

18th Annual Conservation District Watershed Specialist Meeting
Toftrees Golf Resort & Conference Center, State College, PA
October 9, 2018

Tuesday, October 9

New Watershed Specialist Training

9:30 am to 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 am to 10:15 am	Welcome Aaron Ward, Water Program Specialist, DEP
10:15 am to 11:15 am	Conservation Districts: How Did we Get Here and Where Are We Heading Shane Kleiner, Watershed Manager, DEP NERO <i>This crash course on conservation districts will cover how districts got their start; their structure, similarities, and differences; partners and cooperating agencies; programs and funding; applicable laws; and the key differences between delegation agreements, contracts, and grants.</i>
11:15 am to 11:30 am	Break
11:30 am to 12:15 pm	Overview of Grant Programs and Funding Sources <i>This presentation will touch on a number of potential grant opportunities, including the Growing Greener and PACD mini-grant programs.</i>
12:15 pm to 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm to 3:15 pm	Basic Watershed Modeling Using WikiWatershed Scott Heidel, PA Department of Environmental Protection <i>Participants will learn basic watershed modeling using WikiWatershed, which will help watershed specialists in both the application and reporting phase for grants requiring load reduction information.</i>
3:15 pm to 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Symbiosis and the Internet: An Interactive Geographical Exercise Aaron Ward, Water Program Specialist, DEP <i>This presentation, which will include an interactive component and group activities, will provide a brief review of online resources, broken down into the four functional areas, that may help you accomplish CDWS grant deliverables. Concepts of partnering will also be discussed.</i>
4:30 pm to 4:50 pm	Life Cycle of the Conservation District Watershed Specialist Grant Aaron Ward, Water Program Specialist, DEP <i>A look at the CDWS grant from the perspective of a full two-year grant period. Significant milestones, reportables and grant deliverables will be discussed.</i>
4:50 pm to 5:15 pm	Watershed Specialist Activities and Tracking Aaron Ward, Water Program Specialist, DEP <i>A brief review of the four functional areas of the watershed specialist and the information to be logged and reported quarterly.</i>
5:15 pm	Conclusion of Day's Events – Dinner On Your Own