

## District Operations Update

Hours of operation...the way things are done...and even access to buildings.

Covid-19 has changed these for many businesses and services, including the Westmoreland Conservation District.

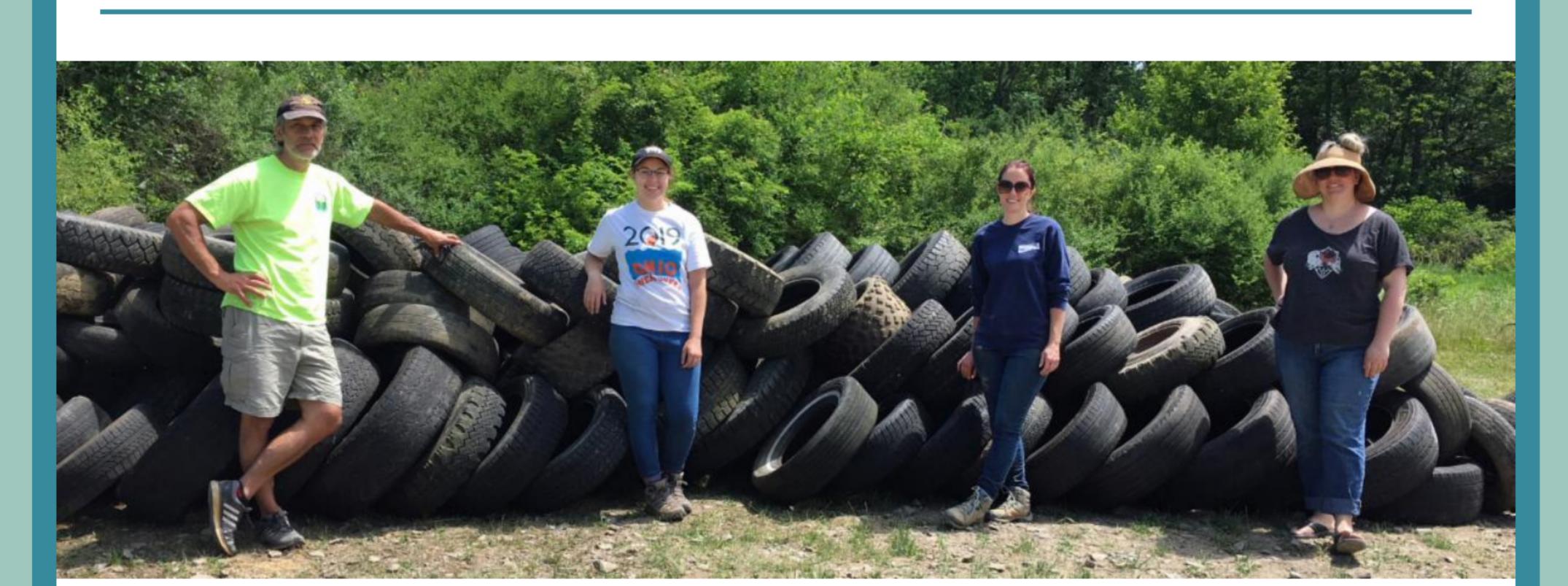
> Our most recent information is on our website, www.westmorelandconservation.org.

Click the District Operations link for how to reach our staff, submit plans, request permits, participate in our conservation education programs, and, if needed, arrange a Zoom meeting.

Please note that our staff is working a limited and rotating schedule. So it may take longer than usual for them to respond to you.

Also, as public health conditions change, we will update our operating information.

Thank you for understanding. Stay well.



## Recycling Scrap Tires and Protecting **Public Health**

A single scrap tire collecting water can become a breeding ground for hundreds of mosquitoes, increasing your risk of exposure to West Nile virus. One way to reduce this risk is to recycle scrap tires.

On June 13, Westmoreland Conservation District, Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling, and several volunteers made recycling those tires a little easier with their annual tire collection event. Residents from 22 communities within Westmoreland County dropped off 480 tires at the Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling Center. The District's West Nile Virus program has co-hosted this mosquito habitat reduction effort since 2018.

If recycling your tires is not an option, or you use them at home for various purposes, a simple step such as drilling holes in the tires to drain out the water can prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

For more tips on how to reduce mosquito habitat in your community, visit the West Nile Virus Resources section of our website.

https://westmorelandconservation.org/west-nile-virus-program/



The West Nile Virus Program is one of the many technical programs offered by the Westmoreland Conservation District. From spring until fall, you might see the District's West Nile Program Technician Andrea Halfhill visiting one of 15 monitoring sites across the county.

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