

Beaver Run

Beaver Run, in Westmoreland County, is impaired for aquatic life. Impairment is caused by siltation from agriculture and grazing. Approximately 44 miles is affected. The stream drains 54.8 square miles. It is 63% forested and 5% urban.

Two Growing Greener grants were awarded to the Westmoreland Conservation District. A \$129,945 grant to install Agriculture BMPs on four farms, including stream bank fencing, water control structures, manure storage facilities, stream crossings, parking lot drainage improvements, and roof runoff control. A second \$70,000 grant focuses on controlling sediment from dirt and gravel roads at various locations in the watershed. Due to the extensive restoration efforts in the watershed, water quality standards could be attained faster than using a traditional TMDL.