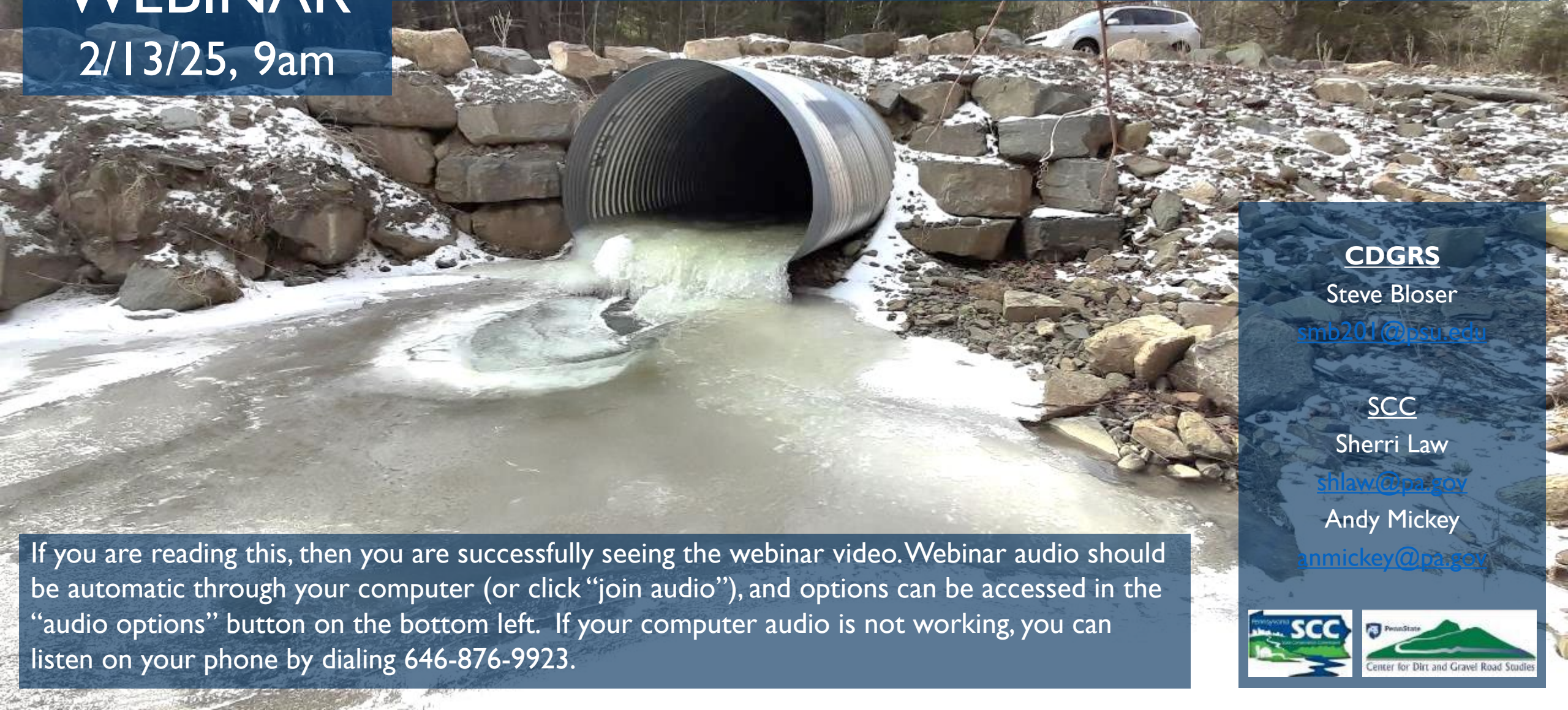


Dirt Gravel and Low  
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# WEBINAR

2/13/25, 9am

# DGLVR Program Updates



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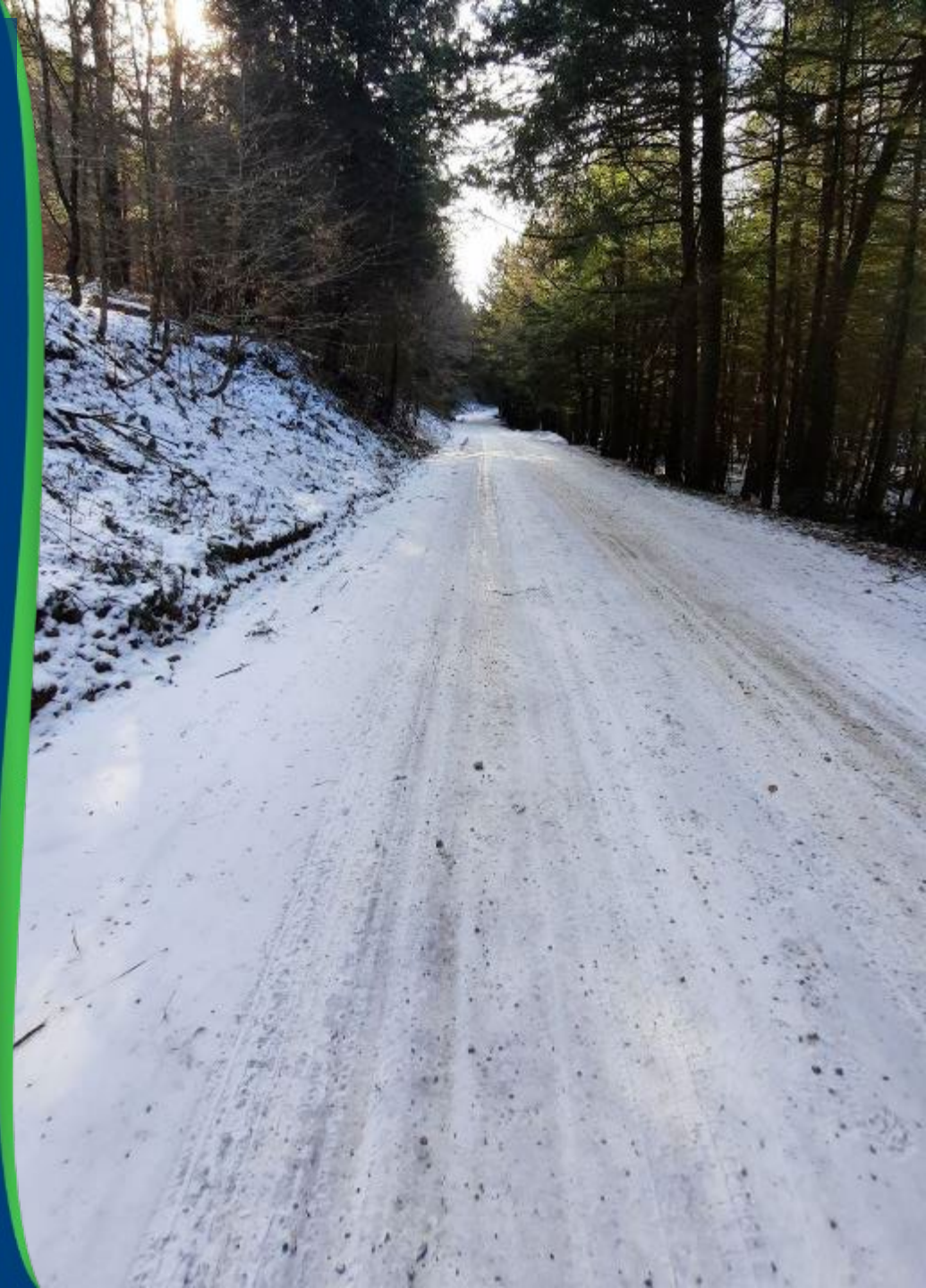
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# 2025 Program Updates

- **2025 Training Opportunities**
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# Course Attendance Tracker

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are actively certified from in or more of our course/training



## Course Registration

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Welcome to the CDGRS Co

# Upcoming Courses

[All course types](#)[ADVADMIN \(3\)](#)[ESM \(12\)](#)[FINANCIAL \(3\)](#)[STREAMCD](#)[Program Administration  
Training](#)[REAMRECERT \(2\)](#)

