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## APRIL

### Take a Walk on the Stormwater Trail

**Tuesday, April 7**

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg

In this easy, outdoor walk around our campus, you will learn all about stormwater – what it is...how you can put this free resource to good use in everything from watering your garden to creating a wildlife habitat...and how simple actions can make a big improvement in the quality of our local streams and waterways.



Registration is required by April 6. Go to [www.wcdpa.com](http://www.wcdpa.com), or contact Christie at 724-837-5271, ext. 210 or [christie@wcdpa.com](mailto:christie@wcdpa.com). Free.

### A Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management & Rain Barrel Workshop

**Wednesday, April 15**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Keystone State Park, James A. Kell Visitor Center, Derry Township

When you know how to "read" your home and property – the nature of the soil, the contours of the ground, and how your roof, driveway, and other paved areas direct the path and force of water – you may uncover the causes of problems like damp basements, and water-ponding, as well as creative and attractive ways to solve them, such as creating rain gardens.

Participants in this workshop also can choose to receive a ready-to-use 50-gallon rain barrel. This rain barrel can catch and store rain water that can be used for such things as irrigating gardens and



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lawns, or creating a wildlife pond. (Note: rainwater is not recommended for human consumption.)

Sponsored by Westmoreland Conservation District, Penn State Cooperative Extension, and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Space is limited and registration is required by April 8. Go to [www.wcdpa.com](http://www.wcdpa.com), or contact Christie at 724-837-5271, ext. 210 or [christie@wcdpa.com](mailto:christie@wcdpa.com). \$35, workshop and take-home rain barrel; \$10 workshop only. Please note: If you are getting a rain barrel, please be sure to bring a vehicle large enough to transport it.

### Slip Slidin' Away... Everything you should know about slide-prone soils

**Friday, April 24**

**12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.**

Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg

Landslides aren't just a California phenomenon. They happen here in western Pennsylvania, too, and often in the springtime after heavy and frequent rains.

Join Soil Scientist Rob Knight for this informative brown-bag lunchtime program on our slippery soils – what they are, why they are so unstable, and what you can do to avoid problems with them.

This program also uses the District's unique soil display – five vertical slices of Westmoreland County soil displayed at eye-level – to show how to read the clues that reveal a soil's characteristics.

Registration is required by April 22. Contact Christie at 724-837-5271, ext. 210 or [christie@wcdpa.com](mailto:christie@wcdpa.com). Free. Bring your brown bag lunch.

## MAY

### Envirothon

**Monday, May 4**

**8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Mammoth Park, Mount Pleasant

This academic competition helps students in grades 9-12 develop a better understanding of the environment and their role in it. Topics include: aquatics, soils, forestry, wildlife and an annual special issue, which this year is biodiversity.

For information on forming a student team and participating, contact Mimi at 724-837-5271, ext. 211, or [mimi@wcdpa.com](mailto:mimi@wcdpa.com). Free.



## Drinking Water Clinic

**Tuesday, April 7**

The same clinic is offered twice on this day.  
Choose the time and location that is best for you.

**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, Penn State Cooperative Extension,  
Somerset

OR

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**, Donohoe Center, Greensburg

This clinic, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, is designed for anyone with a private drinking water system, such as a well or spring, or anyone interested in the quality of such systems. Topics to be covered include: private water system basics, proper well construction and management, wellhead protection and land-use impacts, drinking water standards and water test interpretation, and solving water problems.

Registration is required. Contact Dana Rizzo at 724-837-1402, or def18@psu.edu by Friday, April 3. \$5.

## In-service workshop for attorneys: Effectively Navigating the Oil- and Gas-leasing Process for your Clients

**Tuesday, April 14**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Donohoe Center, Greensburg

Speakers at this workshop, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, include Ross Pifer, J.D., LL.M., director of the Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center at Penn State University, The Dickinson School of Law; and Gary Sheppard, Westmoreland County extension director, Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Participants earn two Continuing Legal Education credits.

Registration is required. Contact Dana Rizzo at 724-837-1402, or def18@psu.edu. \$60 if pre-registered by April 9; \$80 at the door.

*This program has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 2.0 hours of substantive law practice and procedure CLE credit.*

## Earth Day

**Saturday, April 18**

**12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**

Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve at  
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe



For information, go to [www.westmorelandearthday.org](http://www.westmorelandearthday.org).

## Pond Management Workshop

**Saturday, May 9**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Location TBD

This workshop, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, is for landowners who either have built or plan to build a pond on their property. The workshop will focus on ponds that are 1/2-acre or larger and will cover pond construction; water-quality concerns; maintenance; permits; plant, weed, and algae identification and control; and fisheries management. The workshop will feature a classroom portion as well as a field trip to a local pond.

Registration is required. Contact Dana Rizzo at 724-837-1402, or def18@psu.edu by Wednesday, May 6. A fee will be charged—lunch and materials included.

## Project Grass Pasture Walk

**Thursday, May 21**

**9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Two Ligonier farms, one owned by Kim Miller and one by Bill Snyder

This workshop, sponsored by Westmoreland Conservation District and Project Grass, will feature topics that include: summer feed management, mob grazing (a rotational grazing practice that concentrates animals on a small area of pasture for a short period of time), farm operations, and winter feed management as well as a guided walk through working pastures.

Space is limited and registration is required. Go to [www.wcdpa.com](http://www.wcdpa.com), or contact Christie at 724-837-5271, ext. 210 or [christie@wcdpa.com](mailto:christie@wcdpa.com). \$15, includes materials and lunch.

## On-site Septic Workshop

**Thursday, May 28**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Ohiopyle-Stewart Community Center, Ohiopyle

If you have, use, or plan to install a septic system, this free workshop, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, is important to you. Topics will include septic system installation and maintenance and options for alternative wastewater systems.

Registration is requested. Contact Dana Rizzo at 724-837-1402, or def18@psu.edu by May 22. Free.

## Project WET™ (Water Education for Teachers)

**Tuesday, June 16**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg

This is a hands-on workshop, co-sponsored by Westmoreland Conservation District and Penn State Cooperative Extension, for elementary school teachers of all subjects.

Learn about Project WET activities, which engage students with participatory, interdisciplinary lessons on important concepts about water.

Participants earn six credit hours toward Act 48 certification.

Registration is required. Contact Dana Rizzo at 724-837-1402, or def18@psu.edu by June 9. \$30, includes Project WET Curriculum & Activity Guide, a take-home manipulative for use with your students, and lunch.

## Project Learning Tree Teacher Workshop

**Tuesday, July 14**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg

This is a hands-on workshop, co-sponsored by Westmoreland Conservation District and Penn State Cooperative Extension, for middle and high-school teachers of all subjects.

Project Learning Tree is aligned with state and national academic standards. It teaches students how, not what, to think about the environment, and uses the forest as a window on the world to increase students' understanding.

Participants earn six credit hours toward Act 48 certification.

Registration is required. Contact Dana Rizzo at 724-837-1402, or def18@psu.edu by July 10. \$30, includes Project Learning Tree Environmental Education Activity Guide, a toolbox of engaging activities, and lunch.