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PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN NO. PA 180-19-7

SUBJECT: PER – Ecological Sciences and Planning Summer/Fall Training Opportunities

Purpose: To encourage Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employees, partners, and Technical Service Providers to receive training regarding planning and implementing conservation management systems.

Expiration Date: January 1, 2019

Background: Several annually occurring events provide NRCS field employees, partners, Technical Service Providers, and other consultants the opportunity to acquire knowledge and competencies about planning and implementing conservation systems. Certified Conservation Planners (CCP) can obtain their continuing education credit requirements in the no-till/cover crop, nutrient management, grazing, wildlife/buffers, and optional categories by attending the preapproved events listed below.

Explanation: The number of CCP credit hours available for each event is shown in parentheses (). Scheduled prerequisite courses, necessary to become a CCP, as well as other training opportunities for non-category subjects are also listed below. For NRCS employees, attendance at these events must be documented in the employee's Individual Development Plan (IDP) in order to receive Certified Conservation Planner Continuing Education Credits (CEC) or be eligible for participation in Modules 6-8 of the CCP training program.

7/16/2019 (2 Crop)

Central Susquehanna Counties Summer Vegetable Meeting
Carl Wenger Farm, 1148 Old Trail Rd., Liverpool, PA 17045

Contact: There is no registration or fee required.

7/16/2019 (4 Crop)

Agronomic Field Diagnostic Clinic
Pennsylvania Furnace

Contact: <https://extension.psu.edu/agronomic-clinic>

7/17/2019 (4 Crop)

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7/17/2019 (4 Crop)

Intelligent Spraying Workshop
The Penn State Fruit Research and Extension Center (FREC)
290 University Drive
Biglerville, PA 17307

Contact:

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fclick.email.extension.psu.edu%2F%3Fqs%3D43389b2686e0e0c3e2731282f73b717f4d361bf6fef045542882d1978d3c9d1d715d6dad1a76af078f26e272afc8d5bba8d3a4869e2f2895&data=01%7C01%7C%7C9e71f442c06b498448a208d6f4e0181f%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1&sdta=a=zWNy7TkrY1%2FBsLKMUVJki9auDL5mIEglE0tD%2FxpGY%3D&reserved=0>

7/17 - 19/2019 (Prerequisite)

Working Effectively With Plain Producers
Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies in Elizabethtown,
PA

Contact: Gwendoln.Crews@pa.usda.gov

7/19/2019 (4 Outreach)

Emerging Leaders in Agriculture
Penn State Visitor Center
800 East Park Avenue
State College, PA 16803

Contact:

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fclick.email.extension.psu.edu%2F%3Fqs%3Db86a5dbe58e202aa7640e243c328013b999959f39398bd361f47189bde6831a98e62b9090d6a1c924b96c1b8286e7cb690eda5875b3a4f94&data=01%7C01%7C%7C835b6e9fa1c84e43742c08d6f4c05908%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1&sdata=B2Ffc31iWs0Y0qtl7a%2BrrV19qT5RwcKjJUjN%2BF09%2F3w%3D&reserved=0>

7/20/2019 (2 Forest)

Improving Stream side Forests and Annual Picnic
Hamlin Lake Park, Smethport

Contact: <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/events/improving-stream-side-forests-and-annual-picnic>

7/23/2019 (2 Pasture)

Equine Pasture Walk
Pheasant House Farm
850 Aldinger Dr., Dallastown, Pennsylvania 17313

Contact:

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cvent.com%2Fevents%2Fmproc.aspx%3Fm%3D7837c99d-73b0-4852-9287-a4f3f4318c3a%26u%3Dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.cvent.com%252fd%252fikt5bHDmA0WEnk8dRs7etw%252f0nvn%252fp1%253f%261%3DRegister%2BNow&data=01%7C01%7C%7C2f2c7cee9db84da5f4c908d7046da8ad%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1&sdta=7IDdXedPIWzdZQHjSD7n5%2BBpYuXRscA9tT3XIAtovkY%3D&reserved=0>

7/24/2019 (4 Wildlife Biology)

Managing Invasive Plants
Allentown, PA

Contact: <https://extension.psu.edu/managing-invasive-plants>

7/25/2019 (4 Crop)

Penn State Flower Trial Field Day
Southeast Agricultural Research and Extension Center 1446 Auction Rd. Manheim, PA
17545