## ESM: Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance Training

- Wednesday, Mar 19, 2025 07:00 AM to Thursday, Mar 20, 2025 04:00 PM (Snyder County)
- Location: Susquehanna Valley Country Club, 1 Country Club Dr, Selinsgrove  
Instructor:
- Suggested Hotel: Fairfield Inn & Suites
- This is a 2 day course. Registrants must attend both days to receive credit
- Additional Details:
  - 7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast & Registration

[Register for this](#)

# ESM Training



- 2-day classroom training for Program Eligibility  
**CD staff encouraged to go first morning for introductions**
  - 12 scheduled for 2025, based on requests and recent locations
  - CDGRS updated several modules this winter
    - Orientation
    - Infiltration
    - Streams
    - LVR
    - Project Examples
- Registration open
- March 19 & 20 (Snyder)
  - April 15 & 16 (Fayette)
  - May 14 & 15 (Mercer)
  - May 28 & 29 (Huntingdon)
  - June 4 & 5 (Adams)
  - July 9 & 10 (Luzerne)
  - July 30 & 31 (Butler)
  - August 13 & 14 (Tioga)
  - August 27 & 28 (Erie)
  - September 3 & 4 (Washington)
  - October 7 & 8 (Berks)
  - October 28 & 29 (Monroe)

# Stream Trainings - CDs



## Standard CD Training

- Intended for new CD staff
- 3-day in-person
- Centre: 5/20-22
- Centre: 8/19-21

## **NEW** Re-certification CD Training

- Intended for CD staff who have been to standard training
- 1.5-day in-person
- Centre: 7/15-16
- Centre: 10/21-22

Registration open

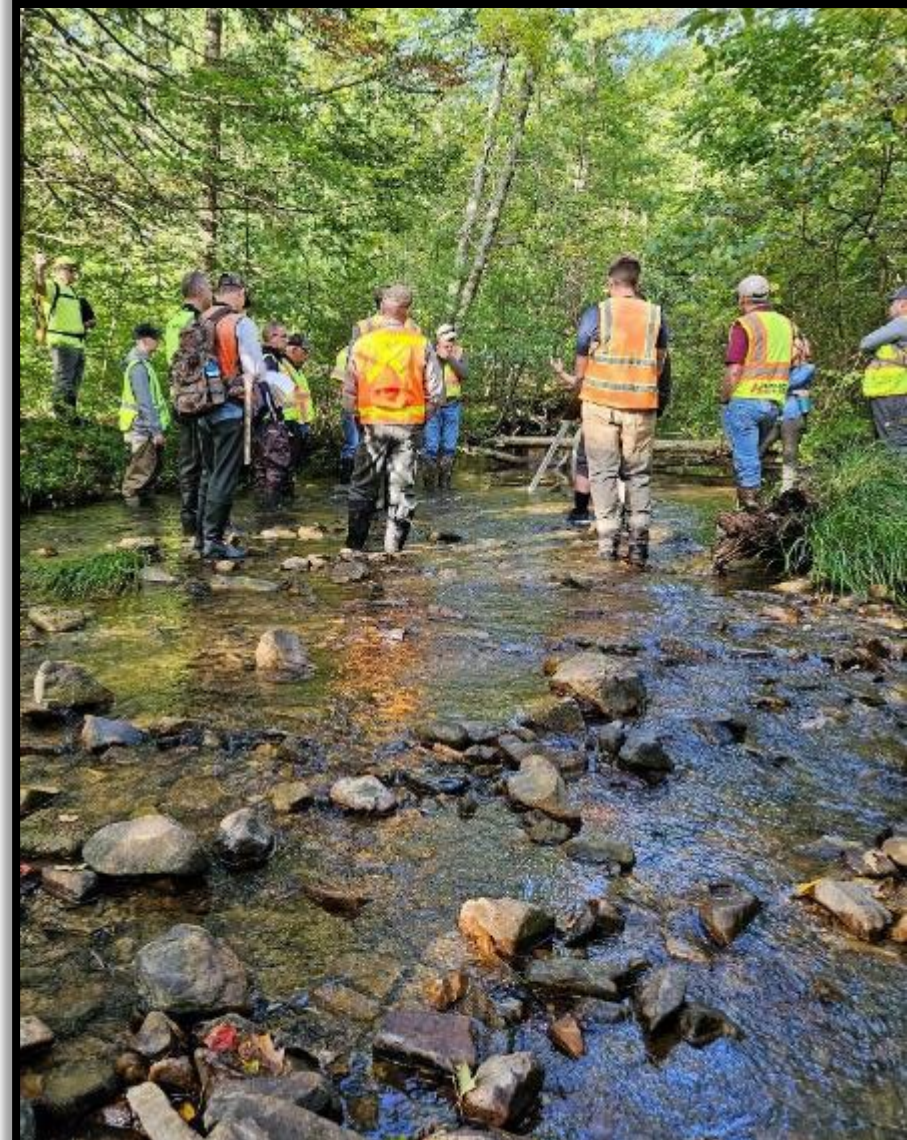
# Stream Trainings - Engineers



## Engineer Stream Trainings

Registration open

- For designers / engineers for stream crossings
- 1.5 days (1/2 remote, 1 in person)
- Union: 8/5-6
- Elk: 9/9-10



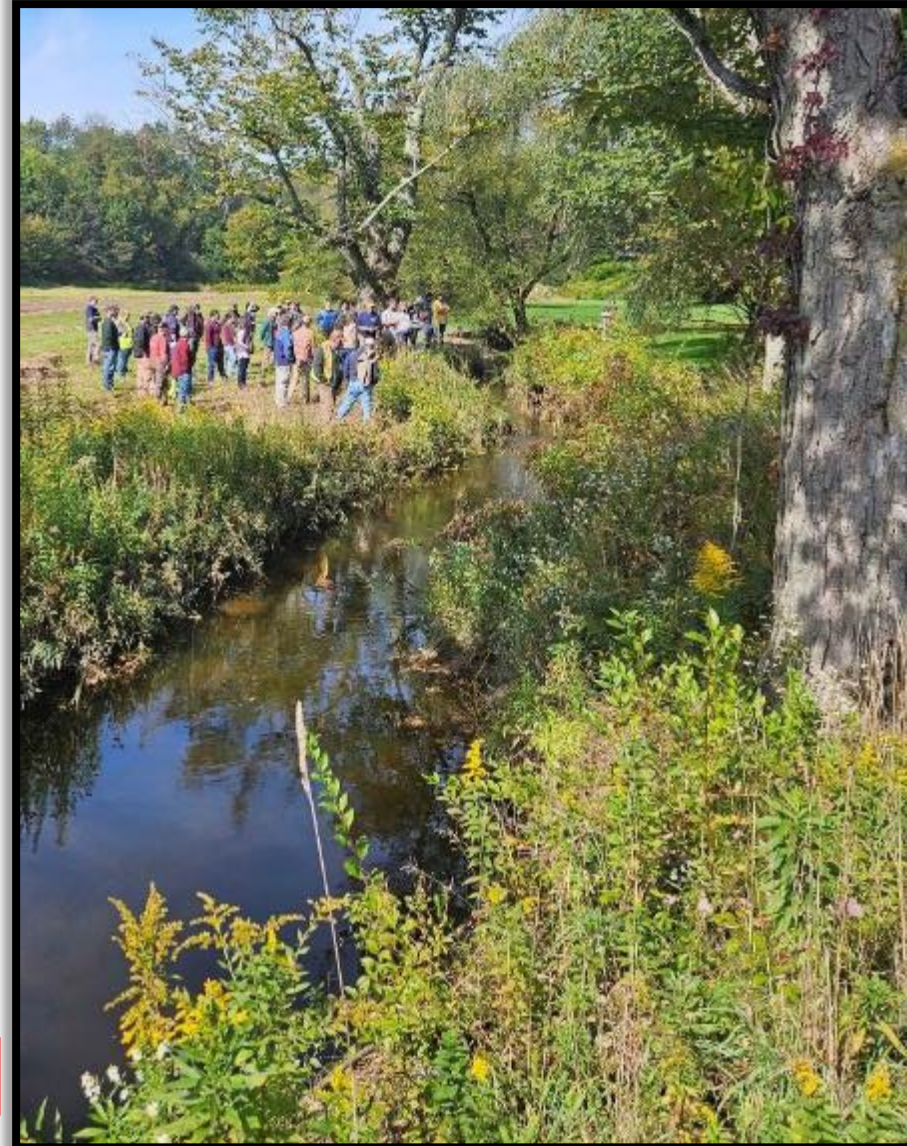
# Stream Trainings - DEP



## DEP Stream Trainings

- For DEP permit review staff
- 1.5 day in-person
- Two scheduled Spring 2025

DEP is handling registrations





# Stream Trainings - Other



## Interest from other groups:

- PA Game Commission
- Western PA Conservancy
- PA DCNR Forestry



# Boot Camps



## DGLVR Boot Camps

- **3 day in-person trainings for CD DGLVR technicians.**
- Intended more for “NEW” technicians, but refreshers welcome.
- Mixture of class sessions and field trips to proposed, active, and completed sites.
- Working to schedule 1-2 for 2025



