

The Southwest Butler Stormwater Planning Committee and Butler County Department of Economic Planning and Development have facilitated MIP grants for ten municipalities along the Thorn and Connoquenessing Creeks. Penn Township's project is located at the intersection of Dodds and Rockdale Roads.

Penn Township's project is the Dodds Road Realignment and Streambank Stabilization Project.

A Butler County Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) grant was awarded to mitigate the Thorn Creek flooding at Dodds and Rockdale Roads. This project will also reduce streambank erosion and enhance aquatic life in Thorn Creek.

This MIP grant will fund 85% of the project cost. Penn Township's "local share" is 15% which will be paid from the Traffic Impact Fee and Act 13 Oil and Gas infrastructure funds.

The Penn Township Engineer, HRG, developed the permit and construction documents with the close collaboration of the PA DEP, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Connoquenessing Water Shed Alliance, PennDOT District 10, and the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

A contract for the Dodds Road realignment was awarded to CRS Contracting, LLC, from Cabot, on October 10, 2023. The Penn Township Public Works Department (PWD) and another local contractor will complete the work in Thorn Creek under the direction of the Connoquenessing Watershed Alliance and the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

The contract for the Dodds Road Realignment does not include power and communication new poles and wiring. This work will be completed by Central Electric and the broadband companies at no cost to the project.

The contract for the Streambank Stabilization which includes erosion control and aquatic habitat improvements in Thorn Creek has been awarded to Phil Hay and Sons Excavating, a specialty contractor recommended by the Connoquenessing Water Shed Alliance and the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Penn Township will purchase the materials and do the related seeding and mulching of disturbed areas.

**Project schedule:**

Quarterly reports .....	July 15, October 15, January 15, and April 15.
Permit Application Submission.....	August 2023.
Advertisements for bids were completed on .....	September 12, 2023.
Bids were open on.....	October 5, 2023.
Notice of Intent to Award on.....	October 10, 2023.
Contract executed .....	November 14, 2023.
Anticipated Permit Approval on .....	March 2024.
Notice to Proceed (following permit approval) on .....	April 2024.
Construction Completion on.....	December 15, 2026.

Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Penn Township website [www.penntownship.org](http://www.penntownship.org), under "Documents" in the "Stormwater Remediation Project at Dodds and Rockdale Roads" folder.