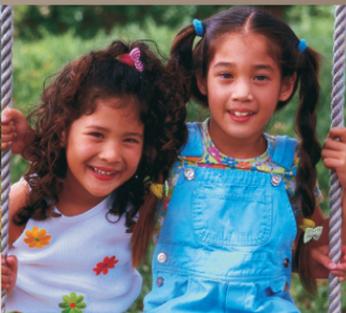
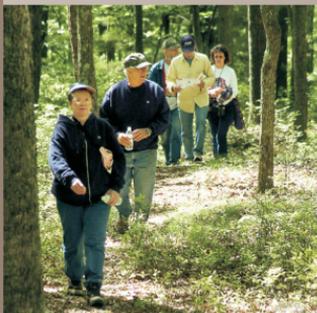




Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources



# Bureau of Recreation and Conservation



*Live, Work and Play!*

# How the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Works with You



## Grants Program

The Bureau of Recreation and Conservation administers the Community Conservation Partnerships Program—known as C2P2—which combines several funding sources into one grant program. Applications are accepted once a year, typically in the spring. Funding sources include the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Key '93), the Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act (Growing Greener), the Growing Greener Bond Fund (GG2), Act 68 Snowmobile and ATV Trails Fund, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails component of federal transportation funding.

### Some important statistics about our past funding:

- Over the last ten years (1998-2007), DCNR received an average of \$93 million/year in funding requests for conservation and recreation projects and was able to fund about 55% of the applications received.
- The grant amounts we awarded averaged 74% of the amount requested.
- DCNR leveraged approximately \$3 in local investment (matching funds) for every \$1 in grant funds made to these important conservation and recreation projects across the State.

Eligible applicants include municipalities and municipal agencies, non-profit organizations, state heritage areas, pre-qualified land trusts and for-profit enterprises for some programs. Most programs require a 50% cash or in-kind matching contribution.



## Types of projects eligible for C2P2 support include:

### Community Recreation Projects

- Rehabilitation and development of parks and recreation facilities
- Design and construction of trails, including rail-trails, trail networks and local greenway corridors
- Acquisition of land for parks, active and passive recreation facilities, and trails
- Feasibility studies (pools, community centers, skateboard parks), trail and trail network studies
- Master site plans for development or redevelopment of a park or other recreational-use site
- Comprehensive recreation, park and open space plans—county, multi-municipal, local
- Playground rehabilitation in small communities (less than 5,000 residents)

### Open Space Conservation Projects

- Purchase of lands in fee or with a conservation easement to protect critical habitat and significant natural areas
- Conservation plans that identify how to protect critical habitat and species on a parcel or natural area
- Tree planting/TreeVitalize Program

### Greenway and Trail Projects

- County and municipal greenway and open space plans
- Greenway and trail plans

- Implementation of greenway plans including renovation and development of trails (bicycle, walking, equestrian, nature, rail-trails), passive recreation areas, creation of riparian stream and forest buffers, or other projects recommended in a greenway plan
- Renovation, construction and maintenance of motorized and non-motorized trails and facilities
- Purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment for motorized and non-motorized trails

## River Conservation Projects

- River conservation plans
- Implementation of RCPs, including land acquisition, development of facilities such as trails, fishing and boat access areas along river corridors and riparian buffers

## Technical Assistance Projects

- Education, training and implementation projects related to natural resource conservation, recreation and parks and open space preservation
- Peer-to-peer technical assistance
- Circuit riders to assist in the development of new recreational programs and services for counties and municipalities

## How to Apply

You can apply online through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources website at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx) or submit a hard copy application to the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation by the grant deadline. Forms are available at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx).

## Grants Customer Service Center

For more information about DCNR's grants programs please call the Grants Customer Service Center at 1-800-326-7734 or email [DCNR-Grants@pa.gov](mailto:DCNR-Grants@pa.gov).

For more information on BRC grant programs, grant manual and application, go to [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx).

## **