

## 2014 Conservation Farmer of the Year – Barb and Dave McMillan

**Location:** Donegal Township

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*A pollinator garden*



*Native trees and shrubs help protect the water quality of a stream that crosses the McMillan's property.*

### Conservation Features

To help minimize erosion and protect water quality on a creek on their property the McMillans planted native trees and shrubs along it's banks to serve as a buffer. They also built two stabilized stream crossings for farm equipment and horses, and installed streambank fencing to keep livestock out of the creek.

A good portion of the farm is forested. Poor quality trees were cleared from the forest and water bars were installed to reduce erosion on old logging roads. A forest stewardship plan was developed.

Three season flower beds were installed to encourage pollinators and warm season grasses were planted for pheasants and other wildlife.



*A forest stewardship plan helped improve forest health.*

### Benefits

A healthier forest habitat was created and grassland and pollinator habitat was enhanced. Erosion to the local stream was minimized.