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LCSWMA Receives Grant for Local Land Restoration Project

LANCASTER, Pa. — The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) received a \$75,000 grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the Chestnut Grove Natural Area (CGNA) Ecological Restoration Project. The grant will be used towards LCSWMA's efforts of restoring 93 acres of wetlands, wet meadows and uplands in Manor Township.

Located near LCSWMA's Frey Farm Landfill, the 93-acre site is part of the larger CGNA project, totaling 170-acres of restoration and preservation. This comprehensive project seeks to restore healthy, native habitats for wildlife, in addition to creating passive recreation and educational opportunities for public use.

LCSWMA employed Applied Ecological Services to develop a master plan for the site and hired LandStudies as the consultant to implement plan, which will span several years. The CGNA project is a collaborative effort of LCSWMA, Lancaster County Conservancy, PA Chapter of the America Chestnut Foundation, Open Space Committee, Manor Township and Franklin & Marshall College.

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LCSWMA is recognized nationally for its leadership in the industry and innovative approach to waste management. Its Integrated System consists of: (1) a Transfer Station permitted to handle up to 2,200 tons per day; (2) a 1,200 tons per day mass burn Waste-to-Energy Facility for the combustion of waste and production of electricity; (3) the Frey Farm Landfill, permitted for the disposal of 2,000 tons of waste per day; (4) a County-wide recycling program; and (5) a drive-through Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The Authority's mission is to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner.