

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants
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Statewide Projects

Heritage Conservancy, \$13,000, Buy the Best-Zone the Rest, provide ongoing outreach and training on the Opportunity Knocks Initiative program designed to promote open space and natural areas preservation techniques and make a series of municipal presentations in 2008-2009. Michael Frank, 215-345-7020.

Keystone Trails Association, \$31,700, PA Hiking Trails Map, Manual and Inventory Assistance, prepare and publish 25,000 maps of Pennsylvania's 18 designated hiking trails and other significant hiking trails throughout the Commonwealth, prepare and publish 250 manuals for hiking trail-maintaining clubs and volunteers, and assist DCNR in the inventory of hiking trails in Pennsylvania. Norman L. Lacasse, 717-652-4079.

Pennsylvania Land Trust Association, \$120,000, Conservation Easement Assistance Program, provide small grants to land trusts to help cover the administrative costs of acquiring conservation easements. Andrew M. Loza, 717-230-8560.

Pennsylvania Land Trust Association, \$200,000, Education and Technical Assistance Program, provide conservation education, training and technical assistance services for 2008-2009. Work to include ongoing education and technical assistance, managing the Conservation Easement Assistance Program, planning and implementation of the Annual PA Land Conservation Conference, Phases 1 and 2 development of the conservation toolbox, developing a refined print and web-based version of the PA Land Choices curriculum, and developing and producing model documents and other educational materials. Andrew M. Loza, 717-230-8560.

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, \$185,000, Expanding and Improving the Constituency, provide training and technical assistance to friends groups from 2007 thru 2009 via training and education programs concentrating on: outdoor education, special events planning and implementation, writing and publishing training materials. Grant funds will assist in production of small events calendar, implementation of matching grant program, establishment of demonstration projects focusing on native plant species and fostering partnerships with affiliated forestry groups. Marci Mowery, 717-236-7644.

Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society, \$130,000, Education and Technical Assistance Project, assist DCNR with the provision of recreation and park education, training and technical assistance services through the writing of publications, manuals, and other written materials; conducting research and surveys; convening workshops, forums, symposiums, and conferences; support for the RecTAP Program, regional and county workshops; and an expanded quality maintenance initiative. Robert D. Griffith, 814-234-4272.

Pennsylvania State University, \$129,900, Keystone Active Zone Campaign, continue support for the Keystone Active Zone (KAZ) Program administered by Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity for 2008-2009 to include ongoing assistance to counties, web based training and support to counties working to implement this program designed to build county coalitions to promote the health

benefits of close to home parks and trails. Allison Topper, 717-531-1440.

Pennsylvania Trout, \$86,000, Coldwater Heritage Partnership Program, administer and coordinate the Coldwater Heritage Partnerships Program for the 2008 – 2011 and host the 9th Keystone Coldwater Conference. Work to include: implementing a technical and financial assistance program for coldwater conservation planning and projects. At least eight Coldwater Conservation Planning Grants a year will be funded over the next three years and three pilot implementation projects identified in the Coldwater Conservation Planning Process will be funded. An educational outreach program about the importance of protecting our coldwater resources will be developed. Work to include a written bound report on program activities. Deborah J. Nardone, 814-359-5233.

Projects in Multiple Counties

Clinton County, \$30,000, Centre & Clinton Counties Historic Canal Trail, complete a feasibility study exploring the potential development of a multi- trail system around the 25 mile canal corridor between Bellefonte in Centre County to Lock Haven in Clinton County. Amidea Daniel, 570-893-4039.

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc., \$300,000, Lehigh Valley Greenways Implementation Block Grant, Phase IV, provide coordination support for the Lehigh Valley Greenways Initiative, funding for education and outreach activities and administer a mini-grants program. Sherry Acevedo, 610-923-3548.

Elk County, \$100,000, North Central Greenways and Open Space Plan, complete a regional greenways and open space network plan for the counties of Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, and Potter in partnership with the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission including a regional network plan and an implementation plan specific to each county. Donald J. Masisak, 814-773-3162.

Indiana County, \$22,500, County Regional Trail Connectivity Study, prepare a Feasibility Study to determine dedicated trail connections between the approximately 20 miles of the Indiana County Regional Trail Network and the approximately 90 miles of the West Penn Trail system in Indiana and Cambria Counties. Jeff Raykes, 724-465-3870.

Lancaster County Conservancy, \$2,100,000, Holtwood Acquisition (PPL Land), payment toward the acquisition of approximately 3,500 acres along the Lower Susquehanna River in Conestoga, Manor and Martic Townships in Lancaster County and Chanceford and Lower Chanceford Townships in York County for watershed protection, outdoor recreation and wildlife habitat. Lynn J. Wodell, 717-392-7891.

