

# NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2020 GOALS & OBJECTIVES SUMMARY

Approved by Conservation District Board of Directors 12/10/19

## 1.0 EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL/NPDES Program

- 1.1 Work to have all earth disturbance adequately protected from erosion:
  - 1.11 Make all county land developers, planners, contractors, agricultural operators and municipal officials aware of their responsibilities for implementing erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices and NPDES permit requirements.
  - 1.12 Continue to provide District services to municipalities on erosion control problems and waterways protection.
  - 1.13 Conduct a workshop or tour for engineers, contractors, and/or public officials as needed.
  - 1.14 Assist in Act 167 planning process.
  - 1.15 Review Fee Schedule and related policies on an annual basis.
  - 1.16 Provide adequate staff and facilities for plan reviews and inspections.
  
- 1.2 Carry out responsibilities for erosion and sedimentation control/NPDES program:
  - 1.21 Continue Level III of Erosion and Sediment Control Program with assistance from PADEP staff.
  - 1.22 Continue delegated NPDES Permit Program for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities.
  - 1.23 Maintain Chapter 102 PCSM Delegation and Professional Engineering (PE) license for District Engineer
  - 1.24 Archive District project files per PADEP policy.
  
- 1.3 Work to have all agricultural land adequately protected from erosion and nutrient pollution
  - 1.31 Provide adequate staff.
  - 1.32 Obtain and maintain applicable staff certifications.
  - 1.33 Conduct educational programs for the agricultural community.
  - 1.34 Assist NRCS with creating/implementing plans for cooperators.
  - 1.35 Support/promote conservation Best Management Practices that will reduce non-point source pollution.
  - 1.36 Continue agricultural outreach and education.
  - 1.37 Maintain our agricultural complaint policy.
  
- 1.4 Strive to have landowners become cooperators of the District:
  - 1.41 Hold field demonstrations on Best Management Practices.
  - 1.42 Provide all landowners opportunities to become cooperators.
  
- 1.5 Review and update existing farm conservation, nutrient management and manure management plans.
  - 1.51 Review and update plans upon request.
  
- 1.6 Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program
  - 1.61 Continue to promote Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program to county municipalities.
  - 1.62 Administer Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road program funds.
  - 1.63 Maintain a qualified QAB (1 NRCS designee, 1 PA Fish & Boat Commission designee, 1 director and 1 staff)

## **2.0 CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

- 2.1 Assist with environmental education programs, as requested and deemed appropriate.
  - 2.11 Provide and maintain District educational resource materials.
- 2.2 Support and guide environmental education activities:
  - 2.21 Continue to support the Northampton County Junior Conservation School.
- 2.3 Continue District Envirothon Program.
  - 2.31 Promote 100% participation of county schools.
  - 2.32 Sponsor local winning team to participate in the State Envirothon.
  - 2.33 Continue to seek District Envirothon program contributions.
- 2.4 Encourage and sponsor scholarships, as funds are available, with cooperation of other agricultural and environmental groups.
- 2.6 Develop and implement environmental education programs.
  - 2.61 Maintain Act 48 certification provider status.
  - 2.62 Continue to offer/conduct programs providing Act 48 Continuing Education Hours as needed.
- 2.7 Develop and distribute educational materials for all District Programs

## **3.0 DISTRICT IMAGE & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- 3.1 Provide information on conservation programs:
  - 3.11 Maintain reference library.
  - 3.12 Produce two (2) or more District newsletters to get information of District's activities to the public.
  - 3.13 Maintain and update District Website and social media.
  - 3.14 Provide educational/informational displays at local county events.
- 3.2 Support District Directors & employees to continue representation and involvement with local, state, regional and national conservation organizations.
- 3.3 Review and update District marketing presentation as needed.

## **4.0 LAND USE/MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 Promote the preservation of open space, agricultural land and wetlands:
  - 4.11 Assist the county government with the Agricultural Preservation Act.
- 4.2 Implement Nutrient Management and ACT Contracts/Delegation Agreements.
  - 4.21 Identify all CAOs in County
- 4.3 Promote Best Management Practices for adequate stormwater management.
  - 4.31 Promote preservation and establishment of conservation buffers.
  - 4.32 Assist the County Government with their MS4 permit requirements where District programs apply and staff is available.

## **5.0 DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

- 5.1 Organize legislative meeting and tours as needed:
  - 5.11 Participate in PACD legislative meetings.
- 5.2 All Committees:
  - 5.21 Establish and deliver committee goals.
- 5.3 Business Plan:
  - 5.31 Review existing plan for modifications.
- 5.4 Work with Cooperating Agencies:
  - 5.41 Review MOUs and other agreements bi-annually as necessary.
  - 5.42 Establish MOUs, as needed, to meet District's Goals & Objectives
- 5.5 Policies:
  - 5.51 Adopt new District policies as necessary.
  - 5.52 Review and update all District policies as necessary.
- 5.6 Education:
  - 5.61 Continue to pursue applicable District staff training opportunities.
  - 5.62 Conduct District Director training as applicable.

## **6.0 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Support and participate in watershed planning.
- 6.2 Support and participate in water quality improvement projects.
- 6.3 Support and participate in watershed education activities.
- 6.4 Work to increase watershed stewardship.
  - 6.41 Help to organize new watershed groups.
  - 6.42 Work with municipal officials to increase watershed stewardship through Best Management Practices and environmentally beneficial ordinances.
  - 6.43 Work with and support existing watershed groups.
- 6.5 Strive to secure adequate resources for programs and projects.
  - 6.51 Increase our capacity for water quality monitoring