



Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling

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Services

- Operate a Hard to Dispose of Recycling Center
- Serve as the Recycling Coordinator for the County
- Offer Municipal support & technical support to businesses
- Support cleanup of illegal dumpsites & littered areas
- Promote composting
- Educate the Public
 - Speaking engagements: schools, youth & civic/adult groups
 - Print & electronic media
 - Phone calls/emails



Fiscal Year Numbers (10/1/24-9/30/25)

- Recycling Center
 - 29,900 visitors
 - Average: 211 vehicles per 5-hour day in Sept.
 - Biggest daily count: 354 vehicles on Sept 3, 2025
 - Nearly 3 million pounds of material collected
- Education Programs
 - 73 presentations in K-12 schools
 - 26 Preschool presentations
 - 41 library or scout programs
 - 24 adult presentations
 - Total of 164 programs, reaching 5,300 youth and 600 adults



The Recycling Center

Open to general public:

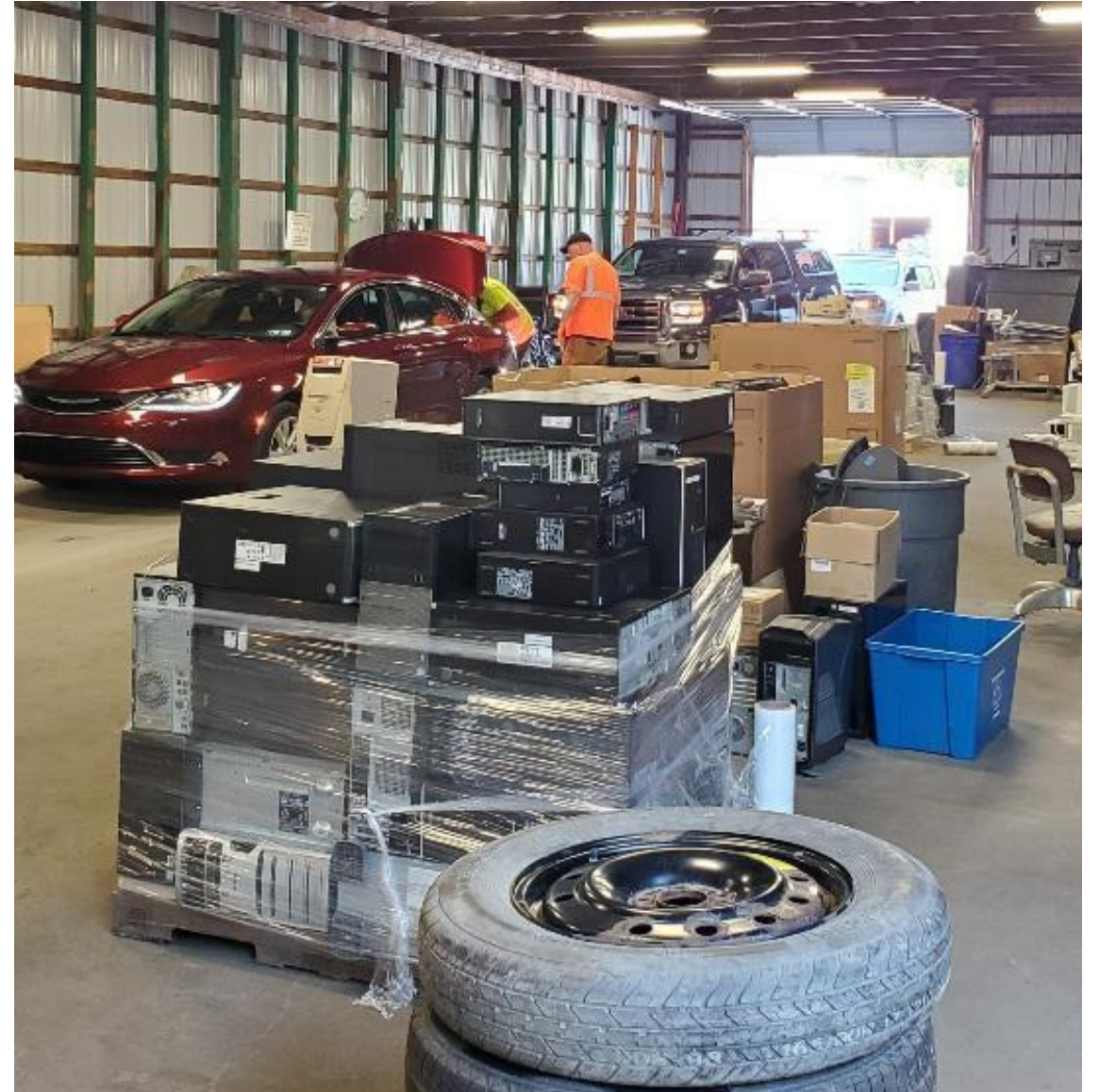
- Monday: Noon - 5pm
- Wednesday: 8am - 1pm
- Friday: 8am - 1pm
- 2nd Saturday of each month:
8:30 - Noon

