

**Dirt Gravel and Low  
Volume Road Program**

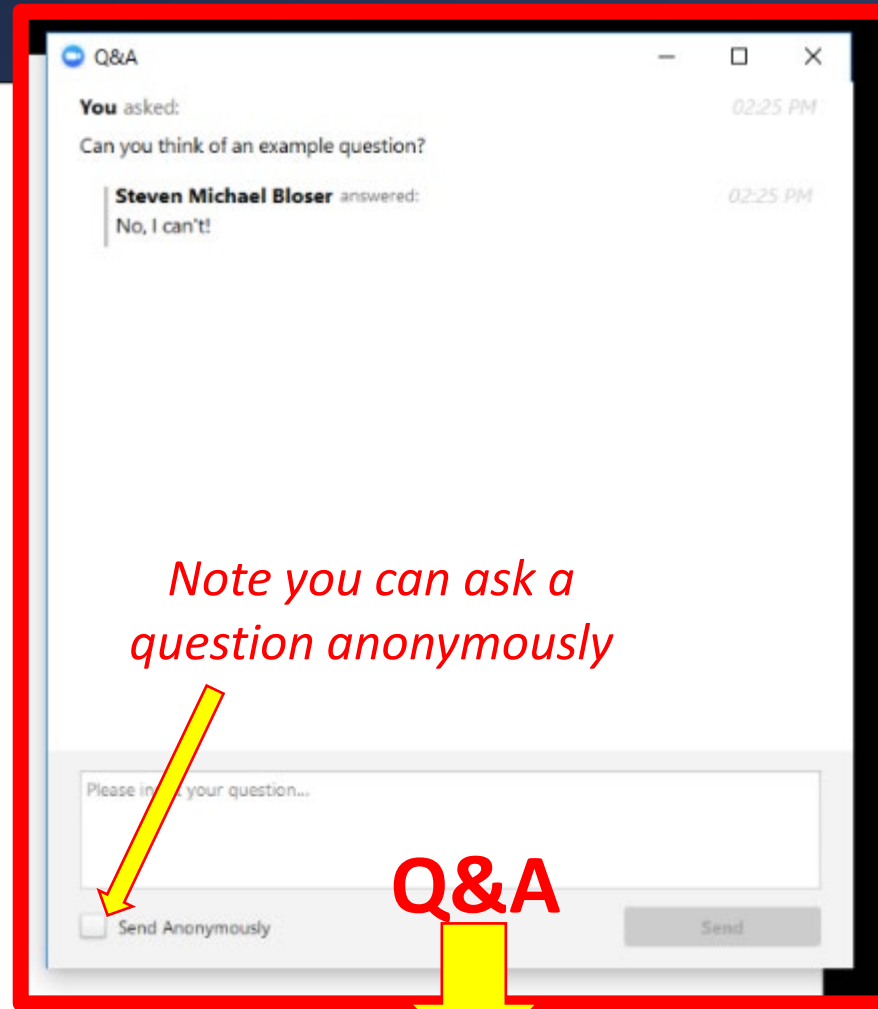
**WEBINAR**

# **Winter Planning and Training Overview**

**12/10/20 Starts at 9am**

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*Note you can ask a question anonymously*

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## Purpose

- Provide overview of winter plan for webinars, trainings, and other activities
- Receive CD feedback.

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- **Survey Results**
- **Webinars**
- **Longer Remote Trainings**
- **Online Training Center**
- **ESM Trainings**
- **Misc**
  - **Documents**
  - **Winter Assessments**
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  - **Photo Contest**

