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ADVISORY – TOMORROW – Lancaster County – Shapiro Administration to Announce \$5.5 Million Investment to Improve Regional Waterways, Sustain Economic and Environmental Health on Farms Throughout Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Manheim, PA – Tomorrow, **Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** will announce recipients of grants totaling **\$5.5 million** to support projects to improve water quality and sustain the economic and environmental health of farms throughout the region and Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Funded projects, selected for their potential to generate farm income and improve water and soil quality, were selected by Pennsylvania's newly appointed [Pennsylvania Sustainable Agriculture Board](#). Grants will be announced at a Manheim-based John Deere farm equipment dealer, along with a demonstration of cutting-edge precision agriculture technology to be used in a funded project. Preceding the grant announcement, media are also invited to tour a nearby Marietta, Lancaster County farm's silvopasture project along with board members.

WHO:

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding
State Conservation Commission Executive Secretary Doug Wolfgang
Pasa Sustainable Agriculture Executive Director Hannah Smth-Kinney
Pennsylvania Sustainable Agriculture Board Members
Grant recipients

WHEN: 9 a.m. (silvopasture project tour)

WHERE: Drager Farm, 1558 Old River Rd, Marietta, PA 17547

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. (grant announcement and ag tech demonstration)

WHERE: Deer Country Farm & Lawn, 2710 Mount Joy Road, Manheim, PA 17545

RSVP: Press interested in attending should RSVP to aginfo@pa.gov