# Boot Camps



## DGLVR Boot Camps

- CD Survey



# Workshop

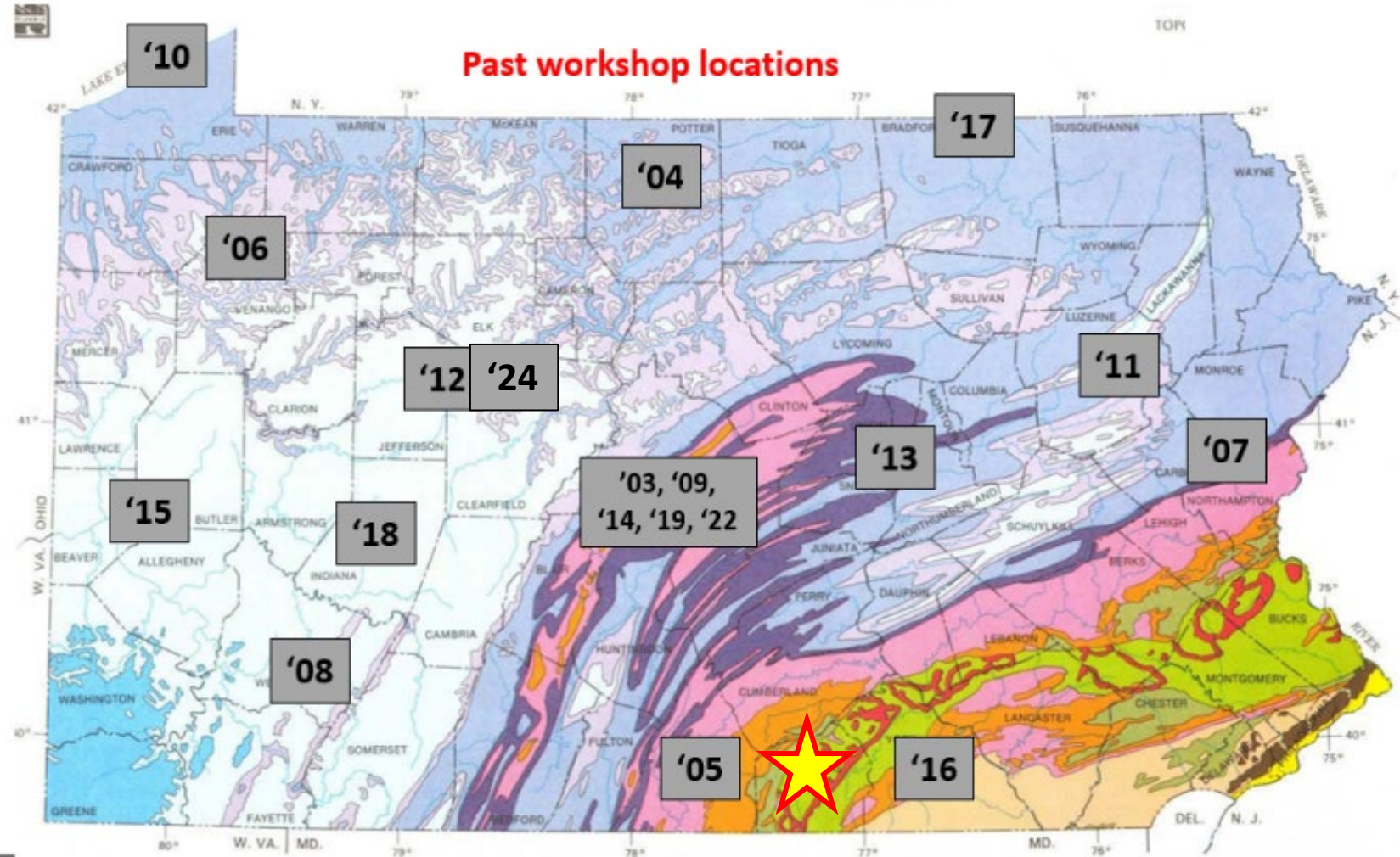


## DGLVR Workshop

Annual 3-day conference with concurrent class sessions and multiple field trips

## 2025 Workshop

- Gettysburg
- September 23-25



# Technical Assistance



## Winter Technical Assistance

- **THIS IS A GREAT TIME FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE!!**
- Take advantage of the (relatively) slow time! Technical assistance wait times increase dramatically when spring hits.

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# Admin Training



## Wide variety of needs for administrative training:

- New technicians
- Experienced technicians
- Financial and administrative staff

## Solution: More training options

- Basic Admin Training
- Advanced Admin Training
- Financial Training
- New Hire Training

Registration open



# Advanced Admin Training



- New in 2025
- Geared towards district staff responsible for running DGLVR Program day-to-day.
- Open to any conservation district staff who has completed the Basic DGLVR Admin Training.
- Attendees are re-certified in DGLVR Program Administration for 3 years.



# Advanced Admin Training



## Agenda:

*full agenda and logistics document on website* →

- Focus on small group work and discussion
- Includes:
  - Policy trivia game
  - Grant application review activity
  - Project management presentation & discussion
  - Practice reviewing invoices and filling out completion report

## Advanced DGLVR Administrative Training

### Logistics:

- 9 am – 3 pm
- Free to attend
- Lunch, drinks, and snacks will be provided
- Online registration is required
- Scheduled 3 times in 2025 (the day before DGLVR Financial Training)

June 24, 2025: Eastern PA  
Schuylkill County Conservation District office  
August 12, 2025: Western PA  
Armstrong Conservation District office  
November 5, 2025: Central PA  
Hilton Garden Inn State College

### What to bring:

- **Example documents** district staff have developed locally and wish to share and discuss with the group (details in agenda).
- **Smart phone:** required to participate in the trivia game.
- **Laptop:** required for some of the activities.

Attendees will be in small groups for activities, so anyone unable to bring a smart phone or laptop can work with others who bring them.

### Agenda

*Times listed are approximate*

#### Introduction (10 minutes)

- Meet presenters and other attendees.

#### Trivia Game: DGLVR Policy Review (30 minutes)

- Bring your smart phone to participate in a trivia game that reviews key topics from the DGLVR Administrative Manual.

#### Activity: Project Planning and Grant Application (1 hour)

- Brief pre-application meeting overview.
- Activity: Review a grant application & come up with suggested improvements
  - Attendees will be provided with an overview of a proposed project site and a summary of what the district would have learned in a pre-application meeting.
  - Attendees will split into small groups and be given a grant application for the example site.
  - Attendees will review the application for completeness, compliance with DGLVR policy, and if the application represents a quality environmentally sensitive road improvement project.
- Group discussion: share application shortcomings & needed improvements as one large group
  - Discuss any shortcomings the groups found in the application, what changes/additional information they would want in the application, and how they would communicate with the grant recipient about these.

#### Presentation: Project Management (1 hour)

- Review important milestones in the project lifecycle.
- Discuss common meetings held throughout projects.
- Includes pros and cons of various local timelines/timing of funding cycle.

