# Partnership Success: Implementing Conservation on an Amish farm in Chester County, PA

TeamAg, Inc and Chester County CD

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## Ag BMP Project on Amish Dairy Farm Chester County, PA

- Funding provided by EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund through PennVest to CCCD
- Chester County Conservation District as municipal sponsor
- TeamAg performed survey, design, and quality assurance throughout the project
- Brandywine Conservancy installed Riparian buffer at stream corridor
- Honey Brook Township provided local building and stormwater permits
- Landowner received \$363,000 in funds to make a series of improvements on his operation
  - concrete manure storage structure
  - streambank fencing
  - stream crossing
  - barnyard roof runoff controls



# Approval Process for BMP Grant through PennVest: Team Effort

- Based on financial need and water quality benefit of the proposed project
- County CD Letter of Support and TeamAg prepare application and supporting documents
- PV BOD meets quarterly and reviews projects
- Prevailing wages, low bid, contracting, work can begin after settlement
- Contractors install BMP's, TeamAg perfom QA, CCCD/DEP/PV certify



### **Project Description**

- 60 Cow Herd
- A circular, concrete waste storage structure
  - Collects manure
  - Collects wastewater from the milk house
  - Collects Runoff from heavy use area
  - Provides 180 days of storage when combined with existing storage.
- New barnyard with curbing, fencing, and gates to move cattle and collect waste efficiently
- New heifer barn constructed at the landowner's expense



#### **Barnyard Before Construction**

#### **Barnyard During Construction**





#### Project Description cont'd

- Second concrete heavy use area constructed
  - Used for feeding silage
  - Collects manure and runoff
- Roofed stacking structure
- Stores the solid bed pack manure and bedding from cows, working horses, and mules
- Concrete access lane
  - connects lower to upper barnyard and stacking structure
  - used by the manure handling equipment when loading and unloading the structure
- Surface water controls
  - Roof gutters and spouting
  - Catch basins, conveyor belt diversions, and waterway for clean surface runoff from driveway and roofed structures



#### Project Description cont'd

- Grassed waterway
  - Conveys surface water around the roofed and circular manure storages, protecting structures from upslope runoff
  - Outlets into the grassed waterway below the barn.
- Reinforced gravel access roads installed through pasture, along with animal walkways
  - Access manure storage
  - Haul manure
  - Access the upper concrete lot
  - Move cattle efficiently for feed and water
- Slatted stream crossing installed for pasture access
- Stream bank fence installed to limit the animals' access to the stream only at the crossing.







"The cleanliness of my herd is noticeably better. This will also lead to better herd health." - Mr. Kauffman, Amish Dairy Farmer



