

**PACD North West Region Meeting
Elk Country Visitor Center, Benezette, PA
September 12, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. to Noon**

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Conservation district directors, associate directors, district staff, and partners are cordially invited to attend the PACD Region Meeting at **10:00 a.m.** on **September 12, 2024**, at the [Elk Country Visitor Center](#) at 134 Homestead Drive, Benezette, PA 15821 in Benezette, PA. (Please see attached directions.) Due to the location, this meeting will be in person only.

Please RSVP, including your email address, no later than September 6, 2024, to Kate Wehler at manager@elkconservationdistrict.com. A charge of **\$16.00** will cover lunch. Attendees may prepay by check or bring payment to the meeting. Checks should be made payable to the Elk Conservation District and mailed to:

Elk County Community Recycling Center
850 Washington Street
St. Marys, PA 15857
Attn: Kate Wehler

For information about activities at the Elk Country Visitor Center, including elk-spotting wagon rides, visit the center's website at <https://elkcountryparc.com/>. [Click here](#) to see lodging options in St. Marys, PA, which is about 30-45 minutes from the Center. Please feel free to reach out to Kate Wehler at manager@elkconservationdistrict.com with any questions.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please feel free to contact me at 814.887.3210 or lane.clifford.d@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Cliff Lane

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North West Region Director



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Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – Cliff Lane, North West Region Director
- 2. Set Date for Next Meeting**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting**
- 4. PACD Business and Report** – Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director
In addition to program and legislative updates, PACD will present a proposed policy from the PACD Legislative Committee for consideration:

PACD recognizes the significant environmental benefit of protecting our Commonwealth's natural resources through Best Management Practices (BMPs). PACD supports education and incentives for voluntary installation of BMPs.
- 5. Regional Information Sharing**
Each district is asked to highlight three items.
- 6. Partner Reports**
 - PA Department of Agriculture
 - PA Department of Environmental Protection
 - PA State Conservation Commission
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 7. Adjournment and Lunch**





DIRECTIONS TO THE ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER

FROM WESTERN PA, travel east on Interstate 80 to the DuBois exit 101. At the exit ramp stop sign turn left onto Route 255 North towards Penfield. Travel north on Route 255 through the village of Penfield about 13 miles. Stay on Route 255 and go straight through the stop light. Travel to the village of Weedville about 8 miles. In Weedville turn right onto Route 555 East towards Driftwood/Benezette. Travel 9 miles to the village of Benezette. In Benezette turn left onto Winslow Hill Road. Winslow Hill Road makes an S curve past the Benezette Hotel and the Church. Continue up the hill about ¼ mile. The Elk Country Visitor Center entry located on the right, near our large sign. The address is 134 Homestead Drive (formerly 950 Winslow Hill Road), Benezette, PA 15821

FROM EASTERN PA, travel west on Interstate 80 towards DuBois to exit 111. At the stop sign on the exit ramp turn right onto Route 153 North towards the village of Penfield. At the stop light in Penfield turn right onto Route 255 North. Travel to the village of Weedville about 8 miles. In Weedville turn right onto Route 555 East towards Driftwood/Benezette. Travel 9 miles to the village of Benezette. In Benezette turn left onto Winslow Hill Road. Winslow Hill Road makes an S curve past the Benezette Hotel and the Church. Continue up the hill about ¼ mile. The Elk Country Visitor Center entry located on the right, near our large sign. The address is 134 Homestead Drive (formerly 950 Winslow Hill Road), Benezette, PA 15821

FROM NORTHERN PA, travel into the City of St. Marys. Take Route 255 South to the village of Weedville. Turn left onto Route 555 East. Take Route 555 East for 9 miles to the village of Benezette. In Benezette turn left onto Winslow Hill Road. Winslow Hill Road makes an S curve past the Benezette Hotel and the Church. Continue up the hill about ¼ mile. The Elk Country Visitor Center entry located on the right, near our large sign. The address is 134 Homestead Drive (formerly 950 Winslow Hill Road), Benezette, PA 15821

FROM SOUTHERN PA, travel to the City of Punxsutawney on Route 119. Take Route 119 North to DuBois. In DuBois turn right onto Route 255 North. Travel north on Route 255 through the village of Penfield about 13 miles. Stay on Route 255 and go straight through the stop light. Travel to the village of Weedville about 8 miles. In Weedville turn right onto Route 555 East towards Driftwood/Benezette. Travel 9 miles to the village of Benezette. In Benezette turn left onto Winslow Hill Road. Winslow Hill Road makes an S curve past the Benezette Hotel and the Church. Continue up the hill about ¼ mile. The Elk Country Visitor Center entry located on the right, near our large sign. The address is 134 Homestead Drive (formerly 950 Winslow Hill Road), Benezette, PA 15821