#### Lunch (1 hour)

*Agenda continued on next page*



# Admin Training



Is Advanced Admin Training replacing the current Admin Training?

No – There are now **2 types of Admin Training!**

**Basic**



**Advanced**



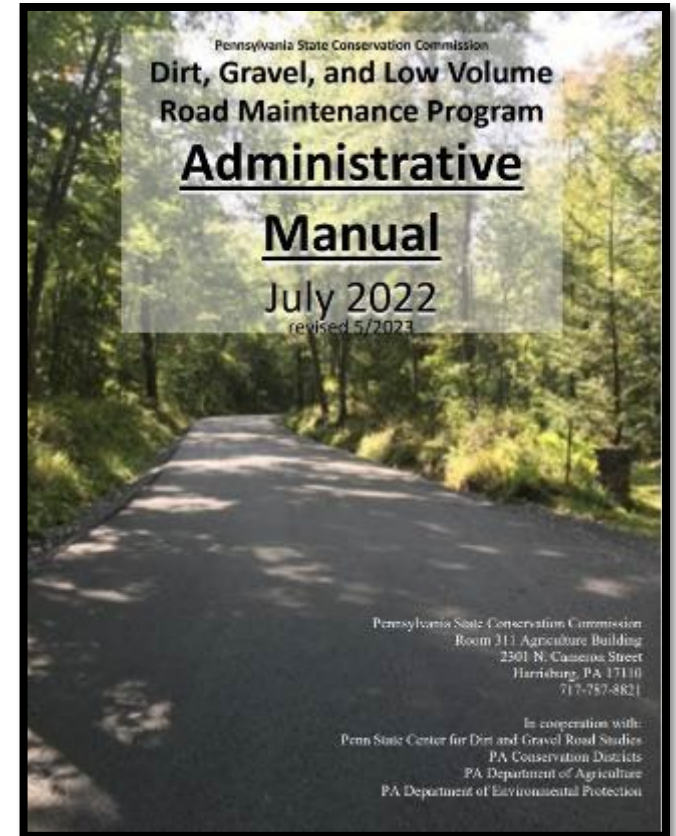
# Admin Training Requirements



**Unchanged**: Conservation district staff person(s) most directly responsible for administering the Program must attend maintain DGLVR Program Administration Training at least every 3 years

- To become certified in DGLVR Program Administration:
  - district staff must attend Basic Admin Training
- To renew certification in DGLVR Program Administration:
  - District staff may attend Basic Admin Training
  - **District staff may attend Advanced Admin Training**

**Only new addition** is option of Advanced Admin Training for recert



# Financial Training



- Geared towards district staff involved in DGLVR finances
  - Highly recommended for at least one staff at each CD who is responsible for DGLVR finances
  - Any district staff involved in the DGLVR Program are welcome to attend!
- Covers:
  - DGLVR financial policy, tracking funds, GIS financial tools
  - Reconciling the GIS and conservation district DGLVR account balances
  - Budgeting and spending requirements
  - The financial portion of Quality Assurance / Quality Control visits (QAQCs)



# 2025 Training Schedule



- Advanced Admin and Financial Training scheduled back-to-back in 2025
- Can attend one or both days

## Armstrong CD office

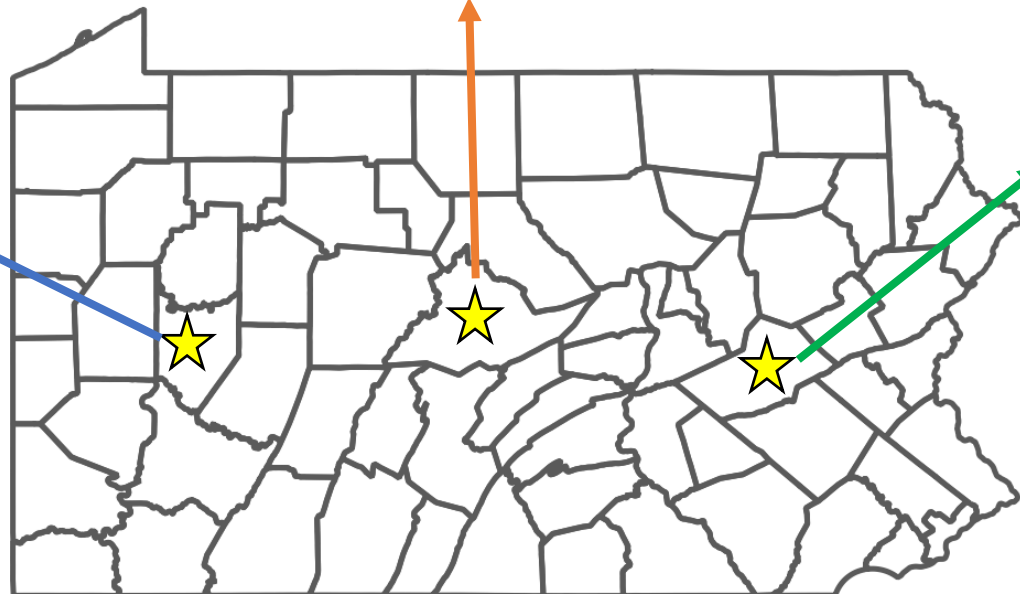
- Tues 8/12/25:  
Advanced Admin Training
- Wed 8/13/25:  
Financial Training

## Hilton Garden Inn State College

- Wed 11/5/25: Advanced Admin Training
- Thurs 11/6/25: Financial Training

## Schuylkill CCD office

- Tues 6/24/25:  
Advanced Admin Training
- Wed 6/25/25:  
Financial Training



# New Hires



**Reach out to notify the DGLVR Program of new conservation district staff getting involved in the DGLVR Program and to schedule Basic Admin Training**

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Administrative Coordinator, Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies

*and*

**Sherri Law:** [shlaw@pa.gov](mailto:shlaw@pa.gov) or 223-666-2567

Conservation Program Specialist I, State Conservation Commission

# New Hires



## Remember the New Hire Guide!

- Geared towards technical conservation district staff new to running the DGLVR Program locally
- Also a useful introduction for any other CD staff involved in the DGLVR Program
- [Reference Material - Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies](#)

### PA Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Program New-Hire Guide for Conservation District Staff

3/2024

This guide is intended for new “technicians” responsible for administering the DGLVR Program at a Conservation District.

#### Contents

1. Program introduction page 2  
General overview of program purpose, structure, and function. Overview of key participants and agencies.
2. Conservation District Role page 4  
Brief overview of the CD role in receiving funding and administering the Program in the county.
3. Determining YOUR role page 5  
Each County administers the Program differently, so it is important to understand your role and duties.
4. IMMEDIATE To-Do List page 6  
An initial task list of the most important things to get a handle on quickly.
5. LONG-TERM To-Do List page 8  
A task list for long term education and administration.
6. Educational Opportunities page 9  
Description of available DGLVR education and learning opportunities, both in person and recorded.
7. Additional Internal (DGLVR) Resources page 11  
Summary and links to a wide variety of printed and online material supporting the Program.
8. Additional External Resources page 13  
Summary and links to various external (non-DGLVR) resources that may be useful.

Are you reading a printed copy of this guide? That’s great, but there are many links to other information and resources contained here. It is highly recommended to use the digital version to take advantage of the live links.

#### **Online Version:**

<https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/pa-program-resources/program-specific-resources/reference-material/>

Since personnel change, names are not included in this guide. For current DGLVR names and contact information for both the SCC and CDGRS, visit: <https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/about-the-center/center-info/staff-contact-us/>

## One-on-One New Hire Training is available!

- SCC and CDGRS visit to help new hires get a “jumpstart” to running the Program
- Office visit and/or field visit
- Tailored to whatever you need

***If you don't know what you need,  
still schedule a day of new hire training!***

# New Hires



## One-on-One New Hire Training is available!

- Potential topics:
  - Open contracts for DGLVR Projects
  - Timeline: application due date, QAB meeting, CD board meeting
  - Education and outreach ideas and assistance
  - Review applications in progress
  - Visit DGLVR sites
    - Potential, pre-application, funded, under construction, recently completed
  - And more!

