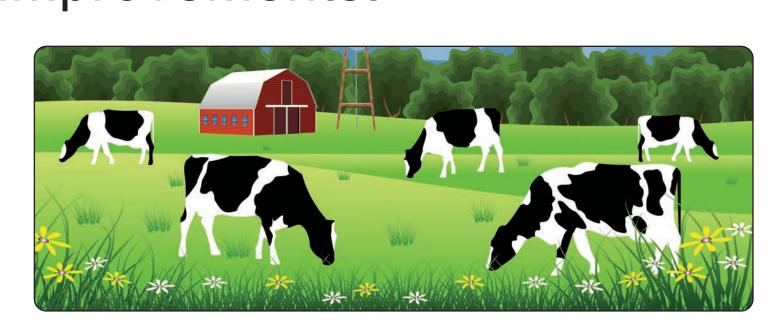


Conservation Through the Years 2013 - 2019

2013

A five-year effort to improve water quality in the Stony Run Water-shed in Derry Township – formerly one of the highest in Westmoreland County in the amount of sediment and nutrient pollution – is completed.

Seven farms receive a total of nearly 40 separate conservation improvements.





The District enters into a formal agreement with the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation in which that organization takes over management of GreenForge, further enhancing that building's operating independence from the District.

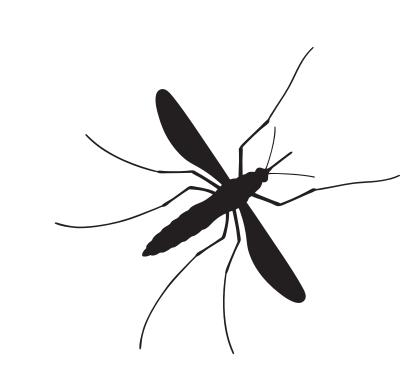


The District assumes responsibility from the state for reviewing post-construction stormwater management plans, which are required of any project that disturbs more than one acre of ground.

2015

2017

The District's "Sustaining Conservation" campaign is successfully closed out, raising some \$1.7 million to help enhance client services, create practical conservation demonstrations, gather science-based data, create a county-wide Integrated Water Resources Plan, and build new partnerships.



The District assumes responsibility from the state for the West Nile virus monitoring program in Westmoreland County.

Ten priority watersheds, representing about 50% of Westmoreland County, are totally or partially modeled to gather data for the countywide water resources plan.

The first-ever AmeriCorps service member joins the District's staff.



2019



A three-year effort to improve Ann Rudd Saxman Nature Park is completed. Invasive plant species are controlled on 12 acres, a portion of the treated area is fenced to keep browsing deer out, 400 native seedlings are planted in protected tubes, and trail improvements are made.

2014

State-initiated changes to the Dirt and Gravel Road Maintenance Program become effective, adding significant funding and increasing the number and/or types of municipal road improvement projects possible. By improving roads, particularly those near high-quality streams, this work improves water quality.

The Westmoreland County allocation for fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$423,000. The previous fiscal year allocation was \$28,000.

Dorothy Stoner, a retired Unity Township dairy farmer who served on the District board for 12 years and as an associate director for three years, is inducted into the District's Hall of Honor.



2016

The District takes the first steps toward scientifically monitoring existing stormwater management practices.

Twenty sensors and two rain gauges are installed throughout our eight-acre conservation campus.

The final conservation improvement in the McGee Run Watershed project – an innovative, aerated composting system – is installed on a horse farm.

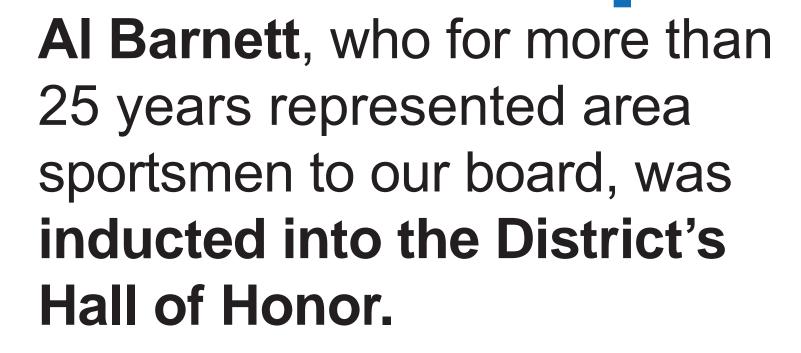


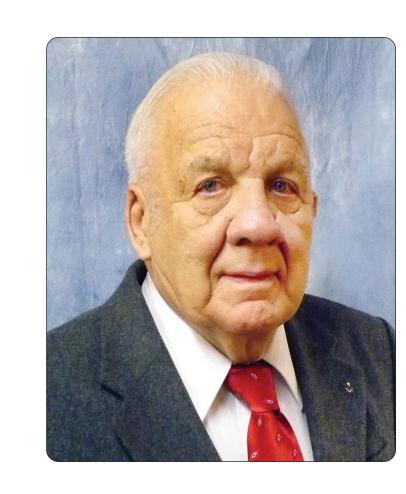




2018

A "Next Generation Farm Summit" is held to **explore emerging trends in agriculture** and ways to make today's farm operations successful.







The first-ever, county-wide Integrated Water Resources Plan – suggested best practices for managing our county's resources – is adopted by the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners.



The District celebrates its 70th anniversary.