Tale of a Dirt and Gravel Road Project – McCune Road, Canal Township, Venango County

A 2019 Venango Dirt Gravel & Low Volume Roads Project

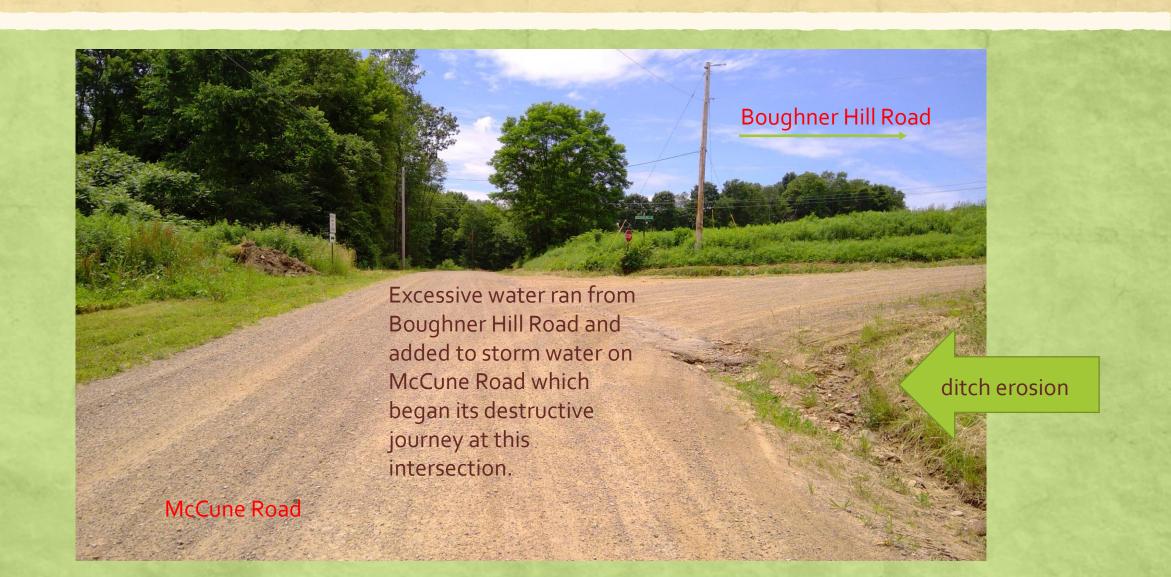
Venango Dirt Gravel & Low Volume Roads Program

- Pennsylvania provides funding to Conservation Districts for construction projects that reduce non-point source pollution coming from dirt and gravel and from low volume roads.
- The Center for Dirt and Gravel Roads Studies at Penn State provides technical assistance for these projects.
- The Venango Conservation District administers the program in Venango County.
- In 2019, Canal Township was awarded \$56,855.00 to construct best practices on McCune Road to reduce sediment reaching an unnamed tributary to Warden Run.

Areal map of McCune Road, Canal Township



2019 McCune Road Project Before Construction



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The accumulating storm water continued downhill while eroding the ditches even more severely.



Eventually all that sediment laden water exited the roadway and entered the stream causing nonpoint source pollution.

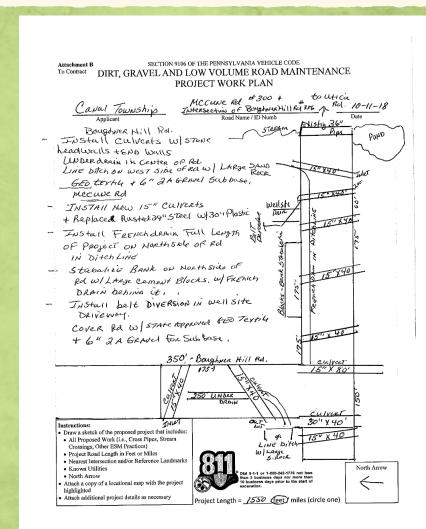
2019 McCune Road Project The Plan

The main plan on this project was to break up the storm water and to give it less destructive places to get off the roadway before it had a chance to reach the stream.

Since Boughner Hill Road was entrenched, cross pipes were added and the water was piped under McCune Road at the intersection in two locations.

There were several new cross pipes installed along McCune Road. A retaining wall was installed to catch the field drainage and wide shallow ditches were constructed to slow any remaining water flow.

Geo-fabric material was installed and a new layer of 2A gravel was lain in an effort to add material to the roadway.



2019 McCune Road Project Construction

Work began on Boughner Hill Road. Two cross pipes were installed.



Stabilized ditches were constructed to carry stormwater from the cross pipes to pipes at the intersection.

Underdrain was added where the roadway tended to retain water.

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A belt diverter was installed at an off right of way area.



2019 McCune Road Project Construction

Geo-fabric was lain and topped with 2A material in an effort to raise the road profile.



A look at a realigned intersection at Boughner Hill Road and McCune Road



Ditch lines slow stormwater running from Boughner Hill Road and are directed into two pipes under McCune Road.

A look down
McCune
Road. New
cross pipes
and a block
retaining wall
better
manage
stormwater
running down
this hill.



A look further down the hill on McCune Road



A few new cross pipes, some off right of way work, wide and shallow ditch lines and a new crown shape the stormwater management here nicely.



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