### 4. IMMEDIATE To-Do List

- Register for upcoming training opportunities: Various training courses are held throughout the year and across the state. Check the schedule on the website link below so you don't miss an opportunity that might be fast approaching. See later section describing educational opportunities in detail. (Trainings and Registration: <https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/education-training/>)
- Identify any "institutional knowledge" at the CD: Districts are encouraged to have some overlap in job responsibilities, so when an employee takes leave another staff member will have some experience with the Program. Long-term CD staff and QAB members can provide valuable information.
- Introduce yourself to major Program partners:
  - SCC: Contact the staff at the SCC with any questions and let them know you are on board.
  - CDGRS: Contact the Center so they can help with your technical and reporting duties.
  - QAB: As described earlier in this guide, the QAB is the "steering committee" for local policy and project decisions. Take the time to seek out QAB members and have them fill you in on local priorities. QAB members who have been there for some time may have some institutional knowledge they can share with you as well.
  - Current grant recipients with open contracts: Do this after you have completed the next task.
- Identify projects with active open contracts:
  - DGLVR GIS Mapper: as described above, all Program finances and projects are tracked in an online mapping and reporting system.
    - Contact CDGRS for a GIS status report:
      - The GIS can produce a master list of all active contracts.
      - The GIS also tracks funding and can provide helpful financial information.
    - Set up training for DGLVR GIS Mapper:
      - Contact the CDGRS to set up a one-on-one (remote) training for the GIS system. Once complete, you will be given login credentials to access and update the system.
  - Project Hard Files:
    - Using the information from the GIS mapper, gather all active project hard files. Check with other CD staff to also see where files may be kept electronically.
    - Consult with your district manager and/or other CD staff to identify if the GIS is up to date with all contracts recommended by the QAB and approved by CD board.
- Review and address projects with active open contracts:
  - Identify which projects are completed, in-progress, or upcoming.
  - prioritize review of in-progress projects, or projects about to start.
  - Things to look for in hard files:
    - Important documents such as grant application, project sketch, scope of work, project narrative, and any checklists can give you a good sense of the overall project intent.
    - Proposed start and completion dates.
  - After reviewing each hard file, contact each grant recipient to determine the status of their project and any immediate issues. It is suggested to set up an on-site meeting to review the status and plan for each project. To aid discussion with grant recipients and contractors, consider using the DGLVR



# DGLVR Training Requirements Summary

	Administration Certification	Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) Certification	Stream Crossing Certification
<b>Required for</b>	CD staff person(s) most directly responsible for administering the Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CD staff most involved in the Program</li> <li>Grant applicants</li> <li>One CD-appointed QAB member</li> </ul>	CD staff most involved in the Program if the CD wants to fund stream crossing replacements
<b>Initial Certification</b>	Basic Admin Training	2-day ESM Training	4-day Stream Crossing Certification Training for CDs
<b>Re-Certification</b>	Basic Admin Training OR Advanced Admin Training	2-day ESM Training OR Annual Maintenance Workshop	4-day Stream Crossing Certification Training for CDs OR 1.5-day Stream Crossing Re-certification for CDs
<b>Certification Length</b>	3 years	5 years	3 years
<b>Certification expiration date</b>	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> of the 5 <sup>th</sup> year	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> year

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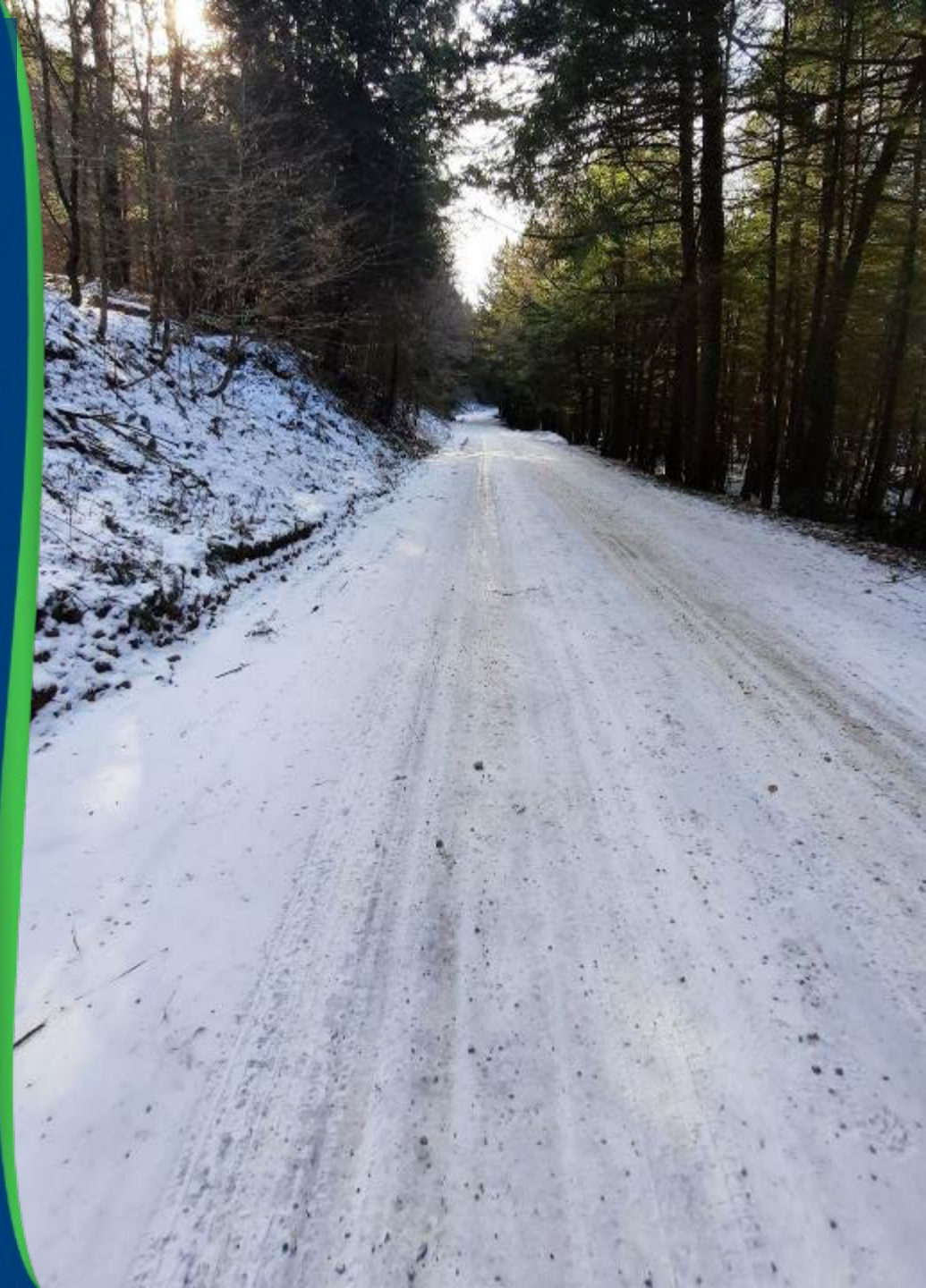
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# 2025 Program Updates

- 2025 Training Opportunities
- **2025 QAQCs**
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# 2025 QAQCs



- Round 5 QAQC – 2024 Summary
  - 21 QAQCs completed
  - Overall Findings
    - 10 “Meets Expectations”
    - 11 “Exceeds Expectations”



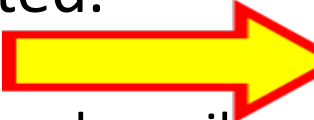
***The QAQC process is an opportunity for continued training and education. It is not something to stress over.***

QAQC Ratings	Financial	Admin/Functionality	Projects	Overall
Does Not Meet Expect.	0	1	0	0
Needs Improvement	0	1	0	0
Meets Expectations	8	9	12	10
Exceeds Expectations	9	8	9	11
Exceptional	4	2	0	0

# 2025 QAQCs



## *Some changes will be implemented to the QAQC process in 2025*

- Pre-Visit
  - Pre-Visit Letter & Attachments A-D updated.
    - Will be available on Center's website today 
    - Letter, Attachments, Round 4 QAQC report, and email with additional details in process of being sent to 2025 counties
  - Virtual pre-visit discussion/interviews will continue.
    - Some time will be spent discussing the district's specific needs and how to address them.
  - Financial reviews will continue remotely.
    - Sherri can attend in-person for financial review or assistance where necessary.



