

Free ESM Training Required to Apply for Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program Funds; Dates Set for 2016

If your borough is involved in the maintenance of unpaved and/or low volume roads, it will benefit from the practices taught in the Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) training course that is designed to reduce sediment pollution and long-term road maintenance costs. In order to be eligible to apply for program funds through the Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program, you must attend this training.

Specifically, the person in charge of work plan development and project implementation from the road-owning entity must have attended ESM training within the past five calendar years. The 2016 training – and all past two-day ESM trainings – counts as eligibility to apply for the Dirt and Gravel and (paved) Low Volume Road funds.

The 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 course runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The course is free to municipal, county, and state agencies involved with PA's Dirt and Gravel Road Program.

- Adams/Franklin counties - April 13 & 14
- Blair County - April 26 & 27
- Susquehanna/Wayne counties - May 11 & 12
- McKean County - May 24 & 25
- Erie County - June 1 & 2
- Monroe County - June 21 & 22

- Sullivan County - Oct. 19 & 20
- Centre County - Nov. 15 & 16

Personnel who have previously attended the training can also become re-certified by attending an Annual Maintenance Workshop.

Registration is accepted only online at <https://www.cvent.com/events/center-for-dirt-and-gravel-road-studies/registration-6302ddaf58394679ae5883e826753808.aspx>.

For more information, email dirtandgravel@psu.edu or call 814-865-5355. (B)



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