



“Outdoors, we are confronted everywhere with wonders; we see that the miraculous is not extraordinary, but the common mode of existence. It is our daily bread.”

- Wendell Berry

# Manure Management Workshop

## Ag E&S Workshop

Pennsylvania state law requires all agricultural operations to have an Agricultural Erosion and Sedimentation Plan and all operations that produce manure to have a Manure Management Plan. Through a Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts Grant, with financial support from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the Clean Water Fund, CCCD has been able to provide planning workshops to local agriculture producers. Recent workshops have focused on Manure Management Plans. These plans can be completed in about a 2 hour time frame. Most individuals that attend these workshops leave with a finished plan.

Upcoming March workshops will focus on Agricultural Erosion and Sedimentation Plans (Ag E&S Plan). These plans are more detailed and require the use of a soil loss calculation. PaOneStop is a mapping platform developed by Penn State and various partners. This mapping platform also includes a soil loss calculation program. At our March Workshops, an expert on PaOneStop will be teaching attendees how to map their operation and how to use the soil loss calculation program. This is a 2 part workshop and producers must attend both parts.



### AG E&S Workshops

March 22nd and March 29th

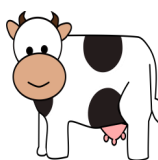
(Must attend both)

5:30pm-8:30pm

Penn State Extension, Manor Drive Meeting Room

499 Manor Drive

Ebensburg, PA 15931



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### Special Dates to Remember

**March 2:** Board Meeting  
**March 9:** Planting Workshop  
**March 17:** Tree and Plant Sale Orders Due  
**March 22 and 29:** Ag E&S Workshops  
**March 31:** T-shirt design deadline  
**April 4:** Board meeting  
**April 7:** Tree and Plant Sale Pickup  
**April 24:** Poster Entries Due

# *2017 Envirothon*

Teachers: You and your students are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Envirothon to be held at Disaster's Edge Environmental Education Center in the 1889 Park on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Students currently in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to compete in this environmental competition sponsored by the Cambria County Conservation District. Each participating school may send up to 3 teams to the competition with each team consisting of 3 to 5 members. However, please note that the state rules require that we must send a 5 member team to the state event. Envirothon subjects include Wildlife, Aquatics, Forestry, Soil/Land Use, plus the 2017 Current Issue topic Agricultural Soil and Water Conservation Stewardship. The winning team will be eligible to attend the State Envirothon at the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown on May 23rd and 24th.

In preparing for this year's event, please use the State Envirothon website. For each station, the references are available under the Station Training tab at <http://www.envirothonpa.org>. This is the best way to prepare for the event, because it is up to date. Some of the fact sheets that you have may be out of date or no longer used as testing resources. Bird and frog call CD's are still being used for the test, so please let our office know if you need them.

Additionally, the district will have resource kits available with hands-on equipment and materials to help your students prepare for the competition this year. Our staff is also willing to meet with your teams to help them prepare. If you would like to schedule a workshop on one of the testing areas or are interested in the resource kits, email Jackie Ritko at [ritko@co.cambria.pa.us](mailto:ritko@co.cambria.pa.us), or call the office at 814-472-2120, and we will try to get the kits to as many teams as possible.



## ***T-Shirt Design Contest***

This year, the Conservation District is holding a T-Shirt Design Contest for the 2017 Envirothon Shirt. The winning teams are provided with a free shirt when Envirothon is over, and this year, students have the opportunity to design the winning shirt. The winnings teams will go on to wear this shirt at the state and possibly national levels.

- The shirt design must depict Cambria County in a creative manner
- Designs must be submitted by Friday, March 31st

# 2017 Poster Contest Entry Form

## Local Entry Form

### NACD/PACD Auxiliary National Conservation Poster Contest

Attach a completed copy of this entry form to the back of each poster being entered. Entries must be received by the Cambria County Conservation District office no later than April 24th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ The poster is an original completed by the student.

