



Monroe County Planning Project

Monroe County, PA

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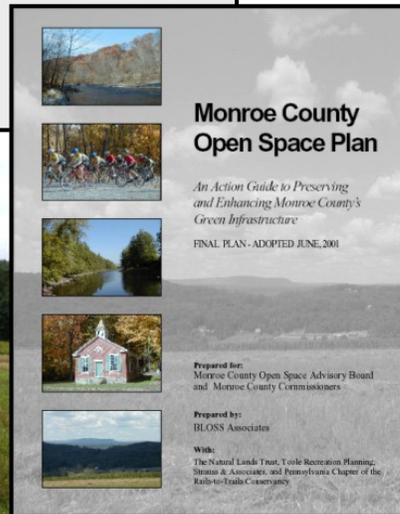
In Monroe county keystone funding has been instrumental in assisting Stroudsburg Borough, East Stroudsburg Borough and Stroud Township. Over the last seven years, the Keystone Fund has assisted in creating a new recreation commission, in developing recreation and conservation plans, and preserving hundreds of acres of land in one of the fastest growing counties in the Commonwealth. Specifically, the Keystone Fund has provided money for the Stroud Region to create a County Open Space & Recreation Plan, a Regional Open Space and Recreation Plan, a Countywide Greenway

Plan and the Stroud Regional Greenway Plan. It has assisted in the development of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the three municipalities for the purpose of conservation and

recreation. This agreement has led to the development of a new recreation commission, which now employs two full time staff who serve a population of 35,000+ residents. Through the plans supported by Keystone, hundreds of acres of land were identified and have been preserved, a new ten-mile trail system is currently being developed, and two new 150+ acre regional parks are being developed.

“No other county in the state even those in the Southeast have had such a complete and positive response to an open space and recreation program. The approval of open space and recreation plans will allow each municipality to access the county open space acquisition and development funds. An adopted plan will also give the Municipalities a greater advantage in leveraging state and federal acquisition and development funds, particularly if the projects can demonstrate regional planning and development efforts”

Jeff Evans, Chairperson of the Open Space Board



Amount of funds awarded, year and matching sources:

2001: \$186,000 Keystone funding
 Matching funds –Monroe County General Fund