

# EASTERN PANHANDLE **CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

2022 Summer Newsletter

## AGRICULTURE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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Applications will be accepted for these practices Wednesday, June 1 through Friday, July 29, 2022 by 4:00 pm.

Funds are limited. All practices will be approved based on ranking and available funding.

#### Please see the enclosed application for more detailed information.

Lime: Provide incentive for the maintenance of cropland, hayland, pastureland, vegetables and/or orchard.

- Cost share is 50% not to exceed \$25 per ton.
- Not to exceed 50 acres per producer per fiscal year (July to June).
- Soil test is needed to apply. Test must be less than 3 years old.
- Practices must be completed by Friday, December 2, 2022 bv 4 p.m.

Heavy Use Protection Area: The stabilization of areas frequently being used by livestock and/or vehicles. Can be used for the following: Livestock watering areas, gate areas and field entry areas.

- Flat rate of \$1.35/sq. ft., not to exceed \$1.500 per producer per fiscal year.
- Practice design is only for stone and geo-textile fabric.
- NO concrete, NO Roadways and NO feeding pads •
- Practices must be completed by Friday, December 2, 2022 • by 4 p.m.

## CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM



Cover Crops: Producers are eligible for up to 100 acres. Must follow a row crop (corn, soybeans, sorghum, wheat, or barley). NO fallow or bare ground is eligible. Cost share rates are as follows:

- \$50/ac. by Monday, October 3rd, must report the planting to the office by Tuesday, Oct. 4.
- \$40/ac. by Monday, October 17th, must report the planting to the office by Tuesday, Oct. 18. .
- \$30/ac. by Monday, November 7th, must report the planting to the office by Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Anything reported after these dates will move to the next planting date payment if planted. Anything received after Tuesday, November 8 will not receive a payment.

Stream Exclusion (livestock exclusion): The permanent exclusion of animals from a stream.

- Cost Share is up to \$8,000 per fiscal year.
- Must have livestock in stream to qualify.
- Practices include fencing, watering systems, stream crossing.
- Refer to Stream Exclusion Application for more details
- Practices must be completed by June 5, 2023.

Rotational Grazing Fence (Fencing and watering trough): The installation of new

fence to facilitate handling, movement and feeding of livestock in a rotational grazing pasture environment.

- Cost share is up to \$7,000 per fiscal year.
- Must have perimeter fence already installed to gualify. •
- Must be building new interior fence, to start a rotational grazing system.
- Must have livestock to gualify. Practices included fencing, watering systems and pipeline. •
- Refer to Rotational grazing fence application for more details. ٠
- Practices must be completed by June 5, 2023.

Any producer that is interested in participating in these programs should contact Barbie Elliott at the EPCD office at 681-247-3012 or belliott@wyca.us

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Applications will be accessible on our website under "District Programs" at www.wvca.us/districts/epcd.cfm

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Chesapeake Bay Program A Watershed Partnership

## Plan to attend our Fall Pasture Workshop

Saturday, September 10, 2022 Antram Farm, Jones Spring, WV 9 am-12 noon

Please RSVP by September 1 and Direct Questions to Amy Henry: (681) 247-3014 Ahenry@wvca.us Topics:

Stockpiling and Grazing Management-Matt Booher- VT Unit Coordinator Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources Crop & Soil Sciences

**Extending the Grazing Season**-Ben Goff- WVU Extension, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Nutrient Management Planning-WV Department of Agriculture



Sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Program and the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District



# Overington Announces 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Largest Tree Contest ANNUAL CONTEST SEEKS HACKBERRY TREE

The Fourteenth Annual Big Tree Contest will feature the Hackberry tree in the Eastern Panhandle. The deadline to submit your entry is September 1, 2022. The winner will be recognized at the EPCD fall banquet. John Overington will present \$500 to the winner, or to a charity of choice, and a copy of the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

The Hackberry tree is often described as "one tough tree." It can thrive in nearly every type of soil, heat and cold, and even drought, with minimal care. Hackberries can give shade and privacy and the tree maintains its rounded shape of dense, dark green leaves. In the fall, Hackberry leaves turn yellow or yellow-green, accompanied by small, orange-red to deep-purple fruits.

