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Dear Chairmen Yaw, Yudichak, Hutchinson and Teplitz:

The Lycoming County Conservation District would like to describe how the Act 13 legislation has provided a much-needed boost to locally led conservation efforts in Lycoming County and throughout the commonwealth.

The Lycoming County Conservation District Board of Directors chose to use these funds for environmental education, funding conservation projects that focus on water quality impacts, and also for fulfilling Conservation District staffing commitments.

The following is a list of scheduled and completed projects that benefit county residents and improve local water quality that may not have been possible without the funding provided by the impact fees:

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** – Provide scholarship funds for local Envirothon winners, interpretive panels for trails, support agricultural compliance outreach efforts, and support “Trout in the Classroom” projects in County schools.

**AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS** – Stream bank fencing (2,000 feet), stabilized walkways and animal access, roof-runoff control, diversions, grassed waterways, and supplementing a Commonwealth Finance Authority grant to address storm-water issues. We are also working with our County Fair Board to improve and update both their animal wash water collection system and their manure-stacking facilities at the fairgrounds. These improvements will allow them to better manage their animal waste.

**STREAM IMPROVEMENTS** – Fish habitat and stream-bank stabilization structures including: 19 log vanes, five cross vanes, two mud sills, rock deflectors, and tree plantings. Monitoring equipment has been purchased and installed in two county watersheds.

Lastly, we appreciate that Conservation Districts were considered a wise investment with the Act 13 funding, and we look forward to a continued partnership in this effort.

Sincerely,

Mark Davidson  
Lycoming County Conservation District

cc: members, Senate Environmental Resources & Energy, Senate Local Government