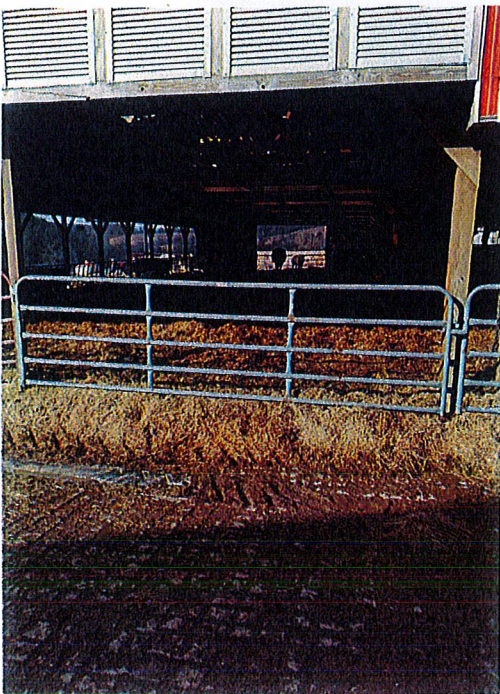


# Montour County Conservation District's 2024 Annual Report



A total of 1,381,999.37 was used towards the completion of 20 projects in Montour County in 2024 utilizing a combination of dirt and gravel roads, ACAP, CAP, and Growing Greener Funds. Projects completed included dirt and gravel road projects, fencing, cropland conversion projects, barnyards, manure storages, and streambank stabilization projects which were all identified as goals in the Montour County Wide Action Plan.

A 156X56 manure storage was constructed on the Tworkoski Beef operation providing six months storage for 175 head beef comprised of 100 cows, 100 calves and 75 steers. Keystone prefab walls were used, the concrete floor was poured by Martin's Construction, the roof was done by White Deer Concrete and all excavation was done by Betts Excavating. The manure storage project was the final piece of the puzzle for full implementation of the operations manure management plan and met CAP goals for the Montour County. This project was funded by the ACAP program.









# WATERSHED PROGRAM GROWING GREENER & STREAM PROJECTS

Kate Woodruff replaced Claudia Eldred in August of 2024 as our Watershed Specialist as Claudia decided to go part time. There were two stream projects completed in 2024. The second phase of the Chamberlain project in Anthony Township on the Countyline Branch of Chillisquaque Creek and Orme Project on Mahoning Creek.

The Chamberlin Stream project featured restoration of 1,350 feet of the Countyline branch of the Chillisquaque Creek. The Orme Project included restoration of 1,500 feet of Mahoning Creek in Valley Township. This project featured a variety of structures such as modified mudsill, rock cross vanes, and log deflectors.

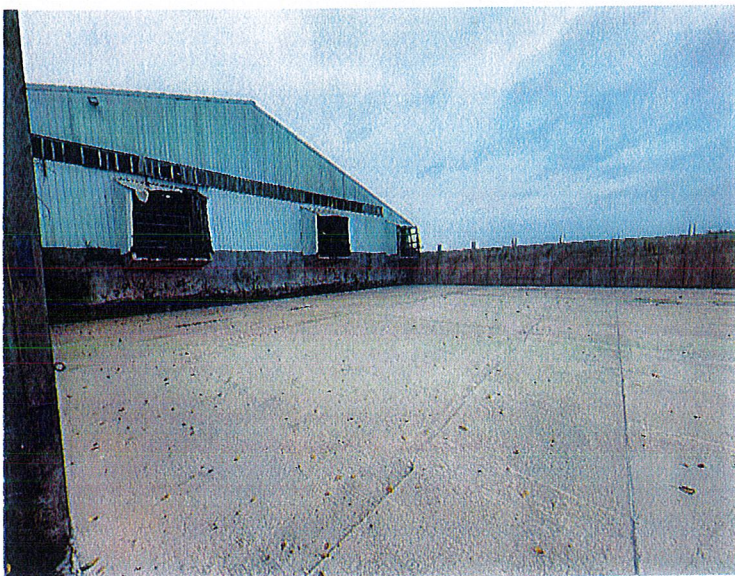


Growing Greener funded fencing and cropland conversion to pasture projects totaling \$176,831.45 in 2024. Pasture fencing projects continue to gain popularity with Montour County Farmers.



## ACAP

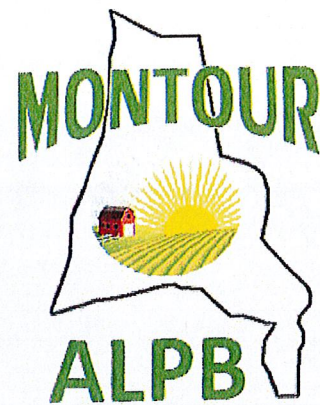
\$775,458.71 in ACAP funds were used in 2024 to completed a manure storage for the Trego Beef Farm and Tworkoski beef Farm. Funds were also used to construct a cattle stream crossing and walkway for the Beyer Dairy and Beef farm.





## AGLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The Martin Farm located on Strick Road in Milton will be the next farm easement purchased under the Agland Preservation Program. An appraisal was completed in 2024 and funds have been encumbered towards the purchase of the Martin Farm. It will take several years to come up with the funds for the purchase of this farm.



## CH. 102 EROSION SEDIMENTATION PROGRAM

There were 42 Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control Plans reviewed, 10 NPDES Permits authorized and 59 E&S Waivers reviewed in 2024. E&S Waivers are required in Montour County for earthmoving activities that involve less than 5,000 square feet of earth disturbance.



## CH 105 STREAM ENCROACHMENT PERMITS

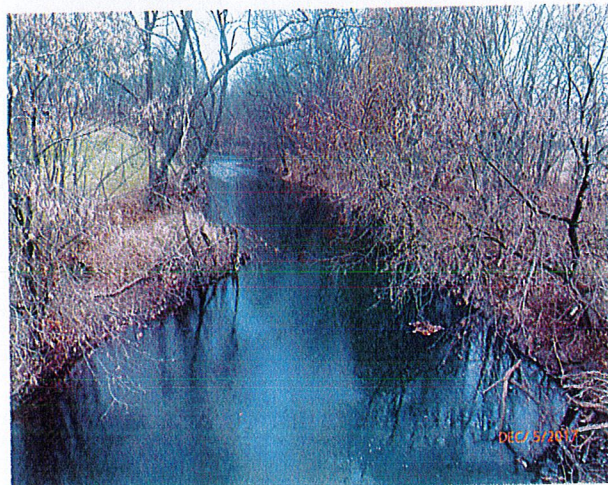
There were a total of 12 Chapter 105 General Permits issued in 2024.

2 GP-1's 1 GP 8

4 GP-5's

2 GP-6's

3 GP-7's





## DIRT & GRAVEL ROADS PROGRAM

In 2024, 1 Dirt and Gravel Road projects and 1 Low Volume Road project was completed in Montour County. One of the projects was a drainage improvement and DSA surfacing project on Roup Road in Valley Township. The project involved installing new cross pipes on this road to help disconnect roadside ditch runoff into well vegetated and wooded areas, eliminating the direct discharge to the nearby stream. Adding cross pipes also helped reduce the volume of water flowing in the ditch thus reducing its erosive capability. The road was then surfaced with almost 650 tons of Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA). The total project cost \$49,923.73, with \$34,005.23 of that being grant money from the DGRLV program from the DGLVR program.



## COUNTYWIDE ACTION PLAN

The CAP Team of Columbia, Montour and Sullivan Counties was awarded \$924,704 in CAP BMP Implementation funds to complete projects in 2025 and received \$100,000 towards the CAP Coordinator position.

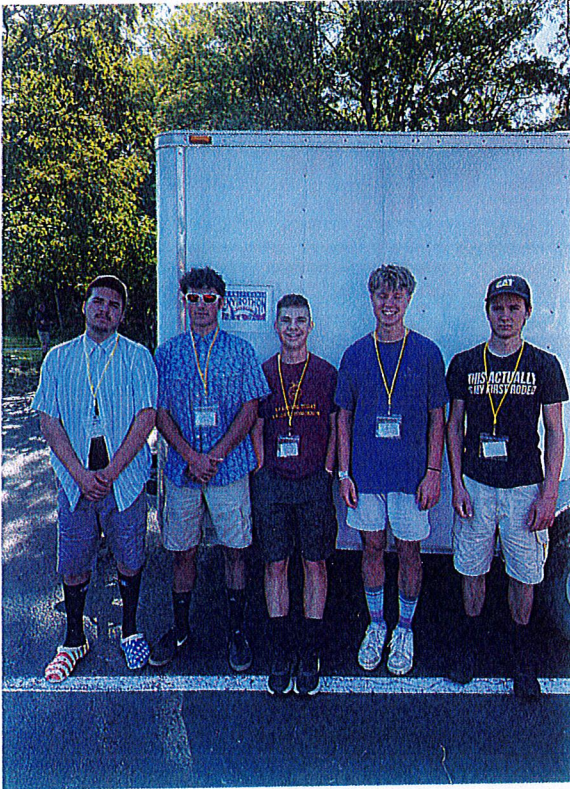
In 2024 \$211,432.15 of CAP funds was used to construct 3 horse barnyard projects for the George Farm. Betts Excavating was responsible the excavation work while the concrete and roof was completed by S&L Builders LLC.





## ENVIROTHON 2024

The Danville High School Envirothon team including Ryan Prall, Calvin Wagner, Luke Hilkert, Luke Huron, and Tyler Francis represented Montour County at the Pennsylvania State Envirothon this year.



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