For submitting an entry, the tree's circumference should be measured at a height of 4.5 feet above the ground along with contact information and location of the tree. Forester Herb Peddicord will measure the trees for the official circumference, height, and crown spread after all entries have been received. The contest is open to Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson County residents only.

> Peddicord checks the trees using the criteria of the West Virginia Big Tree Program. Points are determined based on the tree's circumference at 4.5 feet above ground, total height and crown spread, and the tree with the most points wins the contest. Each year a different species is selected, and some have set the state record.

To submit your entry contact John Overington at john@ overington.com or 304-274-1791; or Eastern Panhandle Conservation District at 1-681-247-3010 or by email: epcd@wvca.us; or forester Herb Peddicord at 304-541-9285 or erbnwoods@gmail.com

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Email: be	elliott@wvca.us or			1	Lime A	nnl	icati	n	<u>West Virginia</u> Conservation Agency
	-263-4986 at office in door s	Sign up parios					day, July 29, 2022.	Conservation Agency	
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Name as	it would			Conserv	vation Dist	rict:	Eastern	Panhandle	
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Mailing	Address:			Farm #	:				
				Tract #	:				
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	Please co	mplete the follov	ving information for the l	Best Mana	gement Pr	actice	you wou	Id like to apply for:	
ВМР	L	imits	Cost-Share Rate			Am	ount Ap	plying for:	
				Farm	Tract	Field	Acres	Ton/ac: per soil test	Total Lime:
		ed 50 acres per	50 % cost-share rate,						
Lime		per fiscal year	Not to exceed \$25/ton.						
	(July	to June).	(Delivery, bulk lime and						
	Must have soi	<u>l test analysis</u> less	spreading)						
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#### **Program Eligibility**

A. <u>Definition</u>: Provide incentive for the maintenance of cropland, hayland, pastureland, vegetables and/or orchard.

#### B. Purpose

- 1. Provide soil and watershed protection by reducing erosion on cropland, hayland, pastureland, vegetables and/or orchard.
- 2. Help reduce water, air, or soil pollution from all non-point sources.

#### C. Policies for Practice

- 1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- 2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
- 3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
- 4. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
- 5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
- 6. A current soil test report within three (3) years for the field/s must be submitted with the application to be eligible for sign up.
- 7. Applications will be accepted from Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. through Friday July 29, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
- 8. Approvals are final on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, and approvals are based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
- 9. Practice must be completed, and receipts must be sent to the District Office by Friday, December 2, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.

#### D. Payment rates & limits:

- 1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a 50% rate not to exceed \$25 per ton.
- There is a maximum of 50 acres per applicant, per fiscal year (July 2022 to June 2023) eligible to participate and no more than three (3) tons per acre of lime eligible for reimbursement.
- 3. Invoice must clearly state what lime, delivery and spreading costs were and producer must provide a copy of the lime weight tickets.
- 4. Lime product used must be registered by the WV Department of Agriculture. Please refer to the registered list at office.
- 5. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
- 6. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

#### E. Practice Specifications

- 1. Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of contract.
- 2. Lifespan of this practice is 3 years.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

Applicants	Signature:
Revised: May 18.	2022

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received:

Time Received: Ranking Score: Return applications, soil test results and maps to:

Mail to: 151 Aikens Center Suite, Suite 2 Martinsburg, WV 25404 Email: belliott@wvca.us or epcd@wvca.us Fax: 304-263-4986

Drop off at office in door slot.

## FY 23 of Agricultural Enhancement Program Heavy Use Protection Area Application

Sign up period: Wednesday, June 1 through Friday, July 29, 2022.

