

## **York County Conservation District Exelon HIP Program Guidelines**

- Payment will be an incentive payment based on the units of practice installed and a cost per unit value as described in the contract agreement.
- \$75,000 is the maximum project funding. Multiple projects are permitted on the same property. A project may include multiple practices.
- After all practices are installed the funding payment will be made.
- Plans and designs are not required to be completed to make application but if they are completed it will improve project scoring
- Applications are received continuously with project ranking occurring annually or as needed pending funding availability. Refer to District webpage for status of application deadlines.
- The applicant must be the landowner or have written permission of the landowner and be a District cooperator.
- The application and contract agreement will be approved by the District Board.
- Practice implementation should occur within 6-12 months of contract approval.
- Applications for funding must be approved by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).
- All necessary local, state and federal permits and approvals must be obtained before installation may begin.
- The practices must be maintained for five years after their completion. You will receive letter to document the final obligation date and responsibility. Project inspection at final contract closeout.
- Design and construction standards will be determined by the appropriate technical standards for the project planned. Certification of the installed practices needs to be provided for final funding payment.
- Approved projects can be installation of new practices or maintenance of existing practices.
- Preferences are given to stream and wetland habitat improvement and restoration, the creation and establishment of riparian buffers and projects to address nutrient and sediment problems.
- Agricultural BMPs are eligible for funding
- Federal W-9 form must be completed and filed with the signed agreement.
- Components of a total system can apply for funding (do not have to complete every practice in your plan).