If you're a business, municipality or large volume hauler, CALL to schedule an appointment on a Tuesday or a Thursday, 8am-2pm



Accepted Material

- Scrap metal
- Plastic containers, 1-7
- Glass bottles and jars
- Freon appliances (\$)
- Tires (\$)
- Electronics
- CFLs, LEDs, FL tubes, specialty bulbs, ballasts (\$)
- Lead Acid Batteries/ UPS
- Polystyrene
- Plastic bags and film
- Paper, books, cardboard and coroplast
- Bi-Monthly Household Hazardous waste (\$)



WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

- ✓ Bread bags
- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Pallet wrap & stretch film
- ✓ Salt & Ice bags
- ✓ Grocery bags
- ✓ Cereal bags
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Wood pellet bags
- ✓ Plastic shipping envelopes
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags

Plastic Bag and Film Recycling



The NexTrex Recycling Challenge

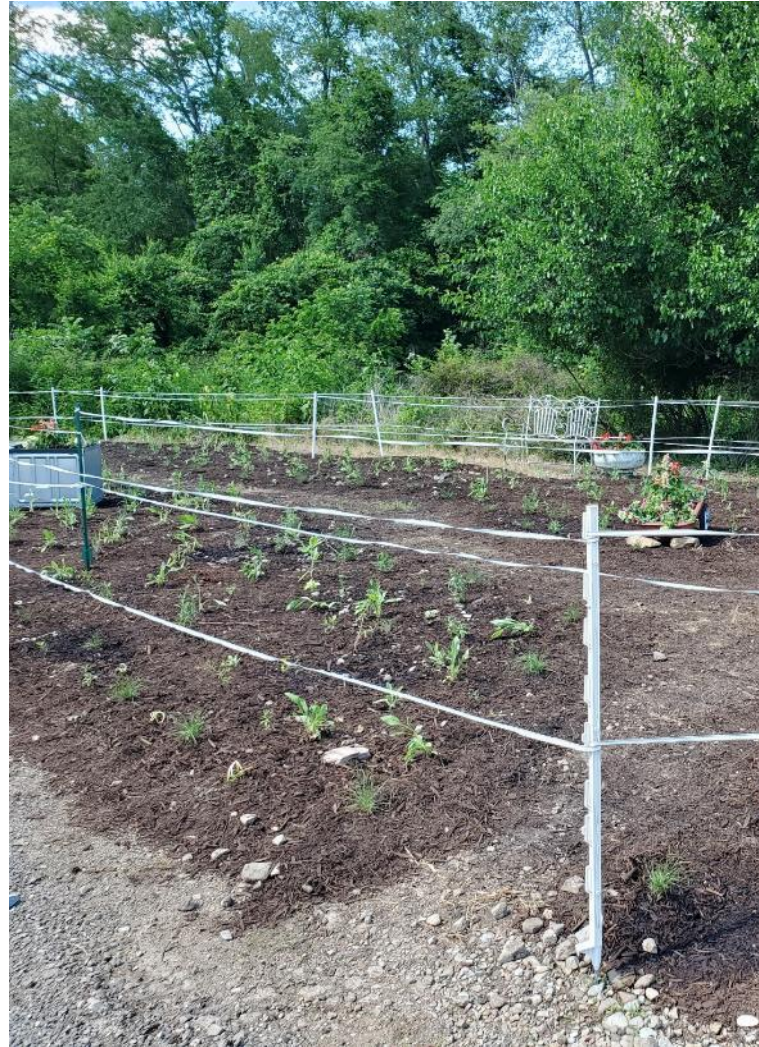


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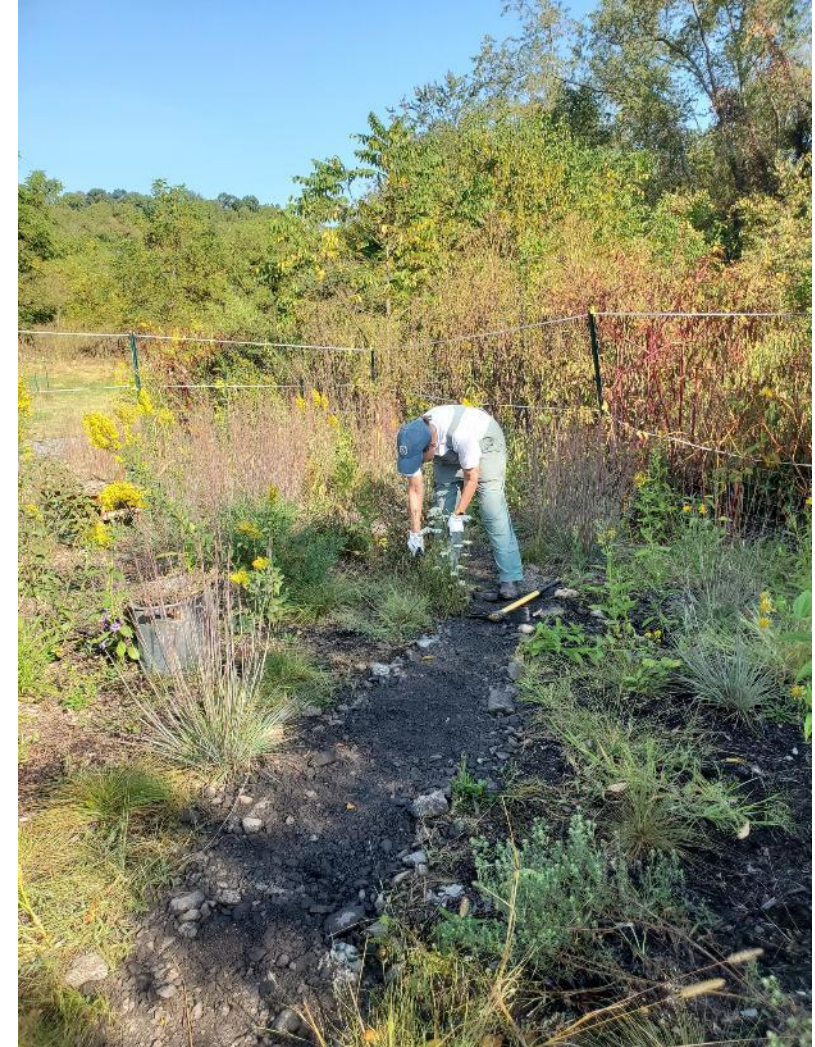
Pollinator Garden



