

Westmoreland Conservation Through the Years 1949-1996



1949

Westmoreland Conservation District founded.



District issues its first formal strategic plan under the leadership of its volunteer board.

1967



1972

District becomes one of the first in Pennsylvania to implement a soil erosion and sediment control program.



1988

District implements the first stormwater management program offered by any conservation district in Pennsylvania.



District helps to form the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association.

1991



1994

District relocates with like-minded agencies into a new, agricultural and conservation service center, **Donohoe Center.**

1954

District publishes a "Program and Work Plan" for its operations, an early version of a strategic plan.





1971

District establishes the first "Environmental Information Center" in the state, and its resources are available on loan to all county residents.





District is the first in the state to award a project under the new Landowner Reclamation Program, in which property owners can reclaim abandoned mine lands on their property.

District joins with the Allegheny County District to begin work on the region's first watershed-wide stormwater management plan, focusing on the Turtle Creek Watershed.

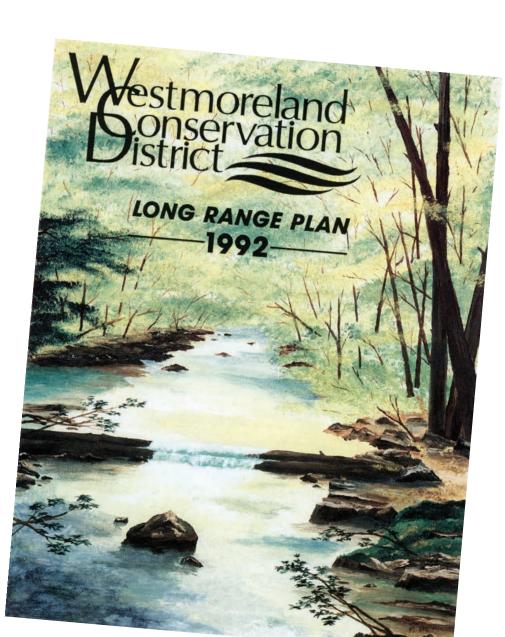




1990

District helps to form the Westmoreland **County Agricultural Land Preservation** Program to conserve and protect farmland.





1996

District initiates first public fundraising campaign, raising \$40,000 from 50 donors for improvements to Ann Rudd Saxman Nature Park.