Α	pplicant Information		Farm	n Information
Name as it would			Conservation District:	Eastern Panhandle
appear on W9 For	m:		County:	
Mailing Address:			Farm #:	
			Tract #:	
Telephone:			Field # or #'s:	
Email Address:			Application Date:	
	Bes	t Managen	nent Practice	
Please	e complete the following information	n for the Bes	st Management Practice yo	u would like to apply for:
BMP	Limits	(	Cost-Share Rate	Amount applied for
Heavy Use	Use of gravel and fabric only.	Flat r	ate of \$1.35/sq. foot	
Area Protection	No concrete	Maximum per producer		Sq. Ft. Circle use:
	or	\$1,500 pe	er fiscal year (July – June)	-Field entry point -gate area
	No Roadways or feeding pads			-watering trough
		Drogram F	ligibility	

A. <u>Definition</u>: The stabilization of areas frequently and intensively used by animals and/or vehicles by surfacing with suitable materials. The base shall be either gravel, crushed stone and geotextile to provide the site with a need for increased load bearing strength, drainage, separation of material and soil reinforcement.

**B.** <u>**Purpose:**</u> Reduce soil erosion. Improve water quantity and quality, aesthetics, and livestock health. Can be used for the following: Livestock watering areas, gate areas or field entry points.

#### C. Policies for Practice

- 1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- 2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
- 3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
- 4. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
- 5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field where the proposed installation will be.
- 6. Applications will be accepted from Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. through Friday July 29, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
- 7. Approvals are final on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, and approvals are based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
- 8. Practice must be completed, and receipts must be sent to the District Office by Friday, December 2, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.

#### D. Payment rates & limits:

- 1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a flat rate of \$1.35 per sq. ft.
- 2. Maximum of \$1,500 per applicant per fiscal year (July June).
- 3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and an AEP representative has made a site visit.
- 4. Payment will be received to producer within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board meeting.
- 5. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

#### E. Practice Specifications

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- 1. NRCS standards and design specifications must be followed.
- 2. After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
- 3. Life span of this practice is a minimum of 10 years.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and con	OFFICE USE ONLY:		
stated in this document.		Date Received:	
Applicants Signature:	Date:	Time Received:	
Revised: May 18, 2022		Ranking Score:	

Chesapeake Ba	v Program	Cover Crop	Application
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	Practices MUST be completed by Monday, November 7, 2022.										
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Cover C	rons					v or bare ground	ind/or entry	•			
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				(Corn		orghum, barley, w	haat ata)				
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#### A. <u>Description and Purpose</u>

1. Cost-share payments are provided for the establishment of vegetative cover on cropland after harvest for protection from rain and wind erosion and the reduction of nutrient losses to groundwater.

#### B. **Polices for Practice:**

- 1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- 2. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
- 3. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
- 4. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field where the proposed planting will be.
- 5. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.
- 6. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
- 7. Sign up period starts Wednesday, June 1at 8 a.m. and will close on Friday, July 29, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

#### C. Practice Specifications:

- 1. All seed must be free of prohibited noxious weed seed and have a minimum germination rate of 80%. If the grower elects to use home grown seed, it must be tested for purity, germination, and noxious weeds prior to seeding by a recognized seed laboratory.
- 2. The cover crop residue may be left on the field for conservation purposes; or the cover crop or its residue may be tilled under; or the cover crop may be harvested after April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3. Life span of this practice is a minimum of 1 year.

#### D. Payment rates & limits:

- 1. The maximum cost-share for this practice: refer to the planting, reporting and cost-share rates and dates in the above chart. Anything reported after these dates will move to the next planting date payment if planted.
- 2. <u>Anything planted after Monday, November 7, 2022, and reported after Tuesday, November 8, 2022, will not</u> receive a payment. No extensions will be given.
- 3. Maximum of 100 acres per producer and/or entity.
- 4. The payment will be made after an AEP representative has made a site visit and have received all seed bills.
- 5. Payment will be made to producer within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board meeting.
- 6. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
- 7. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

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Applicant's	Signature:
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Revised: May 18, 2022

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2 Martinsburg, WV 25404 Email: belliott@wvca.us or epcd@wvca.us

