# Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)

The Union County Conservation District is currently accepting applications for any Union County farm in need of technical or financial assistance in implementing best management practices (BMPs) aimed at reducing nutrient and sediment loss. Projects can include a variety of practices such as animal heavy use areas, riparian buffers, stream crossings, manure storage facilities, grassed waterways, and many more.



## Who is an Eligible Applicant?

Any person or legal entity that has a legal or financial responsibility for one of the following:

- (1) an agricultural operation in which they are engaged; or
- (2) property on which an agricultural operation takes place.

An agricultural operation is defined by: the management and use of farming resources for production of crops, livestock, or poultry.

## What Determines an Eligible Project?

The implementation of a best management practice (BMP) or combination of BMPs, identified in an agricultural operation's agricultural erosion and sediment control plan, conservation plan, manure management plan, or nutrient management plan, which is necessary to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution from the agricultural operation and meets the criteria established by the Commission. For a list of eligible BMPs, please contact the conservation district.

## What are Eligible Project Costs?

Project design, engineering and associated planning, project management costs, including contracting, document preparation, and applications; project construction and installation; equipment and materials; post-construction inspections and any other costs as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

## How Do I Apply?

Interested applicants should contact the Union County Conservation District and complete an application. A follow-up project site verification must be completed with a district staff representative prior to determining eligibility of funding. The deadline to apply for this round of funding is <u>May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.</u>



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