



441 Plum Creek Road  
Sunbury, PA 17801



November 15, 2011

Dear Fellow Conservationist:

The Board of Directors of the Northumberland County Conservation District (NCCD) is pleased to announce the start of their annual membership drive. 2011 was a very successful year for us, and we hope you will join us for an exciting 2012! This past year we reached over 5,000 county residents; including students, farmers, municipal officials, and the development community. Our dedicated staff provided technical assistance and outreach touching upon important issues, such as manure management, streambank restoration, erosion and sedimentation control, and numerous other conservation issues that affect our daily lives.

Why are Conservation Districts so important? We are one of the few grassroots organizations set up by the New Deal still in operation today. Districts were developed specifically to handle agricultural issues on a local level; in other words, local farmers familiar with the land would be making local decisions, as opposed to bureaucrats in Washington, DC. Almost 70 years later we are still making local decisions, and although we are being challenged with additional programs addressing water quality; this core mission still exists – conservation at the local level. New regulations from the EPA and the DEP have made this mission even more critical. It is imperative we educate those directly affected by these new regulations.

Your support is crucial. In addition to the satisfaction of being part of a team that has worked to conserve the natural resources of Northumberland County for over 65 years, you can be proud of the fact that your contribution is going towards this very cause. Members will receive a membership certificate and have their name published in our publications, as well as on our website: [www.nccdpa.org](http://www.nccdpa.org). We will always encourage individuals to patronize your business because of your support to conservation. Members will also receive a 5% discount on orders placed in the Conservation District's annual spring tree sale.

You may become a member with your contribution in one of six categories, which are listed on the enclosed form. Simply fill out and return the form along with your check in the self-addressed envelope. You may also pay by credit card.

If you have any questions regarding the Northumberland County Conservation District, please don't hesitate to contact us at (570) 286-7114 ext. 4. We look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your support of conservation in Northumberland County!

Sincerely,

Judy Becker  
District Manager

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## List of Services:



**Environmental Education:** We strive to provide quality programs that relay important conservation information to the citizens of the area. These include, but are not limited to: youth programs, programs for the general public, contests, (such as our annual conservation themed poster contest), and scholarships.

For more information, contact: Jaci Lucas at [jlucas@nccdpa.org](mailto:jlucas@nccdpa.org).

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**Watershed Assistance:** The NCCD provides technical assistance to watershed groups in the area. Services provided include, but are not limited to: group start up coordination, presentations, grant writing, grant administration, water quality monitoring, technique trainings, interpretation of results, and project assessments.

For more information, contact: Jaci Harner at [jharner@nccdpa.org](mailto:jharner@nccdpa.org).

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**Erosion & Sediment Control:** The NCCD administers the Chapter 102 Erosion Control program, conducting the following program responsibilities: Technical Plan Reviews, Site Inspections, Complaint Investigations, Information & Education. The NCCD also administers the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), the permitting for storm water discharge from construction activity.

For more information, contact: Mike McCleary at [mmccleary@nccdpa.org](mailto:mmccleary@nccdpa.org).

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**Farmland Preservation:** This program enables state, county and local governments to purchase conservation easements (sometimes called development rights) from owners of quality farmland. This was developed in 1988 to help slow the loss of prime farmland to non-agricultural uses. Northumberland County has appointed an agricultural land preservation board which is overseen by the state board.

For more information, contact: Judy Becker at [jbecker@nccdpa.org](mailto:jbecker@nccdpa.org).

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**Chesapeake Bay Program:** This program provides cost share assistance for the installation of Best Management Practices (BMP's) to correct existing manure and nutrient problems from agricultural operations. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the NCCD also provided assistance with survey, design and construction quality assurance.

For more information, contact: Todd Deroba at [tderoba@nccdpa.org](mailto:tderoba@nccdpa.org).

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**Nutrient Management:** The PA Nutrient Management Act Requires all concentrated animal operations (CAOs) or animal operations that have 2,000 pounds per acre available for manure to develop and submit a nutrient management plan to the conservation district for review and approval. NCCD also administers programs to help implement a farms nutrient management plan.

For more information, contact: Todd Deroba at [tderoba@nccdpa.org](mailto:tderoba@nccdpa.org).

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**Dirt & Gravel Roads:** The Dirt and Gravel Roads program is designed to fund environmentally sound maintenance of unpaved roadways that have been identified as sources of sediment pollution. The funds are available to local municipalities that maintain dirt and gravel roads. The NCCD Quality Assurance Board (QAB), accepts and reviews applications each fall.

For more information, contact: Mike McCleary at [mcclary@nccdpa.org](mailto:mcclary@nccdpa.org).

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**Other Services:** The NCCD also offers a variety of other services including, but not limited to: Access to Aerial Maps, National Flood Insurance Program Maps, Sale of USGS Topographic Maps, Soil Surveys, annual Tree Sale, and we have a website with an extensive amount of information on our programs.

For more information, contact: Judy Becker at [jbecker@nccdpa.org](mailto:jbecker@nccdpa.org).

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*Visit our website for more information on our organization: [www.nccdpa.org](http://www.nccdpa.org)*



# NCCD Membership Drive Form

## Northumberland County Conservation District

### Your Information (please print or type)

Name	
Billing address	
City	
State	
ZIP Code	
Telephone (home)	
Telephone (business)	
Fax	
E-Mail	

### Donation Information

I (we) plan to make this contribution in the form of:  
\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_ check \_\_\_ credit card \_\_\_ other.

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Type (please circle one)

Affiliate	\$40.00	Friend of Conservation	\$500.00
Contributing	\$75.00	Conservation Partner	\$750.00
Associate	\$100.00	Other	\$_____

### Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

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\_\_\_ I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Signature(s)
Date

Please make checks payable to:

**NCCD**  
**441 Plum Creek Road**  
**Sunbury, PA 17801**  
**(570) 286-7114 ext. 4**  
*You will receive a receipt for your records.*

**THANK YOU!!!**