## Chesapeake Bay Program Rotational Grazing Fence Application



Sign up period: Wednesday, June 1 through Friday, July 29, 2022

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Name as it appears				<b>Conservation District:</b>	Eastern Panh	andle				
on W9 form:							County:			
Mailing Addres	ss:						Farm #:			
							Tract #:			
<b>Telephone:</b>							Field # or #'s:			
Email Address	:						<b>Application Date:</b>			
Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:										
Practice		Limits		BMP	In	ıd	lividual BMP with Cost-Sha	re Rates	Applied	l Amount
	• Ap	proval Not to	exceed	Fence:	Temp. F	en	nce with charger	\$0.43/ft.		\$
	\$7,	000 per applic	ant per		Temp. F	en	nce without charger	\$0.21/ft.		\$
	Fis	cal year.			Interior I	Fe	ence:	\$1.83/ft.		\$
Divisional				Pipeline: Pipelin		Pipeline (Buried)		\$2.46/ft.		\$
(interior) Fence • Livestock must graze in			Pipeline (Surface)		\$1.59/ft.		\$			
		e proposed fie			Pumping	g P	Plant <=1.5 HP	\$1,570.15/ea.		\$
And	-	alify.		Water	ter Watering Facility (2- or 4-hole trough)		\$1,260.68/ea.		\$	
				Source:	Portable	e V	Watering Trough (100-500 gal)	\$3.48/ gal.		\$
Watering	• Bo	rder Fence of		Freeze Proof Hydrant		\$116.32/ea.		\$		
Troughs	pro	oposed field m	ust	Heavy Use Area Protection		\$1.35/sq. ft.		\$		
		eady be instal		(Only for hydrant or portable troughs use)						
							r site visit has been made and a tec	hnician has appro	ved the de	esign.
Program Eligibility										

A. Definition: A constructed barrier to control movement of livestock.

B. Purpose: To improve distribution and timing of livestock grazing. Facilitate handling, movement and feeding livestock in a pasture environment. To divide pasture fields for better grazing management such as prevent overgrazing and allow grass growth.

#### C. Policies for Practice

- 1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes. 2.
- Applications will be accepted from Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 29, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. 3.
- 4. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
- 5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
- 6. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
- 7. Producer must follow a grazing plan after completion.
- 8. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
- 9. Practice must be completed by Friday, June 2, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.
- 10. Receipts must be sent to the District Office by Monday, June 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.

#### D. Payment rates & limits:

- 1. Payment rates will be based on FY 22 USDA-NRCS EQIP rates. Reimbursements are based on the cost share rates as stated above.
- 2. Maximum of \$7,000 per applicant per Fiscal year (July June).
- No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed. 3.
- Practice must be complete, and receipts must be sent to the District Office by the project deadline. No extensions will be given. 4.
- 5. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
- 6. Producer will receive payment within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board meeting.

#### **E.** Practice Specifications

- Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of contract. 1.
- 2. Applicant must follow a rotational grazing plan after installation of practice.
- 3. Life span of this practice is 10 years.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

#### Applicant Signature:

Date:

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Time Received:

**Ranking Score:** 

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#### EASTERN PANHANDLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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#### Email: belliott@wvca.us or epcd@wvca.us Sign up period: Wednesday, June 1 through Friday, July 29, 2022 Fax: 304-263-4986 **Applicant Information Farm Information** Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle Name as it appears on W9 form: **County: Mailing Address:** Farm #: Tract #: **Telephone:** Field # or #'s: **Email Address: Application Date:** Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for: Practice Limits BMP **Cost-Share** Applied Cost Rate Amount Share **Estimate:** \$2.27/ft. • Not to exceed \$8,000 per Permeant Exclusion Fence: \$ Stream applicant per Fiscal year. Pipeline: Pipeline (Buried) \$2.46/ft. \$ **Exclusion** Pipeline (Surface) \$1.59/ft. \$ Livestock must have Pumping Plant <=1.5 HP \$1,570.15/ea. \$ Watering Facility (2- or 4-hole trough) \$1,260.68/ea. \$ (Fencing, access to the stream. Water Watering Systems. Source: Portable Watering Trough (100-500 gal.) \$3.48/ gal. \$ Stream Crossing) •O& M by landowner 10 Freeze Proof Hydrant \$116.32/ea. \$ vr. Agreement \$ Heavy Use Area Protection \$1.35/sq. ft.