***Quality assurance should be an ongoing and active process.***

# 2025 QAQCs



- In-Person Visit
  - All QAQC visits are planned for either 1 day or 2 days.
  - **Increased Focus** on review of open contracts.
  - **New:** If necessary, some time will be spent providing administrative assistance.
  - Project Site Visits:
    - Completed sites
    - Active contracts
    - Potential sites

***An SCC & Center staff member and your DEP Field Rep will typically attend the visit.***



# 2025 QAQCs



- QAQC Reports

- Shorter reports and quicker report turn-around times
- 3–4-page summary for District Board & QAB
  - Cover Letter, Ratings, Summary of Findings, All Commendations, Major Recommendations, Major Required Actions
- For District Staff:
  - More in-depth recommendations, required actions, and narrative about the QAQC findings, summary of project themes, shorter & simplified project review write-ups, project assistance summaries

**Rd Name: Was Bad Road**  
 Completed:  Under Contract  Potential Site  
Expenditure: \$100,000.00  
Describe the existing conditions (problem being addressed):

**Rd Owner: Cool Township**  
In-Kind: \$20,000.00

Practices Used: (Site Length: 5,280 feet)

Yes	No	NA	Question
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Logistics</b> Do field conditions match application, contract, completion report, receipts & GIS data?
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Did the road have impacts to a stream or water quality?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Was the project cost effective and were project expenditures within normal ranges?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Program Policy</b> Was the project implemented within the policy/guidelines set by the program?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Effectiveness</b> How well did the project address the existing environmental impact and road issues? Were the appropriate practices used and did their installation follow best practices?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there any recommendations that would improve this project or similar future projects?

**Project Rating: Exceptional**

***District staff are encouraged to provide any feedback on the QAQC preliminary report***

# 2025 QAQCs



- Preparing for the QAQC
  - (Still officially every 3 years)
  - Review the Pre-Visit Attachments
    - What is working well and what isn't?
  - Don't wait to review or send financial documentation.
  - Review your District's Round 4 QAQC report.
  - Review your local QAB policy (send suggested changes)
  - Think about your project sites
    - Recommend a variety of completed sites. What help do you need with current contracts? Are there any difficult sites in the pipeline?

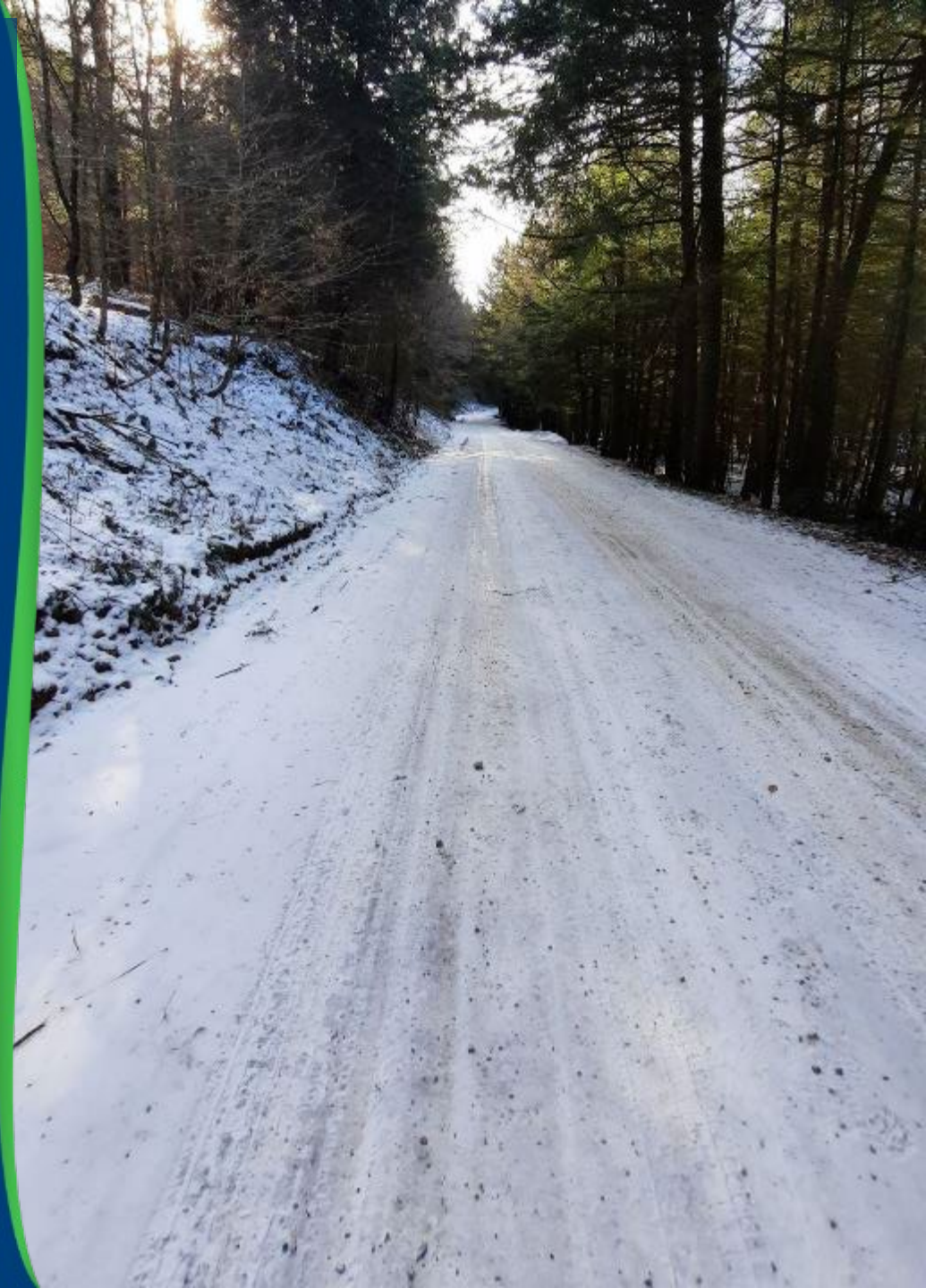


***We're here to help your program and improve project outcomes. Let us know what you need.***



# 2025 Program Updates

- 2025 Training Opportunities
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- Program Spending Update
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# DGLVR Policy Updates




- Advisory Workgroup met in November 2024.
- CDs on workgroup working on “suggested edits” to DGLVR Policy and admin manual.
- CDs on workgroup meeting regularly to discuss.
- Will bring suggestions back to full workgroup when finished.

