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Justin Evans, Manager/Zoning Officer
Mount Joy Township
8853 Elizabethtown Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

RE: Invitation to Alternatives Meeting for Chiques Creek Watershed Project Plan – Programmatic Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA), Lancaster County, PA

Dear Mr. Evans,

The United States Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and its partners, Lancaster County Commissioners and Lancaster County Conservation District, are developing a Chiques Creek Watershed Project Plan.

The purpose of the project is to reduce nutrient-laden sediment loads from the Chiques Creek watershed entering the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay. As presented in the Chiques Creek Watershed Alternative Restoration Plan (Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 2019), the primary source of sediment in Chiques Creek is streambank erosion of legacy sediment. The focus of the project will be to stabilize or remove legacy sediment. More information can be found on the project website at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/pennsylvania/chiques-creek-watershed-legacy-sediment>.

On July 27, 2022, the USDA-NRCS hosted a public scoping meeting to provide information and obtain public input regarding program objectives, the planning process, and the roles and responsibilities of program participants. Using input received during that meeting, the program participants have identified and evaluated alternatives to implement the program within the Chiques Creek watershed of Lancaster County.

You are cordially invited to attend a public meeting where we will provide additional information, identify alternatives under consideration, and discuss the preliminary findings of the Plan-EA. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**, at the:

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We welcome your continued participation in the planning process, as well as your input with respect to our program alternatives or initial findings of the Plan-EA.

