

Local Dirt & Gravel Road Program Update in Snyder County

Spring Township entered in the Dirt & Gravel Roads Program by contracting for over \$35,000.00 for the rehabilitation of Shale Pit Road with the Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD). Perry and Center Townships signed contracts with the SCCD for four roads scheduled to be upgraded in 2015.



Left: Placement of Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA) with a paver from Mid State Paving during the Shale Pit Road rehabilitation project in Spring Township.

Since the program's inception in 2000, SCCD has worked with six Snyder County municipalities in repairing and rehabilitating almost ten miles of dirt & gravel roads. Contracts totaled over \$400,000.00.

The Dirt & Gravel Roads program helps cost share road improvements made by local municipal governments statewide. This program is sponsored through the [Center for Dirt & Gravel Road Studies](#) (at University Park, PA), the [PA State Conservation Commission](#) (SCC) and local conservation districts.

While municipalities and drivers appreciate the improved roads, local water quality is improved by reducing or eliminating road sediment from reaching nearby streams.

In order for a municipal government become eligible (or to remain eligible) for funds under the program, at least one municipal leader (such as a township supervisor) must attend a 2-day "Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) of Dirt and Gravel Roads" course through the Center for Dirt & Gravel Road Studies. This must be done before an application can be accepted by the SCCD.



Contact [Craig Bingman](#), District Manager, or [Tim Hornberger](#), Resource Conservation Technician, for more information about the ESM course, application process, roads that may be eligible or the program in general. Their phone numbers are 570-837-3000, extension 114 and extension 113, respectfully.

Additional Website Link:

Center for Dirty & Gravel Road Studies: www.dirtandgravel.psu.edu

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