



Wild Waterways Conservancy  
Rock Point

Lawrence County, PA

**P**roject Description:



The mission of the Wild Waterways Conservancy (WWC) is to protect and enhance the natural resources of the Connoquenessing and Slippery Rock Creek watersheds. The conservancy preserves ecologically important areas through outright purchase of lands, donation of lands and by other means including conservation easements. WWC has established an impressive record of land preservation, protecting more than 500 acres in Lawrence, Butler and Beaver counties.

In March of 2007, DCNR awarded WWC a Growing Greener 2 grant totaling \$227,800 to use towards acquiring 86.86 acres of land located at the confluence of the Connoquenessing Creek and the Beaver River. Other partners who provided matching funds to DCNR's GG2 grant included Lawrence County, Wild Waterways Conservancy, and the Heinz Endowment.

in the early 1900s. It contains a large contiguous forested area of nearly 87 acres in Wayne Township, Lawrence County and 12.3 acres in Sewickley Township, Beaver County, which provides valuable habitat for an endangered species. The property

encompasses a biologically diverse area, which is classified in the Lawrence County Natural Heritage Inventory as being of notable

*"Rock Point is important geographically because of the confluence of the two waterways. In addition, Rock Point has historical significance due to its former life as an amusement park at the turn of the 20th century, as well as the importance of the BDA area".*

*Steven Craig, Lawrence County Commissioner*

significance. The display of spring wildflowers at Rock Point is outstanding. Additionally, this land provides 3.5 to 4 continuous miles of riparian lands in permanent protection.



This land is referred to locally as "Rock Point," the site of Rock Point Park, which was an amusement park built

**Amount of funds awarded, year and matching sources:**

2006: Total Project Cost \$455,700  
Grant Amount \$227,800