THE CENTER FOR DIRT AND GRAVEL ROAD STUDIES PRESENTS:

Successes in Rural Road Maintenance and Ecology Symposium

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Flex Theater Auditorium
HUB, First Floor
Penn State, University Park, PA

ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL FOR ABSTRACTS for POSTER SESSION

Offered by the Penn State Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies The Thomas D. Larson Pennsylvania Transportation Institute

To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Pennsylvania's Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program, the Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies at Penn State is sponsoring a Successes in Rural Road Maintenance and Ecology Symposium, to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Flex Theater Auditorium, First Floor, HUB, Penn State, University Park, PA. The focus of the program over the past 20 years has been to create a more environmentally and economically sustainable low-volume road network through education, outreach, and project funding. This symposium seeks to highlight some of those project successes and research related to sustainable rural road maintenance and ecology by bringing together road managers, academics, government employees, and the non-profit sector to share their stories and accomplishments. The Penn State community at large will be invited to participate, along with government agencies, other universities, and anyone with an interest in improving rural roads.

This one-day symposium will include a mix of speakers and a panel discussion, and will culminate with a poster session and reception from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m..The open "walk-through" style poster session will allow presenters to openly engage with attendees. We encourage road managers, students, and faculty of Penn State and other universities, and anyone working with rural roads to submit abstracts for our poster session that highlight either a road project or research related to rural roads and the environment. A light lunch will be served.

To register and/or submit your abstract (200 words maximum), visit <u>bit.ly/2kTgYCP</u>. Please include the authors of the poster and affiliations if different than the registrant.

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