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We are pleased to announce that West Earl Township has been awarded a 2022 Lancaster Clean Water Fund Grant for the Turtle Hill Stream Bank Restoration Project in the amount of \$331,000.

The Turtle Hill Streambank Restoration Project includes implementation of an approximately 1,535 linear feet streambank restoration project along an unnamed tributary to the Conestoga River north of Turtle Hill Road in Ephrata. The project area is agricultural and is directly downstream from a 1,250 linear feet stream restoration project completed by the Township in 2019. The proposed restoration includes grading the existing vertical banks to create a low, flat floodplain bench on each side of the unnamed tributary that allows increased stream flows to access the floodplain, dissipating potentially erosive energy. The proposed project includes 3,245 linear feet of livestock fencing, 8 permanent fence gates, and 196 linear feet of livestock slat crossings.

The Lancaster Clean Water Fund, administered by the Lancaster Community Foundation and managed by the Lancaster Clean Water Partners, is awarding \$1,731,835 to five Implementation Large Grant projects, one of which is the Turtle Hill Stream Bank Restoration Project. Funding for these projects is from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Countywide Action Plan Implementation grant to Lancaster County.

Clean water is a priority for partners across all of Lancaster County, especially since most Lancaster streams and much of its groundwater are unhealthy. The Lancaster Clean Water Fund serves as a catalyst for increased collaboration to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of current and future clean water projects in accordance with the Lancaster Countywide Action Plan.

The Turtle Hill Stream Bank Restoration Project construction will begin this month and continue through August 2022. Anticipated completion is in September 2022.

This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement to the PA Department of Environmental Protection.



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