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## PACD's Latest Activities & Opportunities:

### **PACD Announces the Opening for the 2012-13 Educational Mini-grant Program for Conservation Districts**

Grants up to \$2,000 will be awarded to conservation districts for adult educational projects that offer new and innovative strategies for reducing and preventing Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution. Please note: repeat projects will **not** be funded. Projects should stimulate a local awareness of water quality issues, promote the theme "We All Live Downstream," and encourage citizen participation in activities to improve water quality in local watersheds. **The deadline for applications is March 30, 2012.**

[Online Application](#) | **Contact:** [Shannon Wehinger](#), or (717) 238-7223 x18

### **PACD Spring Region Meeting Dates Set**

What is new with the conservation districts in your region? Come to your spring region meeting and find out! Mark your calendar today!

#### **March 7, 2012**

PACD South Central Region Meeting  
Cumberland County Conservation District, Carlisle, PA

#### **March 8, 2012**

PACD North West Region Meeting  
Headwaters Park, Erie, PA

#### **March 16, 2012**

PACD South East Region Meeting  
Franconia Heritage Restaurant, Telford, PA

#### **March 20, 2012**

PACD North Central Region Meeting  
Clinton County Conservation District, Mill Hall, PA

#### **March 23, 2012**

PACD South West Region Meeting  
Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg, PA

#### **April 13, 2012**

PACD North East Region Meeting  
DEP Northeast Regional Office, Wilkes-Barre, PA

## NACD's Latest Activities:

### **Action Alert: Congressional Recess Outreach**

The U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to convene on **January 17** and the U.S. Senate on **January 23**. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to make your Representative and Senators aware of the important projects taking place in your Congressional district and the key role of conservation districts in protecting the nation's natural resources.

[Call to Action](#) | **Contact:** [Danielle Dills](#)

## News that Matters to the Membership:

### **Westmoreland County's Innovative Flood Project Protects Schools, Businesses and Homes in New Kensington**

The Westmoreland Conservation District recently completed a major, four-year, multi-phased flood protection project in New Kensington. The project will safeguard the businesses, families and schools along the Little Pucketa Creek that have been in harm's way for decades. The new debris basin, a bowl-shaped - one acre tract of land, acts as a strainer that catches debris that the creek picks up as it flows along the stream's course. The "strainer" collects pollution such as soil, garbage and the like and prevents it from gathering downstream and contributing to flooding problems. The basin is a unique design, the first of its kind in Westmoreland County.

[Article](#)

## Conservation Districts in the News:

**Schuylkill:** [Look Back at 2011 Recalls Many Positives for Outdoorsmen](#)

**Westmoreland:** [Penn State Helps Rural County Residents Manage Water Sources](#) (Video)

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