Phosphorus Savings 62,800 lbs*

An estimated 62,800 Ibs of P may have been prevented from leaving farm fields due to PPF farmers planting 18,246 acres of cover crops, using lowdisturbance manure application on 4,032 acres and reduced tillage on 21,310 acres.

For reference, one pound of phosphorus that reaches a waterbody can feed 500 pounds of algae; *excessive algae impairs water quality!* Sediment Savings 23,800 tons*

These same acres of cover crops, low disturbance manure application, and reduced tillage practices may have reduced an estimated 23,800 tons of erosion from PPE fields.

A soil loss of 100 tons is about 10 standard dump truck loads of soil; the *nutrients in topsoil are most valuable when kept in farm fields and out of waterways!* Conservation Practices + 50%

There was a **50% increase** in reported conservation practices implemented by PPF in 2020 compared to when they first got started in 2016.

2016: 157,912 ac **2019:** 242,513 ac **2020:** 236,675 ac

Many farmers integrate multiple conservation practices into their systems, *which can result in even greater soil and water quality outcomes!*

* Soil erosion and phosphorus reductions are estimated using models. They are not measured reductions. Actual reductions may be higher or lower than estimated.

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