



# On Target

## *Sportsmen's Association Conservation*

Sportsmen's Associations and Clubs know the challenge of balancing recreation and conservation on lands they own or manage.

The Berks County Conservation District can assist associations or clubs with on-the-ground conservation including improving stream health, cropland soil conservation, wildlife habitat, financial assistance, and youth educational programs.

Sportsmen's associations own over 1.5 million acres of commercial and private forest land across Pennsylvania. There are over 20 associations and clubs in Berks County alone. There are numerous opportunities to protect or enhance water and land resources in Berks County!



# Conservation Programs

The Berks County Conservation District can provide Sportsmen's Associations and Clubs with technical assistance, funding, and many other resources.

## Stream Conservation

Forest Riparian Buffers are a keystone to healthy streams and water quality. Roots and vegetation help hold back eroding stream banks and provide important habitat for wildlife. The Conservation District can assist your association in planning and implementing a stream restoration project.

## Land Conservation

Protecting our soil is essential for productive cropland and healthy forests. Soil conservation plans help reduce erosion on cropland and forest stand improvement. Planting unharvested cover crops, warm season grass, field borders, and trees is critical habitat for wildlife and soil conservation.

## Funding Assistance

The Conservation District can assist your association with grants and incentive programs to help fund conservation practices. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) provides many opportunities to fund soil conservation and wildlife habitat.

## Partner with the Conservation District

Sportsmen's Associations can sponsor scholarships for college students pursuing environmental careers or high school students attending the Don Hartman Conservation Leadership School. Trout in the Classroom, is an effective Trout Unlimited program that teaches school students the importance of healthy streams and habitats.



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