## Survey Results

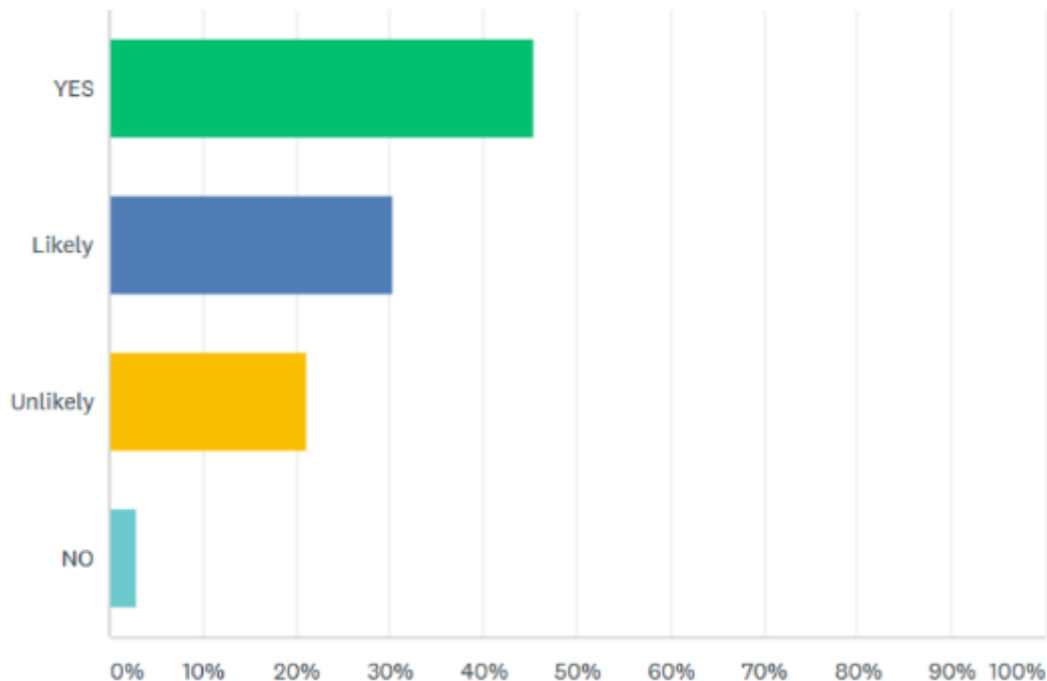
- November Survey to CDs
- Returned by 33 of 66 CDs
- Full results sent with previous e-mail
- Some highlights:

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## Survey Results

The Center is trying to determine if it is feasible to REQUIRE municipalities to attend viewing session at their Conservation District for the remote ESM trainings (instead of watching individually). Related to COVID-19 and gatherings, would your CD be allowed to host remote viewing sessions for small groups of township personnel, either at your office or at another location?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



## Survey Results

- **Feedback from in-person one-day ESMS**
  - Most comments positive
  - A few said it was too much material or too rushed
- **Feedback from remote one-day ESMS**
  - Most comments positive
  - A few said it was less-engaging
  - Those who held viewing sessions appreciated the time to talk with their municipalities

## Survey Results

**How many projects will you have delayed until next construction season due to COVID limitations in 2020?**

- 15        None
- 7        1 project
- 4        2-3 projects
- 1        3-5 projects
- 1        6-10 projects
- 1        10+ projects

*~ 40 projects delayed in 33 counties who responded*



## Survey Results

### What type of new or additional trainings would you like to see (for CDs) in 2021?

- 8 Admin related (Prev Wage, admin, bidding, GIS)
- 6 Stream Crossing related issues
- 2 More in-person or in-field sessions
- Lost of misc

## Survey Results

### What additional technical guidance or documents would help you with the Program in 2021? ?

- 5 Stream Crossing related guidance
- 4 Administration related guidance (PW)
- Lost of misc

**FULL results sent via e-mail, if you would like another copy please contact me.**

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- **Thursdays at 9am**
- **20-40 minutes, topic specific**
- **Will be recorded**
- **12/17: GIS Updated:**  
Topographic Wetness Index and Project Error Checker
- **12/22: Assessment**  
**Primer:** Reminder / Primer of unpaved road assessments.
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### POTENTIAL TOPICS

- Assessment Refresher
- GIS: Financial Tips and Tricks -
- Making Grant Applications reflect project changes
- My project didn't turn out right, now what?
- Leveraging other funds with DGLVR as in-kind -
- Spread Footer Bridges
- Successful stream crossing examples
- Stream Projects Shortcomings –
- One for each Stream TB completed
- FDR Policy and Guideline Reminder
- QAB intro overview (mentioned in survey)
- Post Project Maintenance policies and strategies
- Municipal bidding (mentioned 2X in survey)
- Prevailing Wage (mentioned 5X in survey)