# DGLVR Policy Updates

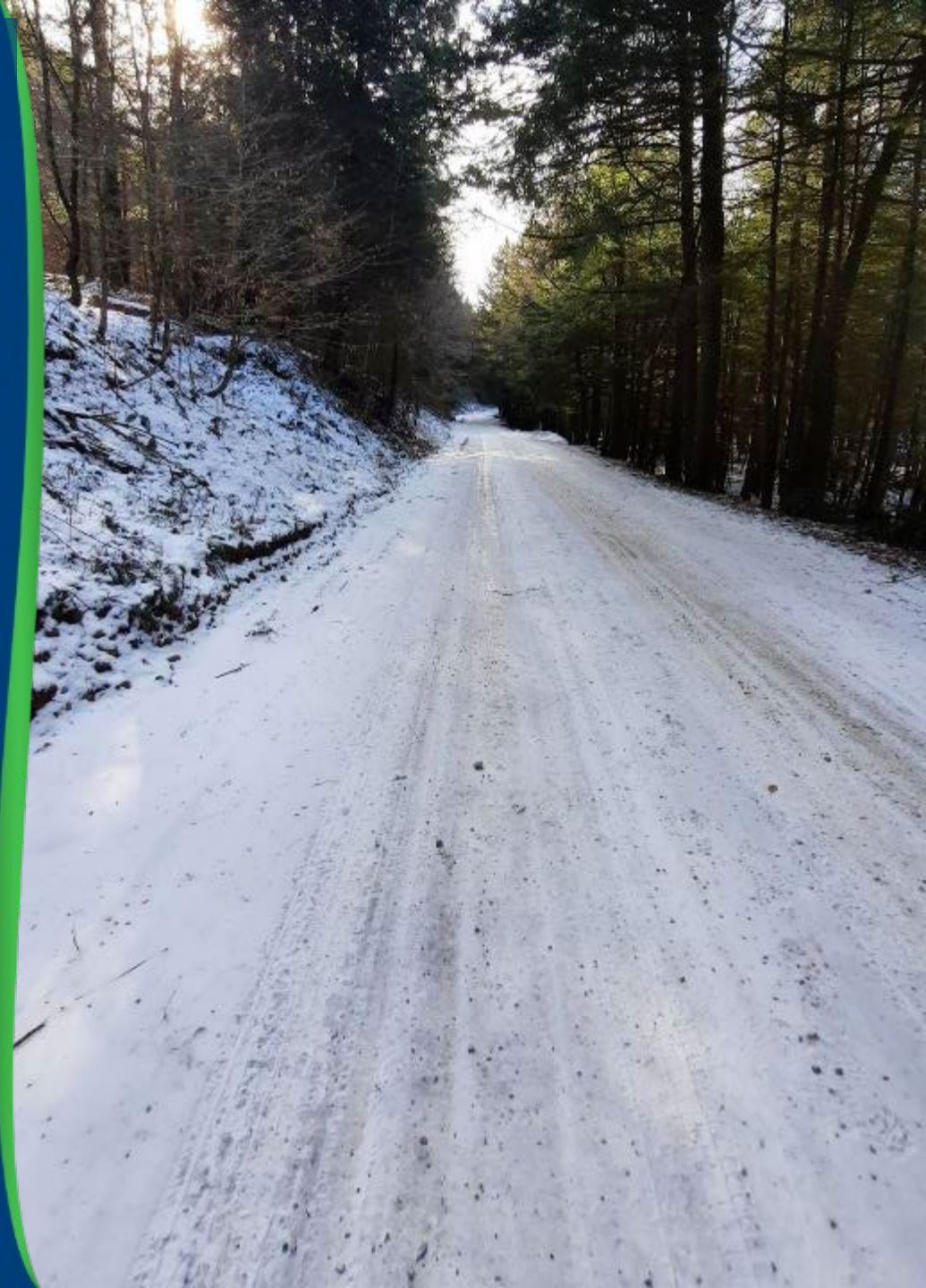


- **Timeline:** none set

- CDs provide suggestions.
- CDGRS and SCC provide suggestions. 
- Workgroup works through all suggestions.
- Present proposed changes and send out to all CDs for review.
- Any final changes go through workgroup.
- SCC policy and legal review.
- SCC action for approval.

# 2025 Program Updates

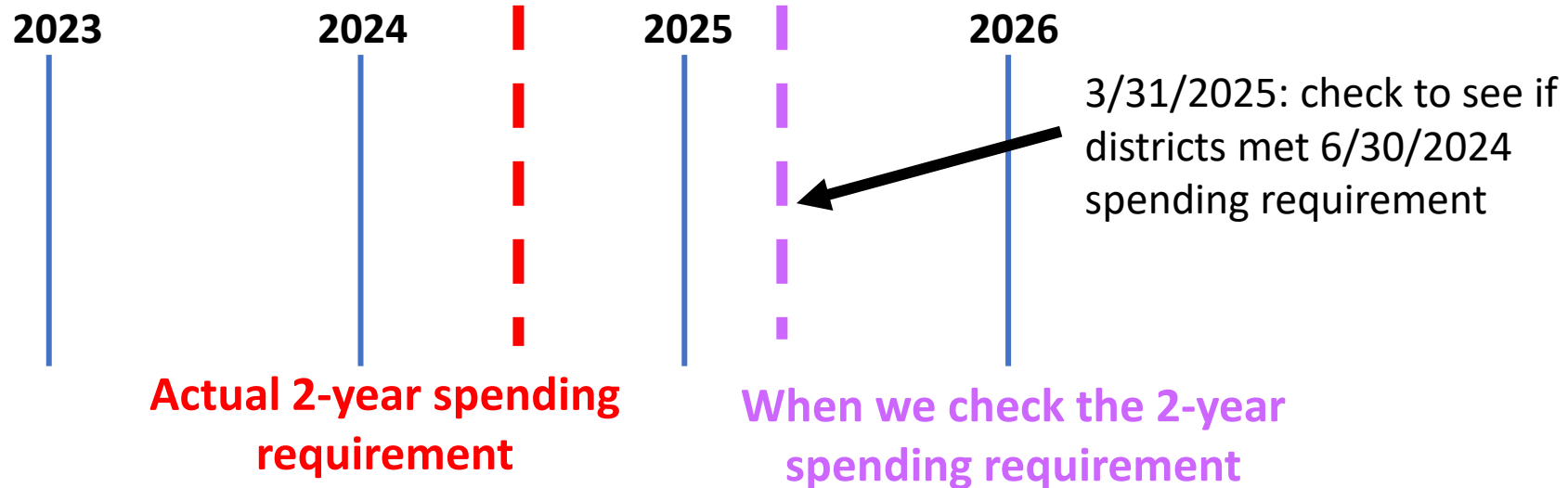
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# Spending Requirement Update



- We are over halfway through the current Fiscal Year (7/1/24-6/30/25)
- Districts must spend DGLVR funds within 2 years to be eligible for the next DGLVR allocations
  - Actually have 33 months to meet 2-year spending.



# Spending Requirement Update



- 6/30/2024 was the spending deadline for the previous 5-year agreement
- Almost all conservation districts met the 6/30/2024 spending requirement and are eligible for 2025-26 DGLVR allocations



# Spending Requirement Update



- Goal now is to **keep up with spending requirements by running an effective annual grant program**
- Have you allocated your 2024 funds to projects yet?
  - If not, accept applications and fund projects ASAP
  - Reach out to CDGRS and SCC for assistance in finding projects, understanding spending requirements, budgeting, etc.



Contract # \_\_\_\_\_

DIRT, GRAVEL AND LOW VOLUME ROAD  
MAINTENANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AND  
\_\_\_\_\_

Now, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ County  
Conservation District ("district")  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
known herein as the "project participant", agree as follows:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ will  
conduct, or cause to be conducted, a road maintenance project on specified portions of \_\_\_\_\_  
in accordance the Application and Work Plan attached hereto.

(2) This project will be conducted in accordance with standards that prohibit the  
use of materials or practices that are environmentally harmful and in accordance with the  
application and work plan attached hereto and incorporated herein. Any changes or  
modifications to the work plan will be performed to the satisfaction of the district.

(3) This project will be conducted in accordance with the "General Contract  
Provisions" required by the State Conservation Commission ("Commission"), the  
"Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program Statement of Policy"  
which is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found at  
[www.dirtandgravelroads.org](https://www.dirtandgravelroads.org), as approved by the Commission and as may be amended  
from time to time, and the environmental standards approved by the Quality Assurance  
Board, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

(4) The project participant agrees to provide documentation to the district that all  
required federal, state, or local permits have been obtained prior to project  
commencement on the portion of the project requiring a permit, and further agrees to  
comply with all such permits as a condition of performing this agreement.

(5) The project participant shall ensure that this contract and all other  
arrangements entered into pursuant to the implementation of this contract are in  
conformance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations.  
This includes prevailing wage act requirements that must be followed for any  
contracts where the total project value is in excess of \$25,000.

(6) The district agrees to fund the eligible costs for this project in an amount up  
to \_\_\_\_\_.

