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Capital Resource Conservation and Development Area Council  
Scope of Work

**Project Name:** Mountains to Bay Grazing Alliance: A Collaborative to Increase Rotational Grazing

**About Capital RC&D:** Capital Resource Conservation and Development Area Council (Capital RC&D) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization serving seven counties in south central Pennsylvania by supporting the natural resource protection efforts of private landowners and supporting the wise use of natural resources in our region. Our mission is to *improve the quality of life in our region by working with stakeholders to protect the natural resources and economic vitality of our community*. For 14 years, Capital has supported efforts in the Chesapeake Bay watershed of Pennsylvania to help livestock producers transition their farms to rotational grazing with grazing infrastructure grants, grazing education, farmer-to-farmer technical support and other activities. In addition, Capital RC&D works as the fiscal and administrative sponsor of the Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition.

**Project Description:** Capital RC&D and its partner, Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition, will assist livestock producers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed of Pennsylvania, with focus on Lancaster, Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, York, Dauphin, and Lebanon counties, by providing educational and technical assistance to producers. Our goal is to promote increased adoption of rotational grazing to reduce nutrient and sediment loss into our region's waterways and the Chesapeake Bay and also improve soil health. Our plan uses methods that have been successful in the past and includes farmer-to-farmer and other technical support for the successful transition to rotational grazing. Specific activities to be funded by this project include:

- A loaner program to provide temporary fencing to interested farmers to enable them to try dividing their pastures into smaller paddocks for rotational grazing.
- Support for three Grazing Advisors who will assist farmers on a one-on-one basis including managing the temporary fencing loaner program and other one-on-one advising. The Advisors will also assist in producing webinars and blog posts. At minimum their activities will impact 300 acres.
- Support to assist the Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition in further development of their mentoring program. This is a more formal and long-term program for developing mentor/mentee relationships.
- In person, producer educational activities, including pasture walks at RC&D funded projects.
- Outreach about the project opportunities and educational tools to farmers with emphasis on communicating with beginning farmers, veterans, and underserved farmers in partnership with groups formed to support those producers.

**Deliverables:**

**Capital RC&D will complete the following tasks:**

- Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition (PAGLC) implementation of their Grazing Mentorship program by funding three mentor stipends and working with Pasa Farming to pair new graziers and grazing mentors.
- Continuation of the grazing advisor program by deploying three experienced grazing advisors to work with a minimum of 30 unique farmers controlling at least 300 acres who are seeking technical support in transitioning to or improving their grazing practices. Their work will include one-on-one support, pasture walks, blog posts and webinars.
- Participation in monthly grant conference calls and steering committee activities.
- A temporary fence loaner program administered by the grazing advisors to provide temporary fencing for paddock development on farms that use continuous grazing practices.
- Three pasture walks focused on successful rotational grazing practices.

**Budget:**

See attached budget.

**Matching Funds:**

- Capital RC&D in-kind, farmer time and travel to proposed events:
  - 400 farmer hours @ \$23/hour=\$9,200