\_\_\_\_ The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. (Please explain on separate page)

**\*\* 1st Place Winning posters become the property of the Conservation District.**

Please **CHECK** appropriate category

\_\_\_\_(K-1)

\_\_\_\_(2-3)

\_\_\_\_(4-6)

\_\_\_\_(7-9)

\_\_\_\_(10-12)

#### SCHOOL

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Public School \_\_\_\_\_ Private School \_\_\_\_\_ Home School \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian allowing permission to utilize the poster for educational or promotional purposes.

#### CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name: Cambria County Conservation District Contact: Jackie Ritko Title: Education Coordinator

Address: 401 Candlelight Drive, Suite 229 City: Ebensburg State: PA Zip: 15931

Phone: (814) 472-2120 Email: ritko@co.cambria.pa.us

#### STATE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, STATE AUXILIARY OR STATE AGENCY

Name: Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.

Contact: Shannon Wehinger Title: Communication Specialist

Address: 25 N. Front St. City: Harrisburg State: PA Zip: 17101 Phone: 717-238-7223

# *Keep Cambria County Beautiful*

## *Tire and Appliance Collections*



Empowering Pennsylvanians to keep our  
communities clean and *Beautiful*.

Keep Cambria County Beautiful, in conjunction with cooperating municipalities, will hold its spring Appliance and Tire Collection program this spring. All collections will be held on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Croyle Township:** April 29th

**Cambria Township:** May 6th

**Patton:** May 20th

## *Annual Tree and Plant Sale is Here!*

Here in Cambria County, winter hasn't been too harsh, and the anticipated prediction of the groundhog usually gets us geared to dream of spring. Another event that may inspire you is the Conservation District 45th Annual Tree and Plant Sale.

The Annual Sale has been a huge success for the District since it began in 1972. This year's catalog includes many new varieties of fruit trees, shade and ornamental trees/shrubs, evergreen seedlings, and ground cover. Our berry selection includes strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, elderberries and blackberries. You can find grapes, asparagus, rhubarb, a beautiful selection of perennial flowers, grasses, and peonies. Wildlife boxes are also offered along with support items for your plants.

The catalog is available at the Conservation District office. You may come in and pick one up or call 814-472-2120 to have a catalog sent to you. Customers can also go on Facebook or the county website: <http://www.cambriacountypa.gov/Conservation-district.aspx> to view the catalog.

The deadline for orders is March 17th, 2017 with payment. Orders must be picked up on Friday, April 7th, 2017 at the Cambria County Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. All proceeds from the sale go to conservation efforts and environmental education in your county. An order form is provided in this newsletter for your convenience.



# Tree Sale Order Form

2017 ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Sold As	# ordered	cost/bundle	Total
Grimes Golden Apple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$17.00 =	
Cortland Apple	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$17.00 =	
Buckeye Gala Apple	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$17.00 =	
Honeycrisp Apple	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$17.00 =	
Hyslop Crabapple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$13.00 =	
Indian Summer Crabapple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$13.00 =	
Beurre Danjou Pear	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Shenandoah Pear	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
White Lady Peach	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$14.00 =	
Redhaven Peach	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$14.00 =	
Garnet Beauty Peach	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$14.00 =	
Stanley Plum	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Valor Plum	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Methley Plum	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Cleveland Select Flowering Pear	1 tree (4' in height)		x \$40.00 =	
Autumnalis Flowering Cherry	1 tree (7' in height)		x \$49.00 =	
Thundercloud Flower Plum	1 tree (4' in height)		x \$33.00 =	
Dogwood, Golden Glory	1 tree (4' in height)		x \$45.00 =	
Autumn Blaze Maple	1 tree (6' in height)		x \$44.00 =	
Red Sunset Maple	1 tree (5' in height)		x \$46.00 =	
Green Mountain Maple	1 tree (6' in height)		x \$56.00 =	
Red Oak	1 tree (4' in height)		x \$38.00 =	
Babylonica Willow	1 tree (5' in height)		x \$36.00 =	
Tulip Popular	1 tree (4' in height)		x \$34.00 =	
Colorado Blue Spruce	10 seedlings		x \$8.00 =	
White Pine	10 seedlings		x \$8.00 =	
White Spruce	10 seedlings		x \$8.00 =	
Concolor Fir	10 seedlings		x \$8.00 =	
Allstar Strawberries	25 crowns		x \$12.00 =	
Sparkle Strawberries	25 crowns		x \$12.00 =	
Albion Strawberries (Everbearing)	25 crowns		x \$12.00 =	
Jewel Black Raspberry	5 cuttings		x \$16.00 =	
Heritage Red Raspberry	5 cuttings		x \$15.00 =	
Hull Thornless Blackberry	5 cuttings		x \$25.00 =	
Black Elderberry	5 seedlings		x \$10.00 =	
Sweetheart Blueberry	1 Gallon		x \$13.00 =	
Sweetheart Blueberry	5 Gallon		x \$30.00 =	
Liberty Blueberry	1 Gallon		x \$13.00 =	
Liberty Blueberry	5 Gallon		x \$30.00 =	
Bluecrop Blueberry	1 Gallon		x \$13.00 =	
Chandler Blueberry	5 Gallon		x \$30.00 =	
Fredonia Grape	1 vine		x \$10.00 =	
Red Canadice Grape	1 vine		x \$10.00 =	

