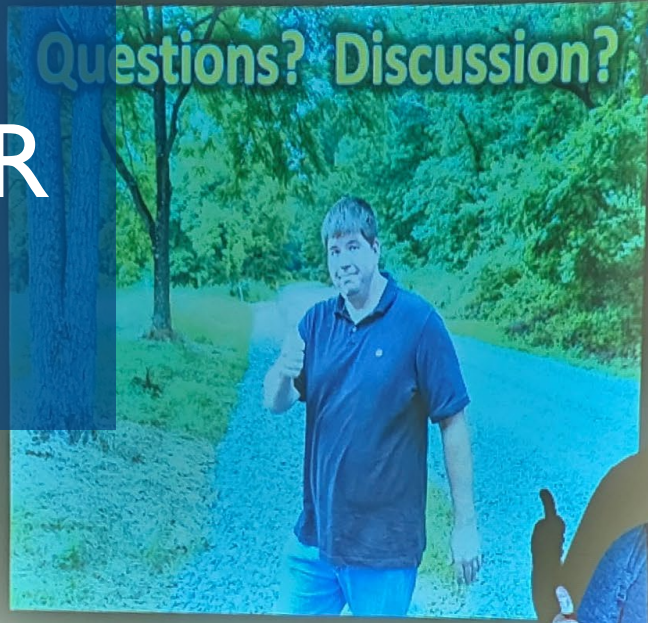


Dirt Gravel and Low
Volume Road Program

2024 Maintenance Workshop

DGLVR Program Update

WEBINAR
2/29/24
Starts 9am



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Justin's Background

- **Dauphin Conservation District, 2006- 2014**
 - E&S 102, Dirt and Gravel Roads, etc.
- **State Conservation Commission (DGLVR), 2014- 2022**
 - Redevelop and implement QAQC process
 - Assist in implementation of entire DGLVR Program for SCC
- **State Conservation Commission – 2022 to present**
 - Director, financial & technical assistance programs
 - Oversee ACAP, CEG, REAP, CDFAP, Agri-link, Contracting, Budget, District Operations, etc.
 - DGLVR duties added recently

Changes to SCC organization for 2025

- **Creating new Division**
 - **Current Vacancy: Director of Farm Viability and Natural Resource Division**
 - Will oversee CEG, REAP, Agri-link, Sustainable Ag, etc.
 - Develop and oversee PA Ag Conservation Stewardship (PACS)
 - Chesapeake Bay program liaison
- **DGLVR**
 - plans to add a management level position to oversee 2 DGLVR field staff

SCC Structure / Staffing Plan (DGLVR)

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NEW position, DGLVR Manager (not finalized yet)

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Two Conservation Program Specialists (currently Andy and Sherri)

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- At the 2024 ACAP Ag Conservation Conference we received feedback that managers would like time at these conference for direct interaction with SCC management.
- Instead of waiting for 2025, we incorporated this idea into the 2024 DGLVR Workshop
- At 2024 DGLVR Workshop, Doug and Justin held a “listening session” for CDs all morning during class sessions.
- Some of the major points/highlights....

Listening Session Topics: major points / highlights

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- The general theme throughout the morning session was Districts felt the program was becoming too administratively burdensome, and that more flexibility with program policy is needed

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- **Advisory Workgroup**
 - History
 - Current Workgroup
 - Current Tasks
 - Workgroup Future

- **Advisory Workgroup**

- **History**

- **1997-2013:** One Advisory Workgroup (*1-2 members still around*)
- **2014:** New Funding and LVR
 - **3 workgroups**
 - Policy and Planning
 - Education and Outreach
 - Low Volume Roads
- **~2018:** LVR group dissolved
- **~2021:** Policy and Education combined back into one workgroup

- **Advisory Workgroup**
 - Currently
 - One Advisory Workgroup
 - Meets “as needed”, 1-2 times a year
 - Met 11/25 to discuss the workgroup and plan moving forward

District Members

- Dave Taylor – Wyoming CD
- Erica Tomlinson – Tioga CD
- Morgan Schuster – Bucks CD
- Joe Quatrini – Bradford CD
- Lindsay Trojanowski – McKean CD
- Rob Cronauer – Westmoreland CD
- Anna Itle – Cambria CD
- Brooke Russick – Indiana CD
- Lori Glace – Juniata CD
- Shaun Wessel – Jefferson CD

Partners

- Radosna Vesnic – PSATS
- Scott Koser – TU
- Brenda Shambaugh – PACD
- Linda Mackey – DEP
- Tom Welker – PennDOT
- Ben Lorson – Fish & Boat Commission

- **Advisory Workgroup**
 - **Currently working DGLVR admin manual suggested revisions and recommendations to improve Workgroup.**
 - Districts suggested they would like more involvement in writing program policy.
 - Plan for 2025 is for the workgroup members to create a “district led” admin manual red line version.
 - Suggested changes will be discussed at our next policy and planning meeting proposed for early 2025.

- **Advisory Workgroup**

- If you would like to be apart of the “district led” admin manual revisions, please contact someone on the policy and planning committee.
- Additionally, the group will work on formalizing membership and duties of the committee

- **Advisory Workgroup**
 - **Future of Workgroup**
 - This Winter: Work on suggested Policy Updates
 - Long Term:
 - More involvement, more input
 - Evaluate membership for good CD representation
 - Develop plan to rotate membership
 - Small “topic-specific” subgroups as needed

DGLVR Update

- More input from CDs
- More flexibility in Program
- CD input on policy this winter
- QAQC changes and simplification
- Revamp of advisory Workgroup

Reach out to CDGRS/SCC at any time!

Current Workgroup Members

- *Bradford, Joe Quatrini*
- *Bucks, Morgan Schuster*
- *Cambria, Anna Itle*
- *Indiana, Brooke Russick*
- *Jefferson, Shaun Wessel*
- *Juniata, Lori Glace*
- *McKean, Lindsay Trojanowski*
- *Tioga, Erica Tomlinson*
- *Westmoreland, Rob Cronauer*
- *Wyoming, Dave Taylor*

