

The GRACE Program provides new and existing farmers guidance through technical assistance and cost-share to help promote soil and water conservation practices. Correctly implemented practices will add value and profit to the land. The program is directly funded annually by PA Act 13. To be eligible for this program applicants must either be an active farmer, farmer that rents (lease agreements will be required), or a new farmer with animals.

The GCCD Board of Directors wanted to give back to the Greene County farming community in hopes these funds would ensure viable farmland for future generations.



**Please contact the Greene County Conservation District (GCCD) for more information or to apply:**

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**Sign Up Information:**

The sign-up period for GRACE will be during GCCD business hours of 8:30AM-4:30PM.

**Application deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Approvals will be made in September.

Projects must be completed by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

This is a cost-share program. GCCD will only reimburse maximum cost-share approved in contracts accompanied by receipts.



FORESTRY

LIME

FERTILIZER

WATER

FENCING

# GRACE PROGRAM

**G**reene County's

**R**einvestment in

**A**griculture:

**C**ost-Share

**E**nhancement Program



### Year 1 Requirements:

- ✓ Schedule a Farm Visit with staff
- ✓ Sign up as a District Cooperator
- ✓ Register with Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- ✓ Obtain a Soil Test Kit from Penn State Cooperative Extension

### Subsequent Years Requirements:

- ✓ Obtain a Conservation Plan
- ✓ Obtain a Manure Management Plan

### Planning

**Benefits:** Allows farmers to apply for G.R.A.C.E in future years, ensures farmers are compliant w/ State Regulations, allows farmers to apply for other funding from other sources, and eligible plan reimbursement for:

- ✓ Manure management plans,
- ✓ Ag E & S plans
- ✓ Act 38 Nutrient management plans
- ✓ Conservations plan
- ✓ Reimbursement Program-District Cost-share in conjunction w/ the farmers and PACD via AG Plan

### Forestry

**Benefits:** Improve Forest stands by establishing new trees, maintaining existing trees, invasive species control, developing riparian stream buffers, etc.

#### Limits:

- Forest Management Stewardship Plan, American Tree Farm Plan or a CAP 106 plan

#### Cost-Share Rate:

- Cost-share is dependent on practice



### Livestock Fencing

**Benefits:** Water quality, erosion control, pasture management, forage stands, livestock health, human health

#### Limits:

- Interior fencing only
- Stabilized Stream Crossing
- Fields must have proper exterior fence emplace

#### Cost-Share Rate:

- \$1.60 per foot
- \$4,000 cap per applicant
- \$1,500 cap for Stabilized Stream Crossing



### Water Development

**Benefits:** Vegetative cover, erosion control, water quality, livestock health, human health

#### Limits:

- O&M by landowner/10-year agreement

#### Cost-Share Rate:

- Spring Development—\$650 each
- Pipeline- \$1,000 each
- Trough—\$600 each
- Outlet- \$250 each
- Full system- \$2,500 each
- Hydrant- \$500 each

### Fertilizer

**Benefits:** Increase plant health and yield, soil health, erosion control, increase productivity

#### Limits:

- 20 acres per application
- A minimum of a 5.5 pH is required
- Recent soil test taken by GCCD staff

#### Cost-Share Rate:

- \$40 per acre



### Lime

**Benefits:** Increase plant health and yield, soil health, erosion control, increase productivity

#### Limits:

- 50 acres per application
- Farm map
- 3 ton/acre max application rate
- Lime can only be applied every 3 yrs. per field

#### Cost-Share Rate:

- \$22/ton

