



DIRT, GRAVEL, AND LOW VOLUME ROADS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

RECENT UPDATES:

2026-2027 Grant Round
will open January 12th
with a deadline of
June 5th.

Preapplication visits
must be completed by
May 29th.

QAB Ranking Meeting
scheduled for
June 30th at 10:30am.



Mineral Township, Center Church Road

2025-2026 GRANT ROUND

Although the state budget has been passed, we are still awaiting funds in order to begin contracting with applicants. We are hopeful this can begin in January.

STATE-WIDE PROGRAM NEWS

Proposed Changes to Administrative Manual

December 31 was the deadline for comments to the proposed changes to the Administrative Manual. VCD provided 112 comments, most of which were typographical or grammatical errors.

If approved, the State Conservation Commission plans to adopt the new manual in July 2026.

EDUCATION

Webinar Trainings attended by staff include:

Estimating Project Materials and Costs

Project Detail Sheets

Shallow Crosspipes

Sectional Fill

Project Management

A survey was created and sent to all municipalities to gauge interest in potential 2026 workshop topics. We had a 30% response rate, with a good mix of secretaries, supervisors and roadmasters. The overwhelming topics of interest were a General Overview of the DGLVR Program, Determining Potential Projects, and How to Fill Out the Grant Application.

Educational materials are being developed for each topic for upcoming workshop we hope to have in April 2026.

2025 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

All 2024-2025 Dirt and Gravel Roads project construction have been completed. Richland Township closed out their project on Russell Road in November.

Mineral Township completed their Low Volume Roads project on Center Church Road in December.