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Photo Caption: The 28-acre property addition to Cedar Creek Park. Parking and facilities for the radio-controlled model airfield (out of picture) are to the right; Cedar Creek Gorge is behind the far tree line.

Westmoreland Land Trust and Westmoreland County Parks to Add 28 Acres to Cedar Creek Park

Greensburg, PA –The Westmoreland Land Trust, a nonprofit organization that seeks to conserve open space in Westmoreland County, and the Westmoreland County Bureau of Parks and Recreation have announced that 28 more acres will be added to Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township.

The two organizations partnered to acquire this new property because of its ecological and recreational value.

Located on top of a steep slope at the eastern edge of Cedar Creek Gorge, the new property will provide an important, undeveloped buffer for the gorge, which is a Natural Habitat Area and a designated Biodiversity Area of Exceptional Significance known for its spectacular wildflowers.

The property also will provide more recreation opportunities for park visitors, including new trails and, because of its elevation, new scenic outlooks, as well as room for enhancements to the existing radio-controlled model airfield adjacent to it on the north.

Cedar Creek Park is the second-most frequently used Westmoreland County Park. It offers prime access to the Youghiogheny River and the Great Allegheny Passage hiking/biking trail, and features ball and soccer fields, a boat launch, an amphitheater and 19 pavilions. The new acquisition will increase the size of the park to 480 acres.

Funding to acquire the new property was obtained by the Westmoreland Land Trust and the Westmoreland County Bureau of Parks and Recreation through competitive grants awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, and the Colcom Foundation.

A celebration of the purchase of this property and its addition to Cedar Creek Park is planned for Thursday, May 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. "The Sky's The Limit" will feature model aircraft flying demonstrations by the Mon-Valley Radio Control Club, a raffle for a drone, an airplane-flying contest, wildflower and bird walks, food and fun. It is free and open to the public and will be held on the new property, which is located by following Timm's Lane into Cedar Creek Park.

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The Westmoreland Land Trust is an independent, nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that seeks to preserve a wide variety of types of land, including:

- land that offers scenic vistas,
- tracts that help to create larger greenway corridors through Westmoreland County,
- land that has ecological, historical, or cultural value, and
- sensitive areas that are under pressure for development.

More information about the Westmoreland Land Trust may be found at www.westmoreland-landtrust.org.

The Westmoreland County Bureau of Parks and Recreation provides area citizens with a wide range of free, year-round recreation opportunities in ten parks and five hiking/biking trails throughout Westmoreland County.

New projects under way include development of the Turtle Creek Trail, a 9.5-mile hiking/biking trail that connect Trafford and Export and travel through the scenic Turtle Creek Gorge.

More information about the Westmoreland County Bureau of Parks and Recreation may be found at www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks.

