



**PACD/SCC JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JULY 15-17, 2025
SEVEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESORT**

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July 15, 2025

1:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Golf Outing: Highlands Golf Club at Seven Springs

Interested in a spot of golf? You're in luck! Berks County Conservation District Manager Dean Druckenmiller is coordinating a scramble-format golf outing at the Highlands Golf Club at Seven Springs. Berks will even throw in a sleeve of three balls for each player! Due to limited quantities available for rental, participants are encouraged to bring their own clubs. See registration for details. (The Golf Outing has its own sign-up button.)

1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Biking and Hiking in Ohiopyle

Bikers will ride the scenic Youghiogheny River Trail to Confluence for a round-trip of about 20 miles—or as far as possible to return by 4:30 PM. Bike rental is available in Ohiopyle. For more information and to sign up, please see registration. (The Bike Ride has its own sign-up button.)

If you'd rather enjoy a day of hiking, exploring Ohiopyle, or just enjoying nature on your own, the park offers plenty of options, including hiking trails—from easy to challenging. See registration for details.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Conservation District Funding Session

Time has been set aside for members to discuss conservation district funding, including current sources, ideas for diversification, and concerns.

Seven Springs Adventure Passes and Other Family Fun

Conference registrants receive 20% off the onsite purchase charge for activities passes at Seven Springs. To purchase discounted passes, [click here](#) and enter Promo Code B7SWCD25.



Go Laurel Highlands has curated a list of local activities and dining options for anyone interested in outdoor recreation, family fun, and historical and cultural attractions—including the Laurel Highlands Pour Tour highlighting local craft beverage producers.

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8:00 AM **Registration Opens | Basket Raffle Begins**

9:00 AM to 9:45 AM **Breakout Sessions**

Oven Run Abandoned Mine Drainage Project: A Success Story

- ✧ Greg Shustrick, Watershed Specialist/Asst. Manager, Somerset Conservation District
- ✧ Phil Wilson, Conservation Technician, PACD Engineering Assistance Program
- ✧ Danielle Kalp, P.E., Conservation Engineer, PACD Engineering Assistance Program
- ✧ Lenny Lichvar, Bottomlands Conservancy

This presentation will begin with a brief history and background of the five-system Oven Run project, from its beginnings in the 1990's through its reconstruction and improvement over 25 years later. Participants will learn how the systems work and see data demonstrating significant water quality improvements to the Stonycreek River watershed. Join us for the afternoon tour to see one of the systems firsthand.

Solar Production Track: Large-Scale Solar in Pennsylvania

- ✧ Daniel Brockett, Educator, Penn State Extension

Thousands of farmers and landowners across Pennsylvania in 64 different counties have been approached about a solar lease, leaving farmers, local officials, and communities with unanswered questions. This session will look at large-scale solar in Pennsylvania and answer questions about lease rates, decommissioning, environmental concerns, and how land may be affected by the choices made. Join us for the afternoon tour to visit a site in person and participate in additional Q&A.

9:45 AM to 10:00 AM **Break**

10:00 AM to Noon **PACD Executive Council**

Noon to 1:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM **Field Trip Participants Gather in Lobby**

1:30 PM to 5:30 PM **Field Trips**

AMD Track: Oven Run AMD Project

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Participants will travel along an interpretive trail at one of the Oven Run treatment systems. This system feeds directly into the Stonycreek River, which flows north from Berlin to the City of Johnstown in Cambria County. Handouts will be provided for all attendees.

- 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM** **Field Trips (Continued)**
Solar Track: Solar Power Station Tour
✧ Joe Green, Vice President of East Development
Participants will visit an operating solar project and learn about its primary components, such as solar modules, trackers and inverters. Mr. Green will provide an overview of site selection criteria, as well as updates on the state of technology and how it relates to site design and permitting considerations. A generous portion of the tour will be allocated to address attendee questions.
- 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM** **Break**
- 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM** **Dinner**
- 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** **SCC 80th Anniversary Reception ✧ Sponsored by Go Laurel Highlands**
You're invited to celebrate 80 years with the State Conservation Commission! A brief program will be followed by dessert, drinks, and conservation trivia courtesy of Go Laurel Highlands.

July 17, 2025

- 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM** **District Managers Breakfast**
Conservation district managers will meet to network and discuss common issues during this breakfast meeting, which is open to district managers only.
- 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM** **Directors & Partners Breakfast**
After breakfast, participants can stay to see content created by Pennsylvania's conservation districts as they screen entries from February's Conservation District Video Awards program.
- 8:45 AM to 9:00 AM** **Break**
- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** **State Conservation Commission (SCC) Briefing Session**
- 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM** **Break**
- 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** **PACD/SCC Awards Luncheon**
PACD and the SCC will present awards recognizing exceptional members of Pennsylvania's conservation community and draw winning tickets for the basket raffle!
- 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** **State Conservation Commission (SCC) Meeting**
The Commission will address business items during this public session.
- 3:00 PM** **Event Concludes—We wish everyone safe travels home!**