**Order Deadline March 17, 2017**

Send order with payment to: Cambria County Conservation District, 401 Candlelight Dr., Suite 229, Ebensburg, PA 15931

Jersey Knight Asparagus	5 crowns		x \$8.00	=	
Purple Passion Asparagus	5 crowns		x \$8.00	=	
Canada Red Rhubarb	1 crown		x \$10.00	=	
Elf Mountain Laurel	3 gallon pot		x \$23.00	=	
Tinkerbelle Mountain Laurel	3 gallon pot		x \$23.00	=	
Keepsake Mountain Laurel	3 gallon pot		x \$23.00	=	
Firecracker Mountain Laurel	3 gallon pot		x \$23.00	=	
Peony Coral Sunset	1 pot (3 eye)		x \$22.00	=	
Peony Karl Rosenfeld	1 pot (3-5 eye)		x \$22.00	=	
Peony Bartzella	1 pot (3-5 eye)		x \$22.00	=	
Vinca Minor	50 clumps		x \$30.00	=	
Pachysandra	50 rooted cuttings		x \$30.00	=	
English Ivy	50 rooted cuttings		x \$30.00	=	
Stella D'oro Daylily	3 pots (3" pots)		x \$8.00	=	
Dwarf Fountain Grass	3 pots (3" pots)		x \$8.00	=	
Dwarf Porcupine Grass	3 pots (3" pots)		x \$8.00	=	
Apricot Shades Blanket Flower	1 pot (6" pot)		x \$6.50	=	
Apricot Shades Blanket Flower	3 pots (3" pots)		x \$16.00	=	
Silver Princess Shasta Daisy	1 pot (6" pot)		x \$6.50	=	
Silver Princess Shasta Daisy	3 pots (3" pots)		x \$16.00	=	
Cheyenne Spirit Coneflower	1 pot (6" pot)		x \$6.50	=	
Cheyenne Spirit Coneflower	3 pots (3" pots)		x \$16.00	=	
Real Dream Shasta Daisy	1 pot (6" pot)		x \$6.50	=	
Real Dream Shasta Daisy	3 pots (3" pots)		x \$16.00	=	
Early Bird Sherbet Dianthus	1 pot (6" pot)		x \$6.50	=	
Early Bird Sherbet Dianthus	3 pots (3" pots)		x \$16.00	=	
Classic Eastern Bluebird Box	1 box		x \$28.00	=	
Viewing Bluebird Nestbox	1 box		x \$38.00	=	
Bat House - 1 Chamber	1 box		x \$28.00	=	
Tree Bark Protector	2 ft. protector/w zipties		x \$5.00	=	
Tree Bark Protector	3 ft. protector/w zipties		x \$6.00	=	
Tubex Tree Shelter	1 tube/stake/ties/net		x \$5.00	=	
Fertilizer Tablets	25 tablets		x \$5.00	=	
Compost Tea Bags	10 tea bags		x \$7.00	=	

Sub Total

Your tax exemption # \_\_\_\_\_ or

+ 6% Sales Tax

Total Due

**Orders not accepted without payment.**

Checks should be made payable to: **Cambria County Conservation District**

We are now able to accept Credit Cards, however you will be charged 2.95% or a \$2.50 minimum service fee with this transaction, assessed by the credit card processor.

