# SAN Agriculture Workgroup Meeting Virtual Meeting Agenda July 10, 2025

10:00 - 11:30 am

### In-person:

Berks County Agricultural Center 1238 County Welfare Rd Leesport, PA 19533

#### **Meeting Objectives:**

- ★ Discuss agricultural conservation/restoration projects as they relate to the 2025 work plan
- ★ Updates on projects and programs
- ★ Review next steps and action items

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

## 2. SAN Updates

- a. SAN Project Wish List please email Marguerite with details on priority projects for SAN
- b. 2025 Work Plan

**Group Discussion -** Action 4c: Educate the public on sustainable local consumption and the farm-to-water connection

- 3. Partner Updates Grants, funding programs, projects
  - a. Conservation Easements
  - b. USDA NRCS Program Updates
    - i. Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
    - ii. National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)
    - iii. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
    - iv. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
    - v. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
    - vi. Cover Crop Funds
    - vii. Emergency Watershed Program (EWP)
  - c. ACAP
  - d. National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)
    - i. Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund (DWCF) basin-wide
    - ii. BCCD forestry pilot program
  - e. Schuylkill River Restoration Fund
    - i. Berks Nature
    - ii. 2024

- 1. Masemore
- iii. 2025
  - 1. NRCS- Wilitz Project
  - 2.
- iv. BerksCCD
  - 1. Weinsteiger
- v. PVTU
  - 1. Longacre Farm
- vi. Poquessing Creek- SRRF
- vii. LCCD
  - 1. Lynnacres
  - 2. Last Chance Angus
- f. Growing Greener Projects
  - i. Cacoosing Floodplain Assessment
- g. Urban Ag Programs
  - i. Berks County Department of AG
  - ii. NRCS Philadelphia PA Office
- h. Other Ag Funding Programs and Projects
  - i. Open grants
- 4. Education & Outreach Project Updates Workshops, events
- 5. Other (11:50 11:55) All
  - a. News
    - i. <u>Foundation For Pennsylvania Watersheds Announces \$650,000 In</u> <u>Conservation Grants; Next Grant Round Opens In August (6/2)</u>
    - ii. West Philly's Summer Winter Community Garden will be preserved through land trust (6/13)
    - iii. Pennsylvania Invests Nearly \$10 Million to Ensure That 35 Farms, 2,672
      Prime Farmland Acres in 18 Counties Stay Farms Forever (6/12)
- 6. Wrap Up & Next Meeting Dates (11:55 12:00)
  - a. Next Meeting Dates