Chesapeake Bay Program

Stream Exclusion Application

(Only for hydrant or portable troughs use)

May be changed after site visit has been made and a technician has approved the design.

**Program Eligibility** A. Definition: The permanent exclusion of animals from a stream.

B. <u>Purpose</u>: To restrict livestock or control access to an area. To maintain or improve the quantity and quality of natural resources and minimize liability and human health concerns.

Stream Crossing

#### **C.** Policies for Practice

Return application and maps to:

Martinsburg, WV 25404

Drop off or Mail to: 151 Aikens Center, Suite 2

- 1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- 2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
- 3. Applications will be accepted from Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 29, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
- 4. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
- 5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
- 6. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

• Minimum 10 feet from

stream bank.

7. Approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.

#### **D.** Payment rates & limits:

- 1. Payment rates will be based on FY 22 USDA-NRCS EOIP rates. Please see cost share rates in chart above.
- 2. Maximum of \$8,000 per applicant per Fiscal year (July June).
- 3. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
- 4. Practice must be completed by Friday, June 2, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.
- 5. Receipts must be sent to the District Office by Monday, June 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.
- 6. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
- 7. Producer will receive payment within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board

### E. Practice Specifications

- 1. NRCS standards and specs must be followed to receive reimbursement.
- 2. Livestock must have access to stream and show a resource concern to qualify.
- 3. The stream must flow continually and not be an intermittent stream.
- 4. Life span of this practice is 10 years.

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Applicant's Signature:

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Date:

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\$6.30 sq. ft.



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## FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR

The EPCD has limited funding available for the repair or replacement of failing septic systems in the Elks Run watershed in Jefferson County and the Sleepy Creek watershed in Morgan County. This cost-share program will provide up to \$7,000 towards the cost of repair after the homeowner's initial payment of \$500. The homeowner is also responsible for the amount exceeding \$7,500 if the total cost of repair goes that high. Applications are approved on a first come, first served basis. If you think your septic system is not working properly, contact us today to find out if you fall within one of these watersheds and qualify. Funding is also available for septic pumping in the Sleepy Creek watershed and in Jefferson County. The EPCD will reimburse 50% of the cost of pumping up to \$150, but you must be

approved before you can get your septic pumped.

Contact:

Kristen Bisom kbisom@wvca.us 681-247-3011





# Now Accepting Applications

APPLICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 ARE DUE October 15 – October 30, 2022

The Farmland Protection Boards serving Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties are accepting applications for agricultural conservation easements.

#### Berkeley County Farmland Protection Board

TEL: 304-260-3770 EMAIL: berkeley@wvfp.org WEB: wvfp.org/berkeley

#### Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board

TEL: 304-724-1414 EMAIL: jefferson@wvfp.org WEB: wvfp.org/jefferson

#### Morgan County Farmland Protection Board

TEL: 304-582-8125 EMAIL: gingerljohnson@gmail.com WEB: wvfp.org/morgan

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# APPLY NOW TO BE AN EASTERN PANHANDLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FOR BERKELEY COUNTY

The Eastern Panhandle Conservation District operates by a board of publicly elected nonpartisan supervisors that make decisions on the expenditure of funds and approval of programs, among other day to day operations. EPCD board of supervisor meetings are held monthly in the USDA Conference Room located beside the office. Occasional meetings are also held during the month, along with various travel requirements.

- Do you live in Berkeley County?
- Do you have a strong interest in conservation of West Virginia's natural resources?