#### All BMP's installed on the farm

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES - CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING QUANTIT	TES	
TEM	UNIT	QUANTI
EXCAVATION		
SEEDING AND MULCHING, E&S CONTROL	each	1
YOUNG HEIFER WALKWAY, 12' x 200'	sq.ft	2,400
Stone Base Material (#45)	tons	6o
Stone Topper (zRC)	tons	44
Geotextile	sq.yd	280
SLATTED CROSSING (GP Drawings)	sq. ft.	576
Pre-Cast slatted crossing (12' x 24')	sq. ft.	288
Gravel Animal Walkway Extensions, 12' x 47'	sq.ft	564
Stone Base Material (#4s)	tons	14
Stone Topper (zRC)	tons	20
Geotextile	sq.yd	66
YOUNGHEIFER GRAVEL PAD, 24' x 40'	sq.ft	960
Stone Base Material (#4s) Stone Topper (2RC)	tons	24
Segrectile		17 112
Geotextile REINFORCED GRAVEL ACCESS ROAD	sq.yd	
	sq.ft	3,020
Stone Base Material (#4s)	tons	101
Stone Topper (2RC) Geotextile	tons	73
Geotextile LOWER CONCRETE HEAVY USE AREA	sq.yd	352
Remove Existing Concrete HUA	sq.ft	2,800
Compacted Fill, Concrete HUA	cu.yds	2,000
#s7 Stone under concrete lot HUA	tons	
UPPER CONCRETE HEAVY USE AREA	tons	51
Compacted Fill, Concrete HUA	cu.yds	185
#c7 Stone under concrete lot HUA	tons	47
CONCRETE ACCESS SI AB & CATTLE WALKWAY	1013	47
Compacted Fill	cu.yds	76
#57 Stone under concrete compost facilities HUA	tons	23
ROOFED STACKING STRUCTURE		,
Cut - Common Excavation, Manure Stacking Structure and Loading Pad	cu.yds	100
#57 Stone under Stacking Struture	tons	22
MANURE STORAGE - 12' X 67'		
#57 Stone Stone Under Concrete Pad	tons	70
Cut - Common Excavation (Volume displaced by manure storage)	cu.yds	1,134
Compacted Backfill (Not including over-excavation)	cu.yds	120
Final Grading and Stockpile Excess Fill - On Site	cu.yds	1,014
GRASSED WATERWAY		
Diversion, Grading & Shaping	Ac.	0.6
Erosion Control Netting	SF	11,280.0
Seeding and Mulching	Ac.	0.7
DIVERSION		
Lined Waterway, Grading & Shaping	LF	150.0
Erosion Control Netting	SF	900.0
Seeding and Mulching	Ac.	0.1
UNDERGROUND PIPES		
4" Perf Pipe AND #57 Stone (Round Tank Perimeter Drain)	ft	225
4" PVC SDR 35, Tank Perimeter Drain Outlet	ft	30
4" PVCSDR 35, Roof Water Drain	ft	120
5" PVC SDR 35, Roof Water Drains	ft	387
nfiltration Trench, Heifer Barn	cu. Ft.	384
nfiltration Trench, Roofed HUA	cu. Ft.	336
5" SDR 26 PVC Waste Transfer Pipe	ft	120
24" SDR 35 PVC Waste Transfer Pipe	ft	56
Pre-Cast Manhole for Waste Transfer, 4' Dia.	depth	14
," SCH 40 PVC MH Gravity Line	ft	30
500 Gallon Septic Tank	each	1
Air Operated MH Waste Pump	each	1
z" SCH 40 PVC MH Tranfser Line	ft	60
12" HDPE Smooth Interior	ft	215
Surface Inlet with Grate - 2'x 4'	each	3
Surface Inlet with Grate - 2' x 2'	each	2
The state of the s	ft	40
Conveyor Belt Diversions		
Conveyor Belt Diversions Animal Guard Rock Lined Outlets	each sg. ft.	1 2

CONCRETE		
Concrete Testing - Manure Storage Walls and Footers, Stacking Struture wall and footer, See Concrete Test Protocol in Drawings	Structures	4
MANURE STORAGE - 12' X 67'		
Concrete Flatwork and Footers	sq.ft	3,959
12' High Walls	cu.yds	78
Chain Link Fence and Warning Signs	ft	216
Concrete Unloading Pad	sq.ft	144
LOWER CONCRETE HEAVY USE AREAS		
Concrete - Flatwork, HUA Lot	sq.ft	3,820
1' Curbs - formed (15 L.F.)	cu.yds	1
Concrete - Flatwork, Pushoff	sq.ft	112
2' Curbs - formed (86 L.F.)	cu.yds	5
Tractor Guard	each	1
Confinement Fence in Curb	ft	87
HUA Steel Tube Gate - 12' (Walkway)	each	1
HUA Steel Tube Gate - 8' (Pushoff)	each	1
UPPER CONCRETE HEAVY USE AREAS		
Concrete - Flatwork, HUA Lot	sq.ft	3,570
2' Curbs - formed (190 L.F.)	cu.yds	10
Confinement Fence in Curb	ft	190
HUA Steel Tube Gate - 8 ft (Scrape Hopper).	each	1
HUA Steel Tube Gate - 12 ft.	each	1
HUA Steel Tube Gate - 18 ft.	each	1
CONCRETE ACCESS SLAB AND CATTLE WALKWAY		
Concrete Flatwork and Footers	sq.ft	1,700
1' Curbs - formed (266 L.F.)	cu.yds	5
High Tensile Walkway Fence	ft	266
ROOFED STACKING STRUCTURE		
Concrete Flatwork	sq.ft	1,472
Wall Footers	су	17
Concrete Wall - 6 ft. x 8 ln.	су	19
Roof Structure, 34'x48' with Overhangs	sq.ft	1,632
Loading Pad Concrete Flatwork and Footers	sq.ft	200
1' Curbs - formed (12 L.F.)	cu.yds	1
6" Rain Gutters and 3" x 4" Downspouts	ft	116



