



## A Crescendo in Collaboration: A Project with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**The Lancaster Clean Water Partners' vision for the "Crescendo in Collaboration" project is to accelerate progress and overcome obstacles through targeted financial and staff resources.**

The project will accomplish the following:

1. Leverage and expand the capacity for collective stormwater work in order to accelerate toward the scale needed to meet the CAP's goals
2. Coordinate and direct agricultural funding opportunities to expand partner organizations' ability to address stormwater needs
3. Delist priority stream segments (greater than 0.5 mile in length)

The Partners has a goal to restore 350 miles of impaired streams in Lancaster County by 2030. Nutrient and sediment pollution have made more than half of Lancaster's 1,400 miles of streams unsafe for drinking, recreation, as well as critical insect and fish populations. But many partners throughout the county are working to rapidly restore these waterways using a new and innovative strategy called "rapid stream delisting."

**Major partner organizations for this project include:**

- **Lancaster Clean Water Partners (via Conservation District)** - employer of new Technical Director
- **Engineering, analysis, and construction for implementation projects that go above and beyond requirements.** Emphasis will be on the priority catchment areas that achieve the rapid stream delisting strategy (some overlap with RCPP catchments); focus also on urban areas that have credit opportunities for agricultural landowners
- **The Penn State Ag and Environment Center ("AEC") plus the Rural-Urban Leadership ("RULE") program** - deliver the Lancaster Watershed Leadership Academy: host a course in 2023 with recruiting starting in summer 2022.
- **Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake** - Outreach to houses of worship and coordination for green infrastructure project completion
- **Water Science Institute** - Compile LIDAR data for advancements in mapping for better project implementation locations
- **Chesapeake Conservancy** - Expand data and mapping management, specifically to enhance the Collaborative Mapping Tool created by the Partners and guide the delisting strategy
- **Legal Services** - Municipal solicitor time for joint project processes