Your statement will reflect 1) payment to the Conservation District, 2) service fee.

\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Discover Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

CCV# \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Deadline March 17, 2017**

Send order with payment to: Cambria County Conservation District, 401 Candlelight Dr., Suite 229, Ebensburg, PA 15933





# Planting Workshop

## Selection, Planting, & Maintenance of Trees and Ornamental Plants

**Date: March 9, 2017**

**Time: 6:30—8:30 pm**

**Register by: March 7, 2017**

**Seating is limited.**

**Please be sure to reserve  
your spot now.**

**Call 472-2120 or email  
bard@co.cambria.pa.us**

Penn State Extension Horticulture Educator, Tom Ford, will discuss information focusing on fruit bearing trees. Featured topics will include:

- Plant Selection
- Proper Planting Practices
- Mulching Practices
- Pruning Techniques
- Pest Management

Questions will also be addressed regarding maintenance of woody ornamentals and fruit bearing plants, such as raspberries, black berries and strawberries.

This workshop is offered free of charge.

Location:

**Penn State Manor Drive Meeting Room  
Located in Domestic Relations Building  
499 Manor Drive  
Ebensburg, PA 15931**



A cancellation may occur due to inclement weather.

When you RSVP, please provide a contact phone number and/or email address in order to be notified if session needs to be canceled.



401 Candlelight Drive  
Suite 229  
Ebensburg, PA 15931

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[www.cambriacountypa.gov/  
conservation-district.aspx](http://www.cambriacountypa.gov/conservation-district.aspx)

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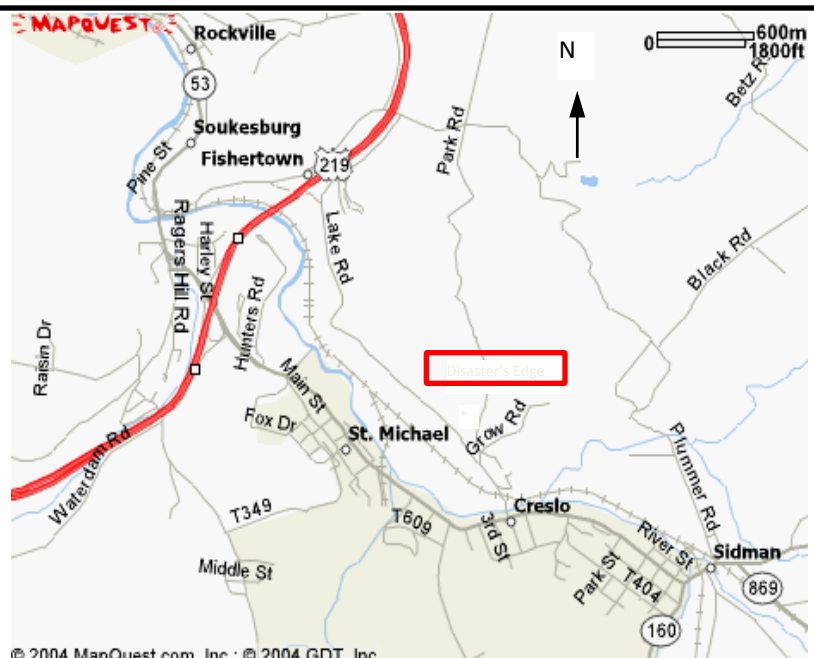
## Where is Disaster's Edge Environmental Education Center?

Take Route 219 North/South to the Sidman/St. Michael exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn onto Route 869 toward Sidman and the Johnstown Flood National Memorial. Travel approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Lake Road, traveling over the bridge then over the railroad tracks and entering the 1889 Park. Disaster's Edge Environmental Education Center will be on the right across from the baseball field and the coal miners museum.

Call Jackie Ritko at the Cambria County Conservation District Office to schedule programs or to discuss events.

### Mission Statement

The Cambria County Conservation District educates and assists the public through programs, projects, and leadership in the stewardship of natural resources to sustain and enhance the quality of life.



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**Road Map to The Disasters Edge Environmental Education Center.**