Natural Lands Trust, \$200,000, Schuylkill Highlands Conservation Landscape Initiative, coordinate the activities of the Schuylkill Highlands Conservation Landscape Initiative including implementing the 2008-2009 work plan, management support for the sub-landscape lead organizations, development and administration of a mini-grant program, and protection work in the Hopewell Big Woods and Schuylkill River Trail corridor. Peter Williamson, 610-353-5587.

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy, \$220,000, West Branch Susquehanna Land Protection, payment toward the acquisition of parcels along the West Branch Susquehanna River and within the Pennsylvania Wilds region of Centre, Clearfield, Clinton and Lycoming counties for greenway, watershed and riparian protection. Renee' Carey, 570-323-6222.

O'Hara Township, \$30,000, Allegheny River Trail Feasibility Study, prepare a feasibility study for the development of an approximately 32 mile trail segment for the purpose of connecting the existing Rivers

Heritage Trail with the Armstrong Trail through 17 municipalities along the Allegheny River in Allegheny and Armstrong Counties. Thomas Baxter, 412-488-0212.

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, \$17,500, Signs Up for the Susquehanna Greenway, develop a comprehensive sign design system for the Susquehanna Greenway and implement a model signage demonstration project within the Middle Susquehanna region to include sign design guidelines, manual, and installation of sign related structures in at least one community. Gary Bloss, 570-522-7211.

Wild Waterways Conservancy, \$20,000, Rock Point Master Site Plan, prepare a Master Site Development Plan for the 100-acre Rock Point Site located in Wayne Township, Lawrence County and North Sewickley Township, Beaver County. Frank Moone, 724-452-1429.

Projects by County

Adams

Adams County, \$15,000, Southwest Adams County Joint Comprehensive Plan, prepare a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Open Space, Greenway and Recreation Plan for Carroll Valley and Fairfield Boroughs and Freedom, Hamiltonban, Highland and Liberty Townships in Adams County. Richard Schmoyer, 717-337-9824.

Allegheny

Allegheny Land Trust, \$136,000, Sycamore Island Acquisition, payment toward the acquisition an approximate 14 acre island in the Allegheny River in Blawox Township for preservation of a natural area. Roy Kraynyk, 412-741-2750.

Richland Township, \$20,000, prepare a Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan for Richland Township. Dean Bastianini, 724-443-5921.

Pittsburgh, \$500,000, Route 28 Trail, development of Route 28 segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail to include construction of approximately one half mile of trail between Pittsburgh and Millvale Borough along the Allegheny River; installation of ADA access; landscaping, sign and related site improvements. Thomas Baxter, 412-488-0212.

Ross Township, \$25,000, prepare a Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan for Ross Township. Pete Geis, 412-931-7055.

Armstrong

Leechburg Borough, \$11,800, Riverfront Park, further development of Riverfront Park to include installation of planting beds, landscaping, sign and related site improvements. Vicki Beuth, 724-845-2244.

Beaver

Brighton Township, \$33,600, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 37 acres off Tuscarawas Road for expansion of Two Mile Run Park to increase trails and greenway corridor. Bryan K. Dehart, 724-774-4800.

Berks

West Reading Borough, \$19,300, West Reading Park, rehabilitation of the West Reading Park to include the paving of approximately 0.31 mile of the Wyomissing Creek trail, ADA access, sign and related site improvements. Daphne E. Klahr, 610-374-8273.

Bradford

Bradford County, \$64,900, County Parks Master Plans, prepare Master Site Development Plans for the 17.5-acre Larnard/Hornbrook County Park in Sheshequin Township, 670-acre Mt. Pisgah County Park in Springfield Township, and 70-acre Sunfish Pond County Park in LeRoy Township. Raymond J. Stolinas, 570-268-4103.

Bradford County, \$35,000, renovation and further development of Mount Pisgah and Sunfish Pond County Parks to include the installation of precast vault type of restroom facilities, ADA access, sign, landscaping, and related site improvements. Raymond J. Stolinas, 570-268-4103.

Cambria

Cambria County, \$15,000, prepare a Feasibility Study to determine the need to rehabilitate, update, expand or reprogram the North Cambria Recreation Center. Larry R. Custer, 814-472-6711.

Carbon

Kidder Township, \$10,000, prepare a Greenways and Open Space Network Plan for Kidder Township. Robert W. Dobosh, 570-722-8179.

Centre

Centre Region Council of Governments, \$40,000, prepare a Master Site Development Plan for the 100-acre Whitehall Road Regional Park in Ferguson Township. Ronald J. Woodhead, 814-231-3071.

