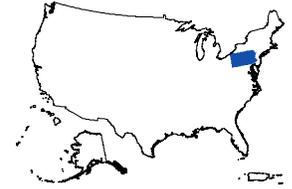


2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Pennsylvania Summary

Customer Focus—

Paul, Clark, and Leo Shultz operate a 100-head dairy farm along Mud Creek, a tributary to Chillisquaque Creek in Columbia County. Chillisquaque Creek Watershed is listed on the impaired stream list for Pennsylvania because of water quality degradation attributed primarily to agriculture.

The Shultz's 40-head heifer barn and feeding area are located by Mud Creek. For many years they have been a major source of pollution to the stream. The Shultz brothers contacted NRCS for assistance to correct the pollution problems through EQIP. NRCS designed a roofed feeding and confinement area to keep the cattle out of the stream.

"For years we had a problem with a heifer loafing and feeding area on Mud Creek," said Paul Shultz, "but thanks to NRCS technical assistance and the EQIP cost share program, we were able to construct a confined roofed structure and feeding area. Now the cattle are out of the stream, herd health is better, and water quality has improved."

Because of EQIP funding and NRCS technical assistance, a pollution source has been abated and Mud Creek water quality has improved.

Overview

The demand is great for EQIP in Pennsylvania. Several hundred producers applied for the 5- to 10-year contracts, but only about 189 were funded with the limited \$2,530,981 in funding. Of the contracts written, 147 were in the Geographic Priority Areas (GPAs). The GPAs are small watersheds throughout the state that have established water quality goals through their local work groups. Those goals will be accomplished using EQIP and a variety of other state and local initiatives.

Accomplishments

The Geographic Priority Areas are funded for 3 to 6 years. Reductions in animal nutrients and sediment are in small streams within the watersheds where the local people have gained support from a variety of sources. Evitts Creek in Bedford County is an excellent example. The community has benefitted in agricultural areas, and the downstream water reservoirs that serve the urban community of Cumberland, Maryland, has also benefited from improved water quality.

Outlook

The EQIP Geographic Priority Area watersheds will continue to show improvements in the water quality of the community as well as helping farmers to better manage their agricultural resources.

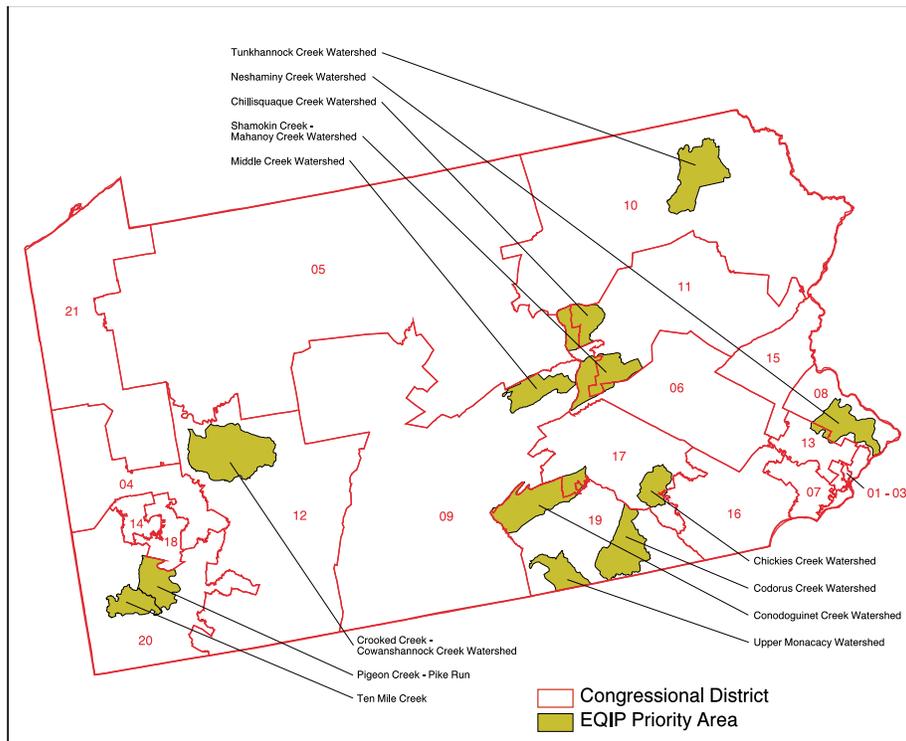
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The roofed feeding and confinement areas on the Shultz Farm helped improve water quality of Mud Creek.

Pennsylvania EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



Pennsylvania EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 0	\$696,899	42	\$3,499,420	477
District 8	268,618	39	528,418	110
District 9	88,000	4	327,200	29
District 10	248,793	17	1,222,257	81
District 11	220,898	23	1,025,082	88
District 12	152,270	11	1,001,128	54
District 17	238,950	15	898,563	61
District 19	397,740	26	1,656,964	11
District 20	218,813	12	898,645	72
State Totals	\$2,530,981	189	\$11,057,677	1,089

Note: EQIP contracts for each Congressional District are estimated from Conservation Priority Areas, which may include more than one district. Congressional District 0 = EQIP Contracts for Statewide Natural Resource Concerns, which can be in any Congressional District in the state.

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