



## PRIORITIES

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### About the Eastern Lancaster County (ELANCO) Source Water Collaborative (SWC)

The ELANCO SWC is a alliance of water suppliers, local governments, civic leaders, state and federal agencies, private environmental partners, and nonprofit organizations working together to protect and improve drinking water quality for present and future generations, while maintaining and supporting ELANCO's economy and culture. The partnership dates back to the early 1990's and was selected as a 2013 National Source Water Collaborative pilot project. The group has been successful with large farmer outreach events about conservation practices and celebrating Drinking Water Day.

### Overview of ELANCO SWC Priorities

#### Education & Outreach

- Focus education to Plain Sect youth with a goal of reaching the entire family
- Understand best messages and strategies for communicating with different stakeholders and community members

#### Agricultural Conservation Practices

- Identify priority areas for conservation and willing landowners
- Secure funding for implementation
- Goal: to delist streams (surface water) and improve drinking water sources (groundwater)

#### Water Quality Monitoring

- Conduct monitoring to assess if water quality goals are being met
- Translate results to stakeholders, partners, and funders

#### Partnerships

- Increase local involvement in the collaborative
  - Look beyond the ELANCO region to expand collaboratives
  - Expand to MS4 municipalities (focus:urban/suburban stormwater management)
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## ELANCO SWC Priorities Explained

### Why develop priorities for the collaborative?

- To identify common goals and guide the work of the collaborative
- To understand and leverage individual and organizational strengths to reach the common goals

### How were these priorities developed?

- Feb 2021 Zoom virtual meeting breakout rooms (see minutes) and survey ranking priorities (see survey results)

### How often will these priorities be updated?

- At least annually and as needed

## ELANCO Partners

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### Partners

- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- Becker Engineering
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- East Earl Township
- Ephrata Borough
- Ephrata Township
- Ground Water Protection Council
- Lancaster Clean Water Partners
- Lancaster Conservancy
- Lancaster County Conservation District
- Lancaster Farmland Trust
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation?
- New Holland Borough
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Pennsylvania Rural Waters Association
- Penn State Extension
- Penn State University
- Red Barn Consulting
- Spotts Stevens and McCoy
- Stroud Water Research Center
- Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- Sustainable Chesapeake
- Team Ag
- Terre Hill Borough
- West Cocalico Township
- US Environmental Protection Agency, Regi