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#### PROPOSED MANURE STORAGE JOHN AND ELMER KAUFFMAN 1373 BEAVER DAM ROAD HONEYBROOK, PA 19344

HONEYBROOK TOWNSHIP CHESTER COUNTY, PA

#### SHEET INDEX

GRAVITY WASTE TRANSFER LINE PROFILE

LOT SECTION D-D, ROOFED HUA SECTION E-E

12 INCH CULVERT PROFILE

SHEET HEIFER BARN ROOF WATER DRAIN PROFILE

EROSION CONTROL & SEEDING NOTES

ROUND TANK DETAILS

SHEET 25-31 OF 36 - ROOFED STACKING STRUCTURE DETAILS

SHEET 32 OF 36 - REINFORCED GRAVEL DETAILS

- TITLE SHEET PLAN VIEWS OF 36 TANK SECTIONS A-A, B-B

LOT SECTION C-C, CONCRETE WALKWAY PROFILE ROOFED HUA SECTION F-F, LOWER HUA SECTION G-G

SHEET PRESSURE TRANSFER LINE PROFILE CONSTRUCTION NOTES

EIS DETAILS

SHEET 20-21 OF 36 CONCRETE HUA DETAILS SHEET 22-24 OF 36 - WASTE TRANSFER DETAILS

SHEET 33-35 OF 36 - STORM WATER DETAILS SHEET 36 OF 36 - ROOF WATER DETAILS

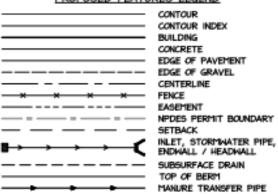
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#### Contour Contour Index LIDAR / GIS Contour Building Concrete Edge of Pavement Edge of Gravel Centerline Fence Property Boundary Property Adjoiner Right-of-Way Stormwater Pipe Treeline Soil Boundary

#### PROPOSED FEATURES LEGEND

Site Location Map

Scale: 1'' = 3000

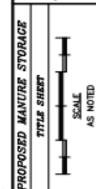


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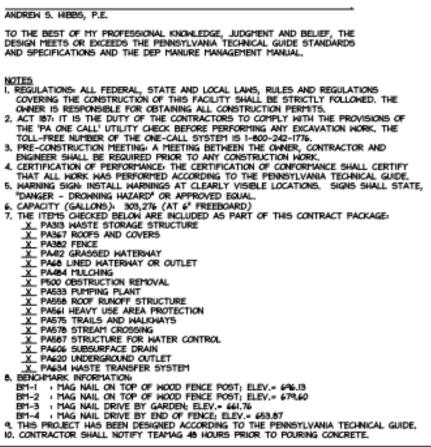


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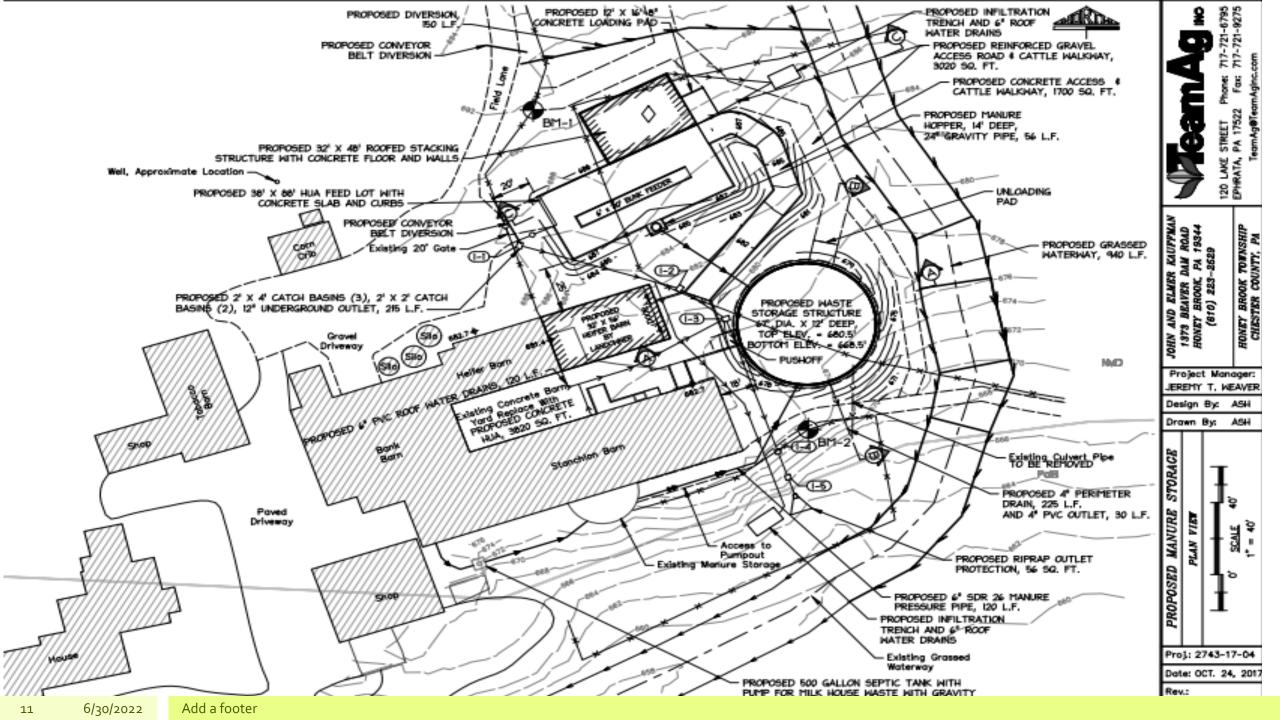
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# 5 Minutes for Questions





# Virginia's Agricultural BMP Loan Program & AgBMP Success Stories

Lars Bolton
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Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
April 28, 2022

Philip Davis
AgBMP Project Manager



**DEQ AgBMP Loan Program Basics** 

- Direct lending to agricultural producers to implement VACS and NRCS water quality agricultural best management practices
- o% interest for up to 10 years dependent on lifespan of practices and useful life (No Till Drill up to 7 years)
- Cost-share, financial assistance and other grant funds go directly to pay down the principal



# • DEO AgBMP Loan Program Basics

- Evaluates and authorizes projects
- Provides "boots on the ground"
- Work directly with farmers (loan applicants/recipients), SWCD, and NRCS

#### Virginia Resources Authority

- Conduct credit reviews
- Underwrite loans
- Disbursements during construction
- Collection of payments

