

About the Sponsoring Agencies

This grazing conference is the result of many months of hard work by a committee of dedicated agency personnel. Here is a little background information on those agencies that have made an investment to deliver a high-quality conference each year.

Headwaters RC&D Council

The Headwaters RC&D Council was established in 1975 and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that promotes the quality of life and economic sustainability by restoring, protecting, and enhancing natural and cultural resources in north central Pennsylvania. We do this by providing technical assistance, implementing resource conservation projects, fostering volunteer efforts, and developing financial partnerships.

The Headwaters RC&D Council covers Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, and Potter Counties. If you have a project idea and need help with planning, funding, or implementing the project give us a call at 814-503-8653 or visit us on the web at www.headwaterspa.org.

Clearfield County Conservation District

The Clearfield County Conservation District was formed in 1962 and is celebrating over 50 years of Conservation. Initially our main focus was assisting the farming community with procedures to conserve soil loss through a variety of innovative methods. Over the years, our responsibilities have grown, but our basic mission of protecting the soil and waters of Clearfield County has not changed.

Currently we administer a variety of programs including Erosion and Sedimentation, Watershed Management, Dirt and Gravel Roads, Floodplain Monitoring, Chesapeake Bay, Nutrient Management, and Environmental Education in cooperative with agencies, nonprofits, and foundations. We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are proud to oversee our locally led conservation activities. Visit our website for more information at www.clfdccd.com.

Jefferson County Conservation District

The Jefferson County Conservation District was formed in 1946 at the request of farmers and others in the county who were interested in the conservation of soil and water resources and land use planning. The district is a sub-division of state government and is administered by a seven-member volunteer Board of Directors appointed by the Jefferson County Commissioners.

Programs administered by the District are funded by Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Agriculture, Jefferson County, and the Jefferson County Sewage Association. For more information about the programs and assistance available to landowners visit our website at jeffersonconservation.com.

USDA-NRCS: Helping People Help the Land

USDA-NRCS provides technical and financial assistance on a voluntary basis to farmers and landowners who want to address natural resource concerns on their land. Their technical assistance and natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty. Our most popular programs provide cost-share incentive payments for installation of rotational grazing systems, manure storages, and residue management systems. For more information, visit www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov or visit your local office.

Penn State Cooperative Extension

Penn State Extension offers practical how-to education and problem-solving assistance based on University research. We strive to help people make informed decisions to better their lives, businesses, and communities.

Penn State Cooperative Extension has an office in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. This gives local residents easy access to the resources and expertise of the Pennsylvania State University. Through educational programs, publications, and events, cooperative extension agents deliver unbiased, research-based information to County citizens. We can answer your questions on a wide array of topics. To find out how we can help you, browse our side or contact us by email or phone. To find the extension office in your county visit this website:
<http://extension.psu.edu/counties>

PA Forage/Grazing Lands Coalition (aka PA GLC)

The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative is a nationwide collaborative process of individuals and organizations working together to maintain and improve the management, productivity, and health of the Nation's privately owned grazing land. GLCI was developed to provide for a coordinated effort to identify priority issues, find solutions, and affect change on private grazing land. The initiative and its state coalitions are intended to complement and enhance existing conservation programs. The PA GLCI Coalition takes a grassroots approach by expressing concerns and interests of private grazing land managers, and is active within forums such as the NRCS State Technical Committee and National agency meetings.

PA GLCI addresses the needs of grazing and forage lands in Pennsylvania by: educating the public, promoting voluntary action and respect of private property rights, strengthening partnerships between grazing land managers and partnering agencies, as well as striving to close the gap between availability and application of grazing technologies. For more information and links to valuable resources, visit www.paglc.org.