

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