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

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- DSA Day
- Streambank Stabilization
- Stream Xing Boot Camp, slower presentation of class material (various topics mentioned 6x in survey)
- How to ace your QAQC
- Urban LVR Projects (mentioned 2X in survey)
- Construction 101: class stuff from ESM boot camp
- Bookkeeper Boot Camp / Financial training (mentioned 2X in survey)
- Invited speaker day: have 3-4 presentations from invited speakers, possibly on a theme? Concrete footers, pipe suppliers, safety, aggregates
- Site diagnostic – not sure how to do remotely (mentioned 2X in survey)



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## Online Training Center

### Create a central location for recorded trainings

- Primary audience would be CD staff, but would be available to anyone
- Even post COVID, would make good tool for new CD staff
- **Potential Content:**
  - **Webinars:** past and future (only up to date information)
  - **Stream Crossing Boot Camp**
  - **Assessment Training**
  - Longer Online Trainings from this winter – Admin, DSA, Etc
  - Potential future video
  - Potential content from CDs
- Potentially on CDGRS Website
- Potentially on Clean Water Academy (or both)

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### Online Trainings

- 3 held
- Average ~55 in attendance

### In-Person Trainings

- 15 held
- Average ~15 in attendance

~400 people certified in 2020  
(~600 in average year)

## ESM Trainings

### 2021 Planning:

- In-person EMS Trainings
  - Attendance caps and frequent no-shows make these unsustainable this Winter and Spring.
  - Likely none until May(ish)
  - Will reevaluate this spring base on conditions

## ESM Trainings

### 2021 Planning:

- Remote EMS Trainings

- Planning 5, one a month Jan through May
  - **Encouraging CD watch sessions where/when possible**
    - Verifies attendance
    - Overcomes technology hurdles for potential applicants
    - Allows interaction about local program and policies
  - Registration links will be sent to CDs instead of posted online for everyone
  - If you can't hold session, or applicant can't attend, contact CDGRS.
  - For new and recertifications.
- January 26 - 27
  - February 16 - 17
  - March 23 - 24
  - April 7 - 8<sup>23</sup>

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## Documents

- **Heavy Focus on Stream Crossings this Winter**
  - **Technical Bulletins**
    - ~~Bankfull Guidance~~
    - ~~Structure Selection~~
    - Streambed Material
    - Stream Continuity
    - Long Pro
    - Grade Control
    - Contracting, engineering, etc
    - Design requirements (relate to DEP memo)
    - Construction Oversight
    - Checklist of Stream Crossing Process
  - **Guidance Document**
    - Looking at what other States are doing as a model
- **Other Documents**
  - Prevailing Wage guide for applicants
  - Program “ad” to give to potential applicants
  - More? What would benefit you?

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## Winter Assessments

- **Unpaved Road Assessments:** driving unpaved roads in your county and identifying pollution sites
- **November through May is the best time to do unpaved road assessments** (*with <~3" of snow cover*)
- **Webinar 12/22:** Assessment Refresher/Primer
- **Recorded Webinar Training on CDGRS website:**
  - ~1.5 hours total, broken into 8 sections
  - [www.dirtandgravelroads.org](http://www.dirtandgravelroads.org) – education - assessment



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## Winter Technical Assistance

- Increased availability at CDs, CDGRS, SCC, and TU over winter months.
- **December through March is the easiest time to get CDGRS/TU/SCC on site for planning *(with <~3" of snow cover)***
- **Contact Center/SCC/TU Staff**
- **Not sure who to contact? Contact me:**  
[smb201@psu.edu](mailto:smb201@psu.edu), 814-865-6967



## Photo Contest

- Typically held at annual workshop in fall.
- Planning to hold one over winter to create April 2021 to March 2022 DGLVR calendar
- **Submit to Amy (alp90@psu.edu)**
  - Before Picture
  - After Picture
  - Project description, 200 word max

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# **QUESTIONS ?**

# **Don't Go Yet**

**Three question survey should appear when meeting  
is ended.**