Contact:

https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D0018vUErYdFcxrlkH4kFqMTO2VKy2QxWliX8DFzG8QA7tbjcKR9Pu4d2VMs9SX1WayD49sWvbJWhhAONbdQQmN6ijM7zKwZl697tN6DiA3_hW55uV4OdQLLhEO1p2oD9QQWoumR1J73COvAHNWc8RnU6xprhfyM6bQwdoAThtkdacs1n88D5r79AoDd6zyceoQp7txa3IvaFaHS9Ndapg0yVaMS0dsuvFJSdQ_nQJPkMYn53wCiIO8hgGVC6r-S41nTqA78BN0_17EOy-y6DDUveAwISCg1ME8JksBHLj_Zl-SI7x4dN7E-ia%3D%3D%26c%3DUImTkWVHWf3wz-pr9BQue5XNngthAOAzIvWRLdpLrdbpWz4eEmrtdCg%3D%3D%26ch%3D5C31F3151bvQYGjSXDDhWgjIAUsoWi3Cv0KYd2Ag2cHpknscqZVFCvA%3D%3D&data=01%7C01%7C%7Cd3f4dabc4c4d6fcf4008d6f4668500%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1&sdata=dNEsLd1s8Q8Xh6QJApz bqZFIfsP748bjCJy7TC4y27c%3D&reserved=0

7/26/2019 (4 Outreach)

Professional Development in Environmental Outreach
Penn State Visitor Center
800 E. Park Ave., State College, Pennsylvania 16803

Contact:

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cvent.com%2Fevents%2Fmproc.aspx%3Fm%3D583215a1-d4a6-4fb2-b18f-042206284938%26u%3Dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.cvent.com%252fd%252fUOtnZ3LF0USAiwOd4UmEMw%252f0nvn%252fp1%253f%26l%3DRegister%2BNow&data=01%7C01%7C%7Cf71a8bcec0b74d7205bc08d6fe4a0c25%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1&sdata=THRacBmaW%2Bb0kE5dTAprDPimNj81XUiyHG7wldb7hw0%3D&reserved=0>

7/27/2019 (2 Crop)

Farm Walk Kitchen Talk: Weed Walk
Dauphin County Community Gardens
Contact: Patty Neiner at 814-865-7031

7/27/2019 (4 Forest)

Forest Restoration in the Wake of Emerald Ash Borer
Riegelsville, PA

Contact: <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/events/forest-restoration-in-the-wake-of-emerald-ash-borer>

7/31/2019 **(4 Crop)**

Berks-Schuylkill Summer Vegetable Twilight Meeting
209 Oak Haven Road, Fleetwood, PA 19522
Contact: Tanner Delvalle at 570-622-4225 or td125@psu.edu

7/30 - 8/1/2019 **(4 Wildlife Biology)**

Ferns and Lycophytes of Pennsylvania Workshop
Powdermill Nature Reserve
Rector, PA 15677
Contact: <http://fernworkshop.brownpapertickets.com/>

7/30 - 8/1/2019 **(Prerequisite)**

Soil Health and Sustainability
Bloomsburg, PA
Contact: Gwendoln.Crews@pa.usda.gov

8/13 - 15/2019 **(Prerequisite)**

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Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies in Elizabethtown,
PA
Contact: Gwendoln.Crews@pa.usda.gov

8/19 - 23/2019 **(4 each Wildlife Biology, Crop, and Pasture)**

Hydrology for Wetland Restoration and Determination Training
Lebanon Technical Center
Contact: Yuri.Plowden@usda.gov

8/20 - 21/2019 **(8 Crop)**

North American Strawberry Growers Tour
Farms in Western Pennsylvania
Contact: www.nasga.org, or call Kevin Schooley at 905-735-5379

8/24/2019 **(2 Wildlife Biology)**

Invasive Species
Rimersburg Rod and Gun Club
Contact: <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/events/invasive-species>

8/25/2019 **(2 Crop)**

Farm Walk Kitchen Talk: Herbs & Flowers Workshop
949 Mercer Rd, Butler, PA 16001
Contact: <https://agsci.psu.edu/wagn/events/herbs-flowers-workshop-1>

8/27/2019 **(2 Outreach)**

Forest Farming Tour in Philadelphia
Philadelphia Orchard Project
Contact: <https://agsci.psu.edu/wagn/events/forest-farming-tour-in-philadelphia>

8/27/2019 (4 Crop)

