

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conservation District Watershed Specialist Meeting

Toftrees Golf Resort & Conference Center, State College, PA

New Watershed Specialist Training | October 3, 2023

### **Tuesday, October 3**

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- Starting at 7:00 a.m.      Breakfast Served in The Field Restaurant**
- 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.      Registration (Conference Center Foyer)**
- 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.      Orientation and Resources for New Watershed Specialists**  
Shane Kleiner, DEP Watershed Support Section  
*Participants will learn about how and why conservation districts were formed, gain an understanding of the conservation partnership in Pennsylvania, and learn about key contacts and resources.*
- 11:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m.      Break**
- 11:15 a.m.–Noon      Ice Breaker & Introductions**  
Trish Attardo, DEP Watershed Support Section
- Noon–1:00 p.m.      Lunch (Aspen Room)**
- 1:15 p.m.–2:00 p.m.      Overview of the Watershed Specialist Position**  
Shane Kleiner, DEP Watershed Support Section  
*This session will provide an overview of the watershed specialist position and helpful tips for new Watershed Specialists.*
- 2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.      Detailed Review of Watershed Specialist Reporting Requirements**  
Trish Attardo, DEP Watershed Support Section  
*Participants will learn how to complete quarterly reports and PracticeKeeper entries, why they are needed, and what they are used for, and some examples.*
- 2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.      Break**
- 3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.      Training Opportunities**  
PACD and DEP Staff  
*Participants will learn about potential training opportunities and where to find them, particularly in the Clean Water Academy.*
- 3:45 p.m.      Activities Conclude**