

# Welcome Guests to the Upper Susquehanna Coalition



# The Upper Susquehanna Coalition's Grazing Initiative

## Initiative

*"Wall to Wall Buffers"*



## Goals of the USC Grazing Initiative:

*To support grazing management in the USC Basin by helping to facilitate existing grazing programs (i.e., The GrazeNY Program, GLCI) and to fill niches and support projects that are not necessarily covered by other funding sources.*

- Grazing system planning
- Provide technical assistance to farmers, in-field support and follow-up with the intent to improve quantity and quality of forage, while improving water quality and maximizing a farm's successful adoption to grazing.
- Installation of grazing system infrastructure, fencing and related buffers
- Organize and establish county grazing steering committees
- Hold farm based pasture walks and grazing educational events for farmers and the public
- Develop on-farm mentoring support and facilitate internship opportunities
- Provide training to build capacity within conservation and environmental agencies
- Promote and market managed grazing techniques and practices
- Support statewide and regional grazing initiatives
- Look for programs and funding that facilitate conservation on the ground with a multi-programmatic approach
- Work with youth and community groups on special projects that implement “wall to wall” buffers
- Create a unique holistic approach to pasture management, stream bank stabilization, buffer establishment and wetland development
- Monitor and measure on-farm pasture conditions and economic indicators with grass-based systems
- Document and promote the unique partnership and direct reduction of nutrients and sediment to the Chesapeake Bay, through “Grazing the USC way”, to local, state and federal governmental agencies and NGO's.















