

# Landmarks

## HIGH POINTS



This new email version of our Landmarks newsletter, Landmarks High Points, will keep you in-the-know about local conservation activities – in an easy, quick read.

We hope you like it.

Landmarks High Points will be sent via email several times during the year. The full print version of Landmarks will be published this fall.

## Area roads improve; Streams too

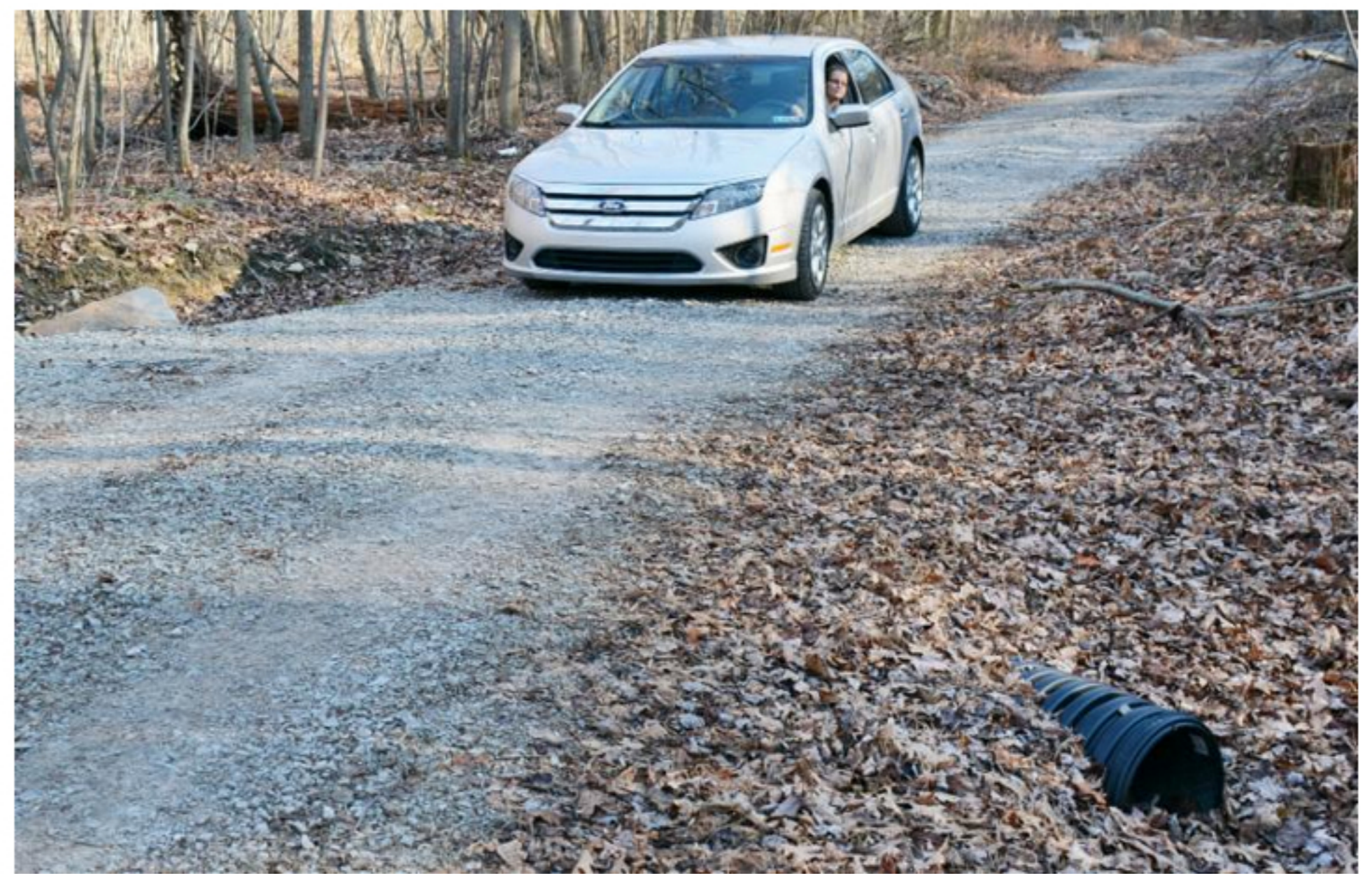


The Westmoreland Conservation District is helping to make travel easier for drivers and improve the area's water quality at the same time.

Sections of 14 roads in Westmoreland County communities from Donegal to Rostraver are slated for improvement during 2016 under the Dirt, Gravel and Low-volume Roads Maintenance Program, which the District administers.

The program's primary goal is to improve water quality, as many of these roads run parallel to area streams.

More than \$400,000 will be invested to improve portions of the following 14 roads.



**Derry Township**  
(Conemaugh River Watershed)  
Green Thumb Road

**Donegal Township**  
(Loyalhanna Watershed)  
Harr Road

**Fairfield Township**  
(Conemaugh River and Loyalhanna watersheds)  
Hartman Road  
Wineland Road

**Ligonier Township**  
(Loyalhanna Watershed)  
Red Arrow Road

**Lower Burrell (City)**  
(Allegheny River Watershed)  
Upper Braeburn/Edgecliff Road

**Loyalhanna Township**  
(Conemaugh River Watershed)  
Blasco Road  
Weimer Nursery Road

**Manor Borough**  
(Turtle Creek Watershed)  
Harding Street

**Mount Pleasant Township**  
(Jacobs Creek Watershed)  
Misty Meadow Road  
Slope Hill Road

**North Irwin Borough**  
(Turtle Creek Watershed)  
Can Factory Road

**Rostraver Township**  
(Youghiogheny River Watershed)  
Orr Road

**Upper Burrell Township**  
(Pucketa Creek Watershed)  
Whitten Hollow Road

Repairs will be site-specific. Improvements to unpaved roads will focus on preventing erosion, which – in addition to degrading the road surface – can pollute the nearby streams with sediment. Work on paved roads will include making them better able to shed water in ways that don't have as much of an impact on the streams.

To be eligible for the program, roads must be public and be either unpaved, or paved or tar and chipped but used by fewer than 500 vehicles per day.

Local municipalities and other local entities that own public roads can apply for funding from the program. Award determinations are made by a panel of representatives from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and the Westmoreland Conservation District.

The next application period opens September 1 and closes October 31, 2016. The Dirt, Gravel and Low-volume Roads Maintenance Program is funded through the Pennsylvania Transportation Funding Bill (Act 89 of 2013).

More details are available at <http://wcdpa.com/tech-services/dirt-gravel-low-volume-roads/> or by calling the Westmoreland Conservation District's watershed staff at 724-837-5271.

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