



Lancaster
CLEAN WATER PARTNERS

Common Agenda **2025 – 2030** A Shared 2040 Vision for Impact

Vision

Clean and clear water in
Lancaster County by 2040

Mission

Collaborate, accelerate, and
expand efforts to restore and
sustain healthy waterways in
Lancaster County.

Values

- **Collaboration not duplication:** We support and elevate one another to achieve greater impact together than we could alone, combining our unique strengths instead of duplicating efforts.
- **Think big – be bold:** We operate with a bias toward action and innovation, driving results that build momentum for bold solutions and lasting positive change in our communities.
- **Trust:** The partners have confidence in each others' abilities and share a commitment to a community-based approach that fosters accountability and trust.
- **Clean and clear water for all:** Access to clean water is a fundamental right. Through collaboration, we amplify diverse voices and work to ensure equitable access for all, particularly for those who have historically been denied.
- **Transparency:** We communicate how decisions are made and operate with genuine openness and authenticity.
- **Responsive Leadership:** We are responsive to one another and our communities, adjusting our approach to meet evolving challenges and opportunities.

2025–2030 Priorities and Strategies

Strong, Connected, and Mobilized Partners:

A growing and diverse network of partners collaborating to increase impact.

- Share programs, practices, and lessons learned across the Network to strengthen alignment and accelerate shared progress
- Identify and grow the Network to include a broader range of sectors and individuals with lived experiences
- Expand existing Action Teams to connect and drive greater sector-specific impact
- Engage researchers and subject matter experts to ground our work in the latest data and science

Accelerated Implementation:

Increased development and installation of projects that engage communities and improve the health of local streams.

- Continue to deploy a targeted delisting strategy through landscape scale restoration in prioritized geographies
- Build implementation and technical assistance expertise both inside and outside Lancaster
- Remove barriers to landowner participation and provide incentives for investing and maintaining clean water projects
- Provide guidance and ongoing support for site-specific implementation of best practices

Collective Advocacy: A powerful voice for clean water to advance federal, state and local policies and processes that support implementation.

- Identify and prioritize high impact policy and process improvements
- Enhance partner communication and education on water quality regulatory standards
- Build collaborative relationships with and among regulating agencies to improve efficiencies
- Equip partners with tools, resources and opportunities to effectively engage in advocacy for restoration, one another and the Network

Amplified Engagement:

Broadened and enhanced involvement of community members in local clean water efforts.

- Analyze existing activities and audiences to identify gaps and opportunities to increase and expand community engagement across the county
- Provide tools and training to help partners meaningfully connect with new and diverse constituents and communities

Cross-Cutting Strategies (These apply to and advance all of the Priorities)

- Innovate to enable new and scalable solutions
- Enhance shared infrastructure to improve data gathering, analysis and reporting to communicate impact, including BMP implementation and water quality trends by watershed, inform decisions and drive action
- Acquire and deploy collaborative funding at the scale needed to achieve the priorities of the Common Agenda
- Enhance and provide continuous marketing and storytelling to amplify clean water initiatives

Our 2040 Result and Progress Indicators

Result: Clean and Clear Water in Lancaster by 2040

To achieve clean and clear water in Lancaster by 2040, the partners will track the following key population and watershed-level measures:

Water Quality	Land Management	Engagement and Capacity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 streams changed from impaired to supporting aquatic life• Positive trends at monitoring sites:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Decreased nutrient and sediment loading○ Less salt○ Lower temperature○ Higher dissolved oxygen in tributaries○ Improved macroinvertebrate scores	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 600 acres of high-quality wetlands restored and/or floodplains reconnected• 90% of farms implementing effective runoff reduction practices• 75% of streams buffered, stabilized, and/or restored• 15% increase in tree canopy• 30% of the county is permanently protected lands• 60% of developed land treated by stormwater management practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% of Lancaster residents have an accurate awareness of clean water issues in the county• 50% of people taking action for clean water• \$25M per year for the restoration and protection of Lancaster's waterways• A connected and growing network of 200+ active partners reflecting the diversity of Lancaster County

For more detail on data sources, definitions, and how progress is measured, visit the "Definitions and Sources" document on our website.