Agronomic Pesticide Applicator School
Ag Progress Days Special Events Building
2710 W. Pine Grove Rd., Pennsylvania Furnace, Pennsylvania 16865

Contact:

https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cvent.com%2Fevents%2Fmproc.aspx%3Fm%3Dbe553e76-44b9-4150-b262-f972a760a2db%26u%3Dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.cvent.com%252fd%252ft01CY_0zJkiS4qNU_ZZoEg%252f0nvn%252fP1%253f%261%3DRegister%2BNow&data=01%7C01%7C%7C0b16b8d33b514906914308d6feed960d%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1&sdata=dExQY7zt2KNJnYZ5AUUGmet2%2Bu1MBRKKKXnHbFkG7Zc%3D&reserved=0

9/4 - 6/2019 (Prerequisite)

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Contact: Gwendoln.Crews@pa.usda.gov

9/15/2019 (2 Wildlife Biology)

Wildlife Habitat Tour
Gamelands #61

Contact: <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/events/wildlife-habitat-tour>

9/16 - 22/2019 (Prerequisite)

Conservation Planning, Part 2 (Modules 6 – 8)
State College, PA

Contact: Gwendoln.Crews@pa.usda.gov

9/18 - 19/2019 (Prerequisite)

ACA & Manure Storage Workshop
Berks County Ag Center
1238 County Welfare Road
Leesport, PA

Contact: Gwendoln.Crews@pa.usda.gov

9/19/2019 (4 Pasture)

Southwest Pennsylvania Grazing Field Day
80 Ikes Road; Amity, PA 15311

Contact: Tom Ulrich at 704-705-7098

9/19/2019 (2 Forest or Wildlife Biology)

Spotted Lanternfly
The Barn, Westmoreland County Conservation District, Greensburg

Contact: <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/events/spotted-lanternfly-1>

9/24 - 25/2019 (8 Forest)

Adaptation Planning and Practices Workshop for Pennsylvania Forests
Ramada Conference Center
1450 S. Atherton St.
State College, PA

Contact: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EB7Daa820ANCkW8njqmHSz-OAMQxAdr3wtACtuYf9v8/viewform?edit_requested=true

10/9/2019 (1 Wildlife Biology)

Tick Updates From the UMass Laboratory of Medical Zoology (LMZ)
Webinar

Contact: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/243618085994356483>

10/9 - 10/2019 (Prerequisite)

Stormwater & Soil Loss Workshop
Gregg Township Fire Hall
106 Water Street
Spring Mills, PA

Contact: 215-287-5187

10/10/2019 (2 Forest)

Rehabilitating a High-Graded Woodlot
Dauphin County Extension Office, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin

Contact: <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/events/rehabilitating-a-high-graded-woodlot>

10/11/2019 (Prerequisite)

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Gregg Township Fire Hall
106 Water Street
Spring Mills, PA

Contact: 215-287-5187

11/6/2019 (1 Crop)

Vegetable Production and Soil Health
Webinar

Contact: <https://rodaleinstitute.org/events/vegetable-production-and-soil-health/>

12/11/2019 (1 Crop)

Organic Management Options for Allium Leafminer Pest in Onion
Webinar

Contact: <https://rodaleinstitute.org/events/organic-management-options-for-allium-leafminer-pest-in-onion/>

12/18/2019 (4 Outreach)

Annual Networking Symposium
Temple University Howard Gittis Student Center, 1755 N 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Contact: <https://agsci.psu.edu/wagn/events/annual-networking-symposium>

Training and travel must be requested and approved by your supervisor. NRCS employees with identified training needs should request approval from their supervisor for attendance by using the mandatory SF -182 process in AgLearn. The supervisor will then notify their Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations (ASTC-FO) to obtain approval for training fees and travel. All travel must be approved by the ASTC-FO. Employees approved for overnight travel must have their area administrative coordinator prepare a travel authorization with "training attendance" as the purpose code. Employees approved for overnight lodging must make their own hotel reservations. Unless otherwise specified, upon approval, it is the employee's responsibility to send the completed registration form for the appropriate conference to your Area Administrative Coordinator, prior to the registration dates listed on the appropriate website or form. All registration fees will be paid by the area administrative coordinators, unless otherwise specified.

These opportunities will also be promoted among Partners, Technical Service Providers and other consultants who may be assisting your field team to deliver technical assistance to the typical farming operations in your service area. Non-NRCS employees are responsible for their own registration, travel, and lodging arrangements.



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