has logged more than 75 hours of community service hours with the District. The award was presented by KPCB Coordinator Kristie Smith.

Employee Updates



Scott Flanders, the District's Chesapeake Bay Technician and Ag Resource Specialist for twelve years, decided to pursue farming full time in September of 2017 on his family farm in Liverpool. Thank you Scott for all your hard work and dedication! You will be missed.



Glenn Bell, the District's No-Till Drill Rental Program administrator and Nutrient Management Technician for three years, decided to explore greener pastures out west in December of 2017. Thank you Glenn for supporting our mission here at the District! You will be missed.

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