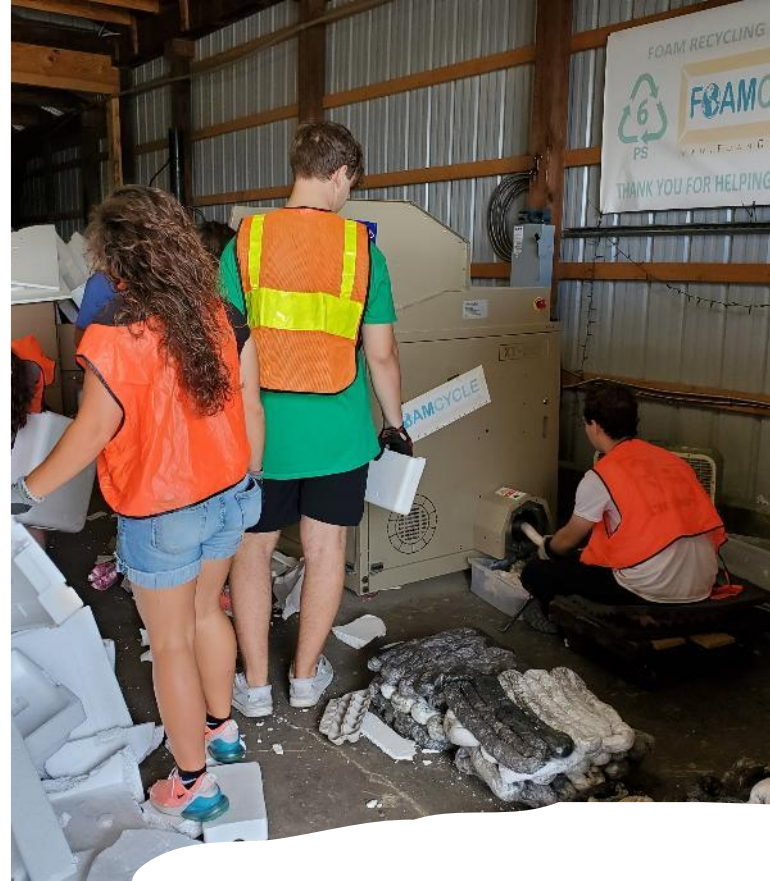
October 2023



June 2024



September 2025



Sneaking in some education
with volunteering

Education Program Partners

- School Districts (Public and Private)
- Head Start Programs
- Libraries
- Scouts
- Local Watershed Groups/Conservation District
- Local Colleges
- Municipalities
- Adult groups (Rotary clubs, garden clubs)



New Programs this Year

Seton Hill University

- Social Media Strategy Course
- Final project for the course: develop a social media plan for Westmoreland Cleanways and present this plan to our board

Greater Latrobe School District

- Between elementary schools, within each grade all science classes will have the same guest speakers and field trips
- Adding consistency between the Elementary schools to ensure students have similar knowledge base when entering Junior High

PA “STEELS” Standards for K-12 education

- Science, Technology & Engineering, Environmental Literacy & Sustainability
- Environmental Literacy and Sustainability is a new domain
 - Agricultural and Environmental Systems and Resources
 - Environmental Literacy Skills
 - Sustainability and Stewardship
- Shift away from memorization of facts to fostering deeper engagement
 - develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
 - connecting academic concepts with real world situations
- Fully integrated into classrooms by 2025-26 school year

3.4 Environmental Literacy and Sustainability

Sub-domain: Sustainability and Stewardship

Strand: Environmental Sustainability

Big Idea

Best management practices and data driven resource management, as well as environmental laws and policies, encourage environmental sustainability.

Component	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
Disciplinary Core Ideas	Biodiversity and Humans There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water. Human Impacts on Earth Systems Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things.	Intentionally Blank	Human Impacts on Earth Systems Human activities have significantly altered the biosphere, sometimes damaging or destroying natural habitats and causing the extinction of other species. But changes to Earth's environments can have different impacts (negative and positive) for different living things. Developing Possible Solutions There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem.	Human Impacts on Earth Systems The sustainability of human societies and the biodiversity that supports them requires responsible management of natural resources. Developing Possible Solutions When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts.

Questions

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