## DO YOU WANT TO INSTALL CONSERVATION PRACTICES ON YOUR FARM?

### **DO YOU HAVE A STREAM?**

Consider using the expertise and resources available from Stroud Water Research Center (a nongovernmental research center) and our many agricultural and conservation partners to achieve your farm goals.

## Financial and technical assistance available for landowners to work with professionals to:

- Develop an overall strategy for farm management and improvements
- Secure cost-share funding for agricultural BMP projects (manure storage, barnyard improvements, waterways, pasture management, no-till, etc.)
- Establish forest stream buffers successfully

## To participate landowners are asked to:

- Develop conservation and nutrient or manure management plans.
- Address runoff issues and comply with state agricultural conservation standards.
- Have a forested buffer planted, at least 35 feet wide, on each side of the stream.

For more information on Stroud's Farm Stewardship Program please contact a Stroud representative or any of our partners listed here:

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# STROUD FARM STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM





## WE CONNECT FARMERS WITH FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE

Farm Stewardship Program provides farmers the expertise and financial resources to address their needs:

- Work with professionals to develop an overall strategy for farm improvements;
- Funding for Conservation Plans and Nutrient/Manure Management Plans;
- Secure funding for conservation projects like waterways, manure BMPs, barnyards, and more;
- Receive \$4,000 for each acre of stream buffer planted to be used to cover farmer costs for BMPs;
- Fencing, stream crossings, and watering systems;
- Rental payments to farmer for land in the CREP forest buffer; and
- Assistance to ensure successful establishment of forest buffer.



Funding for new fencing, stream crossings and other livestock management improvements (Photo: PA Growing Greener Grant)

Improve farm management, manure storage, soil health, and herd health with Farm Stewardship Program:



Barnyard before improvement (Photo: TeamAg Inc.)



Same barnyard during construction (Photo: TeamAg)



Same barnyard after construction (Photo: TeamA.)

## STREAMSIDE TREES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We know trees produce oxygen, reduce air pollution and provide renewable resources. Streamside trees trap sediment and filter contaminants that would otherwise enter streams. But these trees also help cleanse streams and ultimately the water we drink.



Fish "grow on trees" because streamside trees support their habitat

# Here are some of the benefits to farmers of forest buffers:

- Create a new source of income from less productive land
- Make it easier for farmers to comply with some regulations
- Minimize erosion and reduce flooding
- Help agriculture project a positive image to the general public
- Enhance the stream as a place for farm families to recreate and enjoy their property