# Spending Requirement Update



Reminder: 2-year spending requirements are tracked in the **Annual Summary Report** in GIS

- Green = eligible for an allocation
- Red = spending requirement not yet met

ASR Overview ( )	ASR Overview ( )
Total Spent: \$ 1,808,811.02	Total Spent: \$ 798,263.73
Spending Req.: \$ 1,607,968.00	Spending Req.: \$ 870,906.00
Difference: \$ 200,843.02	Difference: \$ (72,642.27)



# Spending Requirement Update



Quick Check for your spending status:

- Look at your uncommitted balance in GIS Quarterly Report

Spending Status	
Unreported Advance: \$	0.00
Unreported Replenishments: \$	0.00
Current Balance: \$	265,128.00
Committed Remaining: \$	85,978.40
<b>Uncommitted Balance: \$</b>	<b>179,149.60</b>

If you have a year's allocation  
or more uncommitted, it's  
time to fund new projects

# Spending Requirement Update

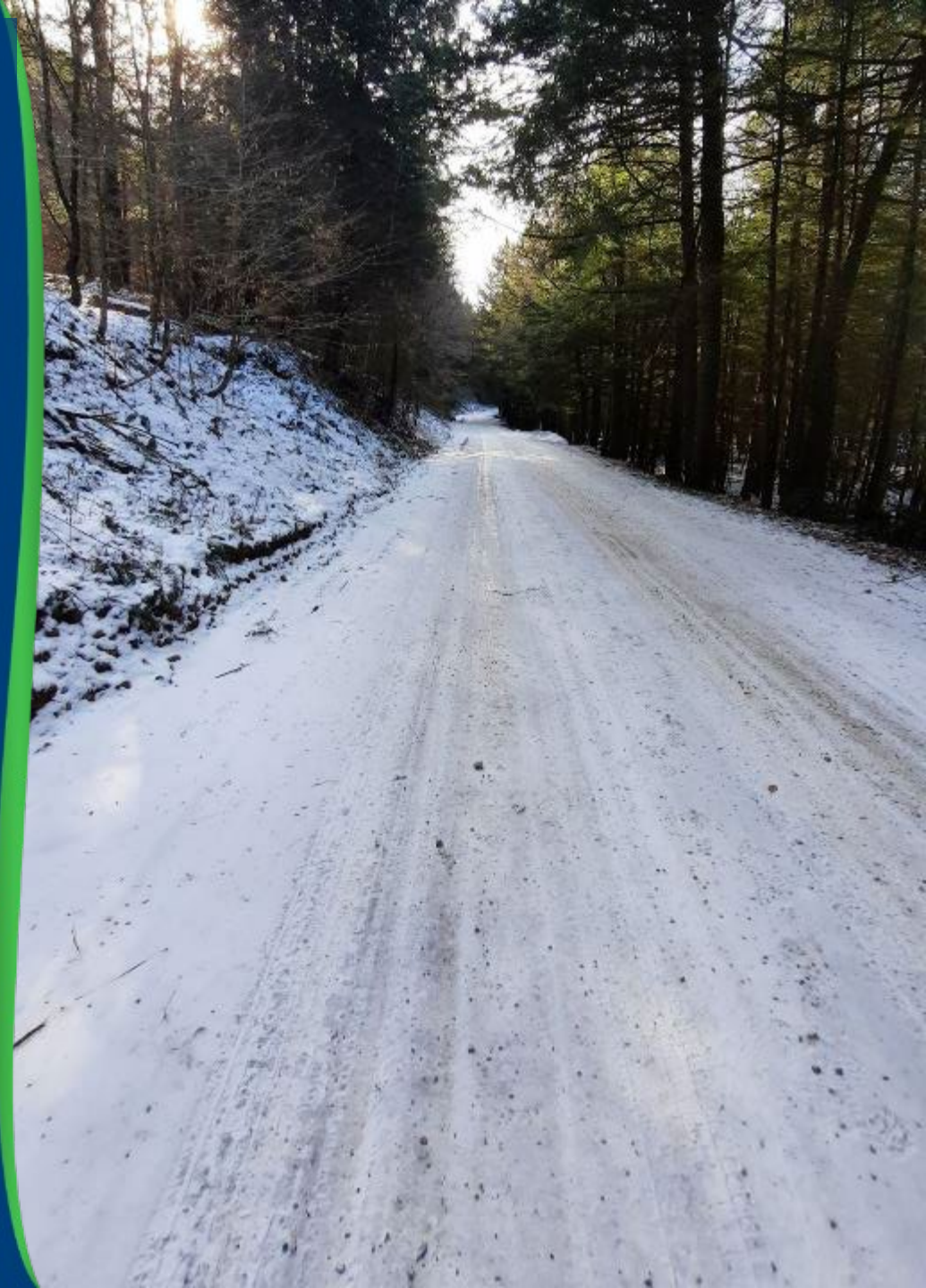


- [Recorded Webinars - Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies](#)
- **April 25, 2024: Tips For Keeping Up With Spending Requirements**
  - Conservation districts are required to spend each annual allocation of DGR and LVR funds within 2 years to be eligible for future allocations. This webinar shared tips and tricks to help districts establish a local annual grant cycle to get ahead of these spending deadlines.
  - [Webinar Download](#) (~1 hour, 2 minutes)
- **December 19, 2024: Annual Summary Report Refresher and Budgeting DGLVR Funds**
  - Topics include: planning how to spend your annual allocation, determining how much funding you have available for projects, factors to consider when budgeting, how to use the DGLVR GIS mapper to identify available funds, and using the budget tool in the GIS mapper.
  - [Webinar Download](#) (~40 minutes)



# 2025 Program Updates

- 2025 Training Opportunities
- 2025 QAQCs
- Program Policy Update
- Program Spending Update
- **Program Funding Update**



# Program Funding Update



## **The last 2 times transportation funding was addressed in PA:**

- **1997:** \$5Million annually to establish DGR Program
- **2013:** LVR Added and DGLVR increased to \$35M

**Potential for transportation funding package for FY 2025-26...**

# Program Funding Update



## From Shapiro's Budget Address, Feb 2025

In Governor Shapiro's first two years, we've delivered over **\$380 million** in new funding for our roads and bridges — and with that investment, Pennsylvania repaired more poor condition bridges than any other state in the entire country. On top of that, we repaired 12,000 miles of roads in Pennsylvania — that's more than any other time in the last decade.

But many Pennsylvanians also rely on mass transit — and whether you ride a bus, or hop on a trolley, a train, or the subway, every Pennsylvanian deserves a transportation network that gets them to work and home again in time for dinner safely. That's why the Governor's budget makes a significant investment in mass transit all across Pennsylvania and **continues to deliver more funding for our roads and bridges.**

- Currently, 7.68 percent of all Sales and Use Tax receipts are deposited into the Public Transportation Trust Fund. This budget builds on that investment by proposing to increase that transfer by an additional **1.75** percent. This increase in available funding will inject an additional **\$292.5 million** into mass transit across the Commonwealth in 2025-26, growing to more than **\$330 million** in 2029-30.

- The last two enacted budget reduced reliance on the Motor License Fund (MLF) to supplement the Pennsylvania State Police. This budget continues to step down the State Police's reliance on the Motor License Fund by \$50 million a year, until reliance is completely removed in 2029-30. As a result, over the next five years, PennDOT will have an additional \$750 million for road and bridge projects.

- This shift provides the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) additional resources to match federal Infrastructure Investment and Job Act funds, allowing for **more road and bridge construction and maintenance projects.**

# Program Funding Update



## Why “Mass Transit”?

- Mass transit is the “lead” headline.
- The more “multimodal” (comprehensive) the funding is, the more attractive it will likely be to all lawmakers.
- Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition is advocating for a comprehensive transporting package.

# Program Funding Update



## Status:

- February budget address from Shapiro was the “starting gun”
- Several transportation hearings in February/March.
- Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition meeting in March.
- Goal would be to have a comprehensive transportation funding update package in place for FY 25-26 budget.

# Program Funding Update



## Next Steps:

- Talk to your legislators about value of DGLVR funds, need for increase funding, etc.
- SCC/CDGRS/PACD working to advocate for DGLVR Program.
- SCC/CDGRS working on some updated handouts and talking points.
- More to come in the next few months...