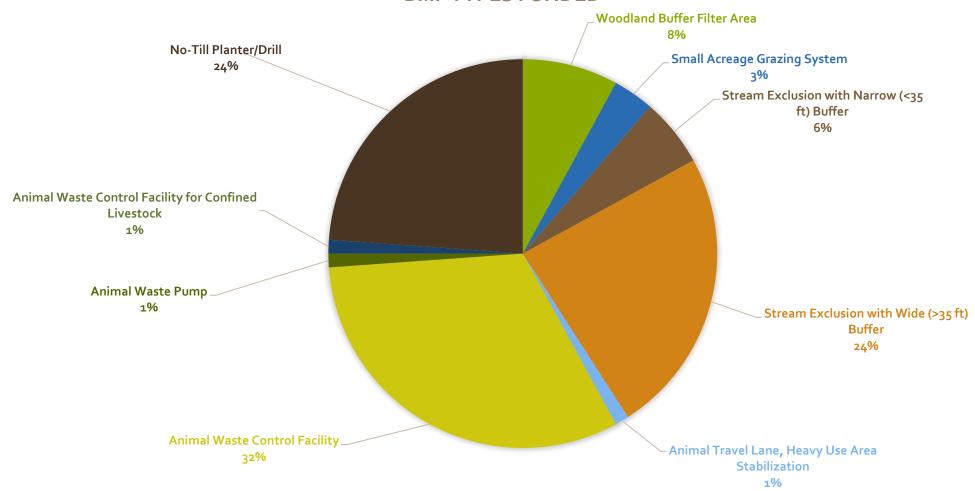


#### AgBMP Loan Program- Projects since July 1, 2019

- 203 total applications
  - \$12.87M in 88 loans closed (50 completed projects)
  - \$2.1 M in principal forgiveness given
  - 69 structural practice loans
  - 19 no till drill loans
  - 55 VACS
    - 6- DuPont Mercury Settlement
  - 33 Federal \$ (CREP/EQIP)
    - 14 co-funded with VACS
  - \$3.8M in cost-share repayments

#### AgBMP Loan Program- Projects since July 1, 2019

#### **BMP TYPES FUNDED**



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# Garber Farms, Inc.- Stream Exclusion and Grazing Land Management with Riparian Buffers

#### **Project Details**

- Approx. 375 acre farm
  - □ Approx. 77 acres of riparian buffers both herbaceous and forested
- 2 alternative watering systems with approx. 2.2 miles of pipeline and 11 troughs
- Approx. 4.3 miles of exclusion fence
- Approx. 5.1 miles of streambank excluded





Garber Farms, Inc.- Stream Exclusion and Grazing Land Management with Riparian Buffers

**Project Details** 

- Reduced Annually
  - Approx. 3,481 lbs of Total P 9,713 lbs of Total N 1,056 tons of TSS
- Total project cost of \$229,412.20
  - Approx. \$66/lb of P

\$24/lb of N

\$217/ton of TSS

Great example of funding and conservation partnerships!



# Garber Farms, Inc.- Stream Exclusion and Grazing Land Management with Riparian Buffers





Spring Valley Dairy- Animal Waste Control Facility

**Project Details** 

Approx. 160 Animal Units

 Bedded Pack Facility with manure collection and dry stack

- Exclusion fencing and watering trough
- Livestock walkway
- Covered manure collection area and manure pumping infrastructure





Spring Valley Dairy- Animal Waste Control Facility Project Details

#### **Approximate Annual Reductions:**

- Manure (NRCS): 1,000,000lbs
- N (NRCS): 7,000lbs
- P (NRCS): 2,900lbs
- Fecal Coliform (lbs X cfu/lb manure) (DEQ):
   2.13x 10<sup>14</sup> cfu
- Total project cost of \$590,271.91
  - \$411,200 (NRCS) and \$179,071.91 (DEQ PF)
    - Approx. \$203/lb of P
      \$84/lb of N
      \$0.59/lb of Manure



## **Spring Valley Dairy- Animal Waste Control Facility**





## 5 minutes Questions?

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# Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Agricultural Conservation in Kansas

Amanda Reed EPA Region 7

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#### **NPS Tool Box**

Cost-share

Information & Education

Outreach & Advocacy

Partner with Agencies



Relationships with Agricultural Service Providers

Partner with Implement Manufacturers

Global Food & Ag Companies

**Ecosystem Services** 

## The Question Became:

How can we?

Build relationships with Agricultural Service Providers?



Partner with Implement Manufacturers?



Global Food & Ag Companies



**Ecosystem Services** 













## Kansas CWSRF Loan

- Local Municipality
  - \$3.5M
  - GPR
  - Principal Forgiveness
  - Sole source bid award
- Glacial Hills RC&D
  - Go between for Municipality and KDHE
  - Managing Contracts with Local Retailers

# Retailer Agreements

- Recruitment
- 5,000 Acres in targeted areas minimum
- Provide Operators
- Soil Health Education for Operators
- Customize seed mixes for each producer
- Charge Reasonable seeding rate

## **Load Reductions**

- Interseeders are required to plant at least 10,000 acres of cover crop each year.
- 5,000 in targeted areas, remaining 5,000 in watershed as whole.



# Progress and Adjustments

- 8 machines ordered from John Deere in February 2020
  - 7 machines placed with retailers by July 1, 2020
  - 1 machine used as a demonstration

- Most had overwhelming positive response but had limited success hitting targets
- Some machines will be rehoused with different retailers or with independent custom planters in the future

# Thank You!

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