ClearWater Conservancy of Central PA, \$292,000, Scotia Barrens Wildlife Corridor, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 40 acres along Route 550 in Halfmoon Township for habitat protection, passive recreation and open space. William A. Hilshey, 814-237-0400.

Chester

Franklin Township, \$700,000, White Clay Greenway Acquisition, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 81 acres along Chesterville Road for a municipal park and nature preserve. Phil Geoghegan, 610-255-3644.

Open Land Conservancy, \$194,400, Diamond Rock Preserve Addition, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 20 acres in Tredyffrin Township for trail connection, passive recreation and habitat protection. Marian T. Toland, 610-647-5380.

Clarion

Armstrong County Conservancy Charitable Trust, \$112,000, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 273 acres off Sandy Hollow Road and Monarch Lane along the Allegheny River and Redbank Creek, Madison Township, Clarion County, for trail linkage, passive recreation and open space. Ron Steffey, 724-543-4478.

Cumberland

Lower Allen Township, \$26,000, Pedestrian/Bike Trail, development of approximately one quarter of a mile paved Pedestrian/Bike Trail connecting Wass Park to Shireman Manor, along N. Wesley Drive, including the ADA accessible trail, site amenities, sign and related site improvements. Jan Faust, 717-975-7575.

Silver Spring Township, \$10,800, Hidden Creek Park, further development of Hidden Creek Park to include construction of ADA accessible walkway and parking areas; installation of park area fencing,

project sign and related site improvements. Marie Daubert, 717-766-0178.

Elk

Fox Township, \$15,000, Parks Master Site Plans, prepare a Master Site Development Plan for the expansion of the 20-acre Fox Township Community Park and the 3-acre Main Street Park. Kathy Mosier, 814-885-8450.

Erie

Lake Erie Region Conservancy, \$550,000, payment toward the acquisition of a conservation easement on approximately 14 acres along Lake Erie bluffs shoreline and off East Lake Road in Harborcreek Township for passive recreation and open space. David A. Skellie, 814-217-9014.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, \$70,000, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 129 acres along Knoyle Road in Venango Township for habitat protection and passive recreation. Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, 412-586-2320.

Fayette

Connellsville City, \$100,000, Gateway to Gateway on the GAP in Connellsville, prepare a Master Site Development Plan for the approximately 2 miles of linear corridor through Connellsville City. Cathy McCollom, 724-216-9160.

Indiana

Indiana County, \$90,000, Blue Spruce Park, rehabilitation and further development of Blue Spruce Park to include construction of a comfort station; installation of playground equipment with required safety surfacing, pavilion improvements, utilities, ADA access, sign and related site improvements. Ed Patterson, 724-463-8636.

Juniata

Fayette Township, \$299,000, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 37 acres off Sieber Drive for active and passive recreation. John Hepner, 717-463-3122.

Lancaster

Lancaster County Conservancy, \$37,400, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 21 acres west of Rawlinsville Road in Martic Township for passive recreation and habitat protection. Lynn J. Wodell, 717-392-7891.

Lawrence

Ellwood City Borough, \$100,000, Ewing Park, rehabilitation and further development of Ewing Park to include construction of a parking lot and walkways; installation of storm water and erosion control measures; trail improvements, amphitheater improvements, ADA access, sign and related site improvements. Mourice Waltz, 724-962-9848.

Lebanon

Lebanon Clarence Schock Memorial Park At Governor Dick, \$25,400, further development of the Clarence Schock Memorial Park to include the installation of 7 foot high Deer Exclusion chain link fencing, with gates, around (4) separate sections of parkland, and plantings to protect over 48 acres of forested areas. Charles Allwein, 717-964-3175.

Lebanon City, \$40,000, Coleman's Park Master Site Plan, prepare a Master Site Development Plan for the 83-acre Coleman's Park. Melissa Quinones, 717-273-6711.

North Cornwall Township, \$36,000, Snitz Creek Park, development of Snitz Creek Park to include: construction of a 1-mile perimeter walking trail and pavilion; installation of ADA access, landscaping, project sign and related site amenities. Jean Long, 717-273-9200.

Lehigh

Lehigh County, \$245,000, Trexler Nature Preserve Environmental Center, development of the Trexler Preserve Environmental Center to include construction of an environmental center, ADA access, sign and related site improvements. Jan Creedon, 610-782-3608.

Luzerne

Butler Township, \$250,000, Beltrami Land Acquisition (Recreation Complex), payment toward the acquisition of approximately 83 acres along Mill Mt. Road and Old Turnpike Road in Butler Township for active and passive recreation. Steve Hahn, 570-788-3547.