# IF SO: QUALIFICATIONS FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR PURSUANT TO WEST VIRGINIA CODE §§ 19-21A-6 et seq. and 19-21A -7 et seq. and WEST VIRGINIA CODE R. § 63-1-2 et seq.:

- 1. Must reside in the county where he or she is running for office.
- 2. A candidate for supervisor must have experience in agriculture, as the term is defined in 19- 21A-3 of WV Code; conservation; or natural resources.
- 3. "Agriculture" means the production of food, fiber, and woodland products, by means of cultivation, tillage of the soil, and by the conduct of animal, livestock, dairy, apiary, equine or poultry husbandry and the practice of forestry, silviculture, horticulture, harvesting of silviculture products, packing, shipping, milling, and marketing of agricultural products conducted by the proprietor of the agricultural operation, or any other legal plant or animal production and all farm practices.

## Deadline to apply is June 8, 2022 For more information, contact: Eastern Panhandle

Conservation District 681-247-3010 epcd@wvca.us

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# EQUIPMENT RENTAL

- 10 Ft. NO TILL DRILLS \$15.00 per acre \$50 per day after 48 hours
- WEED WIPER \$50.00 per day
- POULTRY LITTER or LIME SPREADER
   \$80.00 per day | \$10/per load
- CROP ROLLER CRIMPER
  \$50 per day
- \*\* There is a \$80.00 delivery and pickup fee for all equipment.



 FORAGE TESTING 60/40% cost share

SOIL TESTING Various options

available



Antram Farm now handles all equipment rentals for EPCD. They are located at:

#### 233 Antram Farm Lane Hedgesville, WV 25427 (304) 702-0296

Please contact Antram Farm to schedule all equipment rentals.

# THANK YOU FLOYD KURSEY & LIN DUNHAM

for all the support and goodwill you both have given this District over the years!



FLOYD KURSEY became an EPCD Berkeley County Supervisor in 2008. Mr. Kursey has shown his dedication to soil and water conservation over the past 14 years through the success of the district programs. You can see his fingerprint on all the accomplishments over the years. He has served on many committees including Ag Enhancement, Forestry, Budget and Finance, and Watershed. Floyd will always be remembered as the one that staff called upon to get a logical and ethical opinion on projects the staff were working on. We will always be thankful for all you have done for us. We greatly appreciate your guidance, expertise, and first-hand conservation knowledge.











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**ROBERT "LIN" DUNHAM** has been an EPCD Morgan County Supervisor since 2011. Through his 11 years of service with the EPCD you can see his commitment to his community and neighbors. He has been instrumental in the operation and maintenance of the 8 dams in Morgan County. Lin has assisted in many activities over the years, he has been a faithful volunteer for the Envirothon and served on the WVACD as Vice-President and on the Education Committee. Mr. Dunham has served on many committees through his tenure on the EPCD Board such as: Ag Enhancement, Forestry, Legislative and Watershed. He is still very active in his local organizations, and we hope to have his continued support in the future.



The EPCD Supervisors and WVCA staff would like to thank you both for your years of service and we will miss you!



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# Poster and Philoto Contest ENTRIES DUE JUNE 10, 2022

The annual photo and poster contest entries are due to the office by end of day on **Friday**, **June 10th**. This is the first leg of competition and winners from the district level go on to compete at the state level. Winners at the state level will then compete at the national level. The poster contest is open to students in grades K-12 and must have the words "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life" on their poster. All posters will be a 1/2 sheet this year.





The photo contest is open to amateur adult and youth photographers. Each person can submit up to five 8 x 10 unmatted, unedited photographs. A

3x5 card must accompany the back of each photograph along with an entry form. Photos must fall within one of the following descriptions:

- Conservation Practices
- Conservation in action
- Ag/Conservation across America
- Close Up Conservation

Entry forms for the poster and photo contest are available in the office or can be found at: www.wvca.us/education/poster\_contest.cfm

For any questions about either contest, please call EPCD at (681) 247-3010 or e-mail epcd@wvca.us

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