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Mapping/Erosion Plan Workshop for Farmers, Livestock & Horse Owners

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) is holding two workshops at the Snyder County Emergency Services building on Monday, April 17 and Monday, April 24. Both sessions start at 6:00 p.m. The Emergency Services Building is located on 30 Universal Road (off of US Route 522), west of Selinsgrove.

This two-part workshop will teach farmers and livestock/equine owners/boarders how to make maps for their manure management plans (MMPs) and how to write their own agricultural erosion & sedimentation plans (Ag. E&S plans). Participants will learn how to use PAOneStop, a web based mapping program developed by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.



The April 17 meeting will explain the mapping process while the April 24 session will explain Ag. E&S planning. Between sessions, participants are encouraged to work making farm maps on their computers with internet access. Interested people are asked to register in advance and attend both sessions. Please register by contacting Barry Spangler, SCCD Ag. Conservation Technician, at 570-837-3000, extension 118, or bspangler@ptd.net, by Thursday, April 13. The events are free and light refreshments will be provided at each session.

Financial support for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant, the Clean Water Fund and the Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program (CBRAP).

Dirt & Gravel Roads Training for Municipal Leaders Coming in June

The Center for Dirt & Gravel Roads Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) Course is an intense two-day classroom session focused on providing the knowledge and tools necessary for road owners to maintain roads in a more cost-efficient and environmentally sensitive manner. The Center holds approximately ten (10) ESM Courses at locations around Pennsylvania every year. This year we are fortunate to have one hosted here in Snyder County. On Wednesday June 7 and Thursday, June 8, this training will be offered at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Hummel's Wharf. The course runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the two days and includes lunch.

The course is free to municipal, county, and state agencies that own public roads and are interested in being involved with PA's Dirt and Gravel Road Program. To register, go to the Program's website (dirtandgravel.psu.edu) by Monday, June 5. Additional information and brochures may also be found on the website.

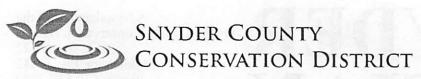
Please contact Tim Hornberger at 570-837-3000, extension 113 (thornberger@ptd.net) if you need help with registration or have any questions. ■

Spring Construction Projects May Require Plans, Permits

As the weather breaks, it is time for new construction projects. Are you building a new house? Perhaps you are expanding your farming operation with a new barn or manure storage facility. Are you moving soil to expand a parking area for your store or business? Any of these activities may require a permit or an approved plan.

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) is here to help you through this process. Any project involving 5,000 sq. ft. or more of earth disturbance requires an erosion and sediment (E&S) plan to be utilized and available onsite. There are times when this plan may need to be submitted to the SCCD for review.





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When the earth disturbance reaches one (1) acre or more, an NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit is required and must be submitted for review and approval through the SCCD.

Your local municipality may have further regulations that could affect your project. For more information or assistance, please contact Tim Hornberger, SCCD Resource Conservation Technician, at (570)-837-3000, extension 113 or by email at thornberger@ptd.net. ■

Agroforestry Workshop Scheduled for June

Woodland value is not always measured by the quality of timber. There are untapped treasures in the forest that can bring forest landowners some additional income. On Friday, June 16, the PA Bureau of Forestry, Community Partnerships RC&D, and the Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) will be hosting an Agroforestry Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 Route 104, Middleburg. A \$5.00 fee will include lunch and handouts.

There will be information presented on medicinal plants, mushroom propagation, maple syrup, charcoal making, ginseng, multi-function buffer plantings, among other topics. Please reserve by Monday, June 12.

For more information, please contact Craig Bingman, SCCD District Manager, at the Conservation District office at 570-837-3000, extension 114, or cbingman@ptd.net.