Freeland Borough, \$10,600, Celentano Land Acquisition, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 2 acres adjacent to existing parkland for expansion of soccer fields and park. Robert J. Quinn, 570-956-1371.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Educational Television Association, \$75,000, Take It Outside Television Series, produce a fifteen part television series to connect people to the outdoors. The program focus is on state parks, outdoor recreation, conservation, greenways, trails and rivers conservation. The project includes creation of a website and development of curricula or lesson plans for use in the classroom. Thomas M. Curra, 570-602-1150.

Lycoming

Williamsport City, \$20,000, Williamsport Pool Feasibility Studies, study the feasibility of rehabilitating Memorial, East End, and Shower's swimming pools. John J. Grado, 570-327-7516.

McKean

Otto Township, \$7,500, Pool Feasibility Study, determine the feasibility of rehabilitating the Otto Township Swimming Pool. Jane Larson, 814-966-3880.

Monroe

Pocono Heritage Land Trust, \$248,000, Walker Fieldstone Farm Acquisition, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 52 acres off of Devils Hole Road in Coolbaugh, Mount Pocono and Paradise Townships for passive recreation, headwaters protection and open space. Dawn Gorham, 570-424-1514.

Stroud Township, \$250,000, Norton Farm Acquisition, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 78 acres off Glenbrook, Norton and Melmar Roads for additional greenway and passive and active recreation. Edward Cramer, 570-421-3362.

Tunkhannock Township, \$260,000, Silver Tract Acquisition (Fern Ridge Bog), payment toward the acquisition of approximately 91 acres off Route 115 for active and passive recreation. Dorothy Trauger, 570-646-3008.

Montgomery

Limerick Township, \$1,250,000, Kurylo Acquisition, payment toward the acquisition of approximately 80 acres along North Limerick Road for passive recreation and open space. Daniel Kerr, 610-495-6432.

Montour

Montour Area Recreation Commission, \$25,000, Danville Area Riverfront and Open Space Master Plan, prepare an Open Space Master Plan for the Danville Riverfront including plans for three priority park areas and the feasibility for neighborhood and regional trail connections. David Decoteau, 570-271-1055.

Northampton

Bushkill Township, \$200,000, PPL Trail Development, development of the PPL Trail to include the construction of approximately 3 miles of trail between Jacobsburg Environmental Center and Route 512 in Bushkill Township; pedestrian bridge, landscaping, signage and related site improvements. Aaron J. Hook, 610-759-1250.

Philadelphia

Fairmount Park Commission, \$55,000, Tacony Creek Park Trail, development of Tacony Creek Trail to include the development of drawings, specifications and related documents that will facilitate the bidding and construction of a multi- purpose trail connecting Roosevelt Boulevard south and terminating at Ferko Playground, including ADA access, parking, landscaping, sign, and related improvements. Rob Armstrong, 215-683-0229.

Fairmount Park Commission, \$72,500, Posquessing Creek Trail, development of the Poquessing Creek Trail to include the development of drawings, specifications and related documents that will facilitate the bidding and construction of the trail connecting Parkwood Recreation Area and terminating at Benjamin Rush State Park, ADA access, landscaping, parking, sign, and related improvements. Rob Armstrong, 215-683-0229.

Philadelphia Water Department, \$60,200, Awbury Arboretum, rehabilitation of Awbury Arboretum to include the reconstruction of pond wall, landscaping, sign and related site improvements. Joanne Dahme, 215-685-4944.

Potter

Potter County, \$150,000, PA Wilds Planning Team Resource and Outreach, provide support for the PA Wilds planning team for ongoing activities including implementing the Pennsylvania Wilds Design Guide, developing community outreach and educational programs, and administering a technical assistance program. Helene K. Nawrocki, 814-274-4877.

Sullivan

Elkland Township, \$37,200, Multi-purpose Recreation Field, development of a multipurpose field to include the installation of play field, bleachers, dugouts, parking, ADA access, sign, landscaping and related park features. Darla Bortz, 570-482-2712.

Venango

Oil City, \$37,500, Comprehensive Waterways Plan, develop a Waterways Plan for the portions of the Allegheny River and Oil Creek that are in Oil City. Janet Gatesman, 814-678-3018.

Westmoreland

North Huntingdon Township, \$15,000, Regional Recreation Feasibility Study, prepare a Multi-Municipal Feasibility Study to evaluate the recreational needs of the communities that comprise the Norwin School District including North Huntingdon Township, Irwin and North Irwin Boroughs. Roy Lenhardt, 412-877-8665.

York

Farm & Natural Lands Trust, \$1,400,000, Susquehanna Heritage Park, payment toward the acquisition of three properties totaling approximately 59 acres off Long Level Road in Hellam and Lower Windsor Townships and Hellam Borough for passive recreation and preservation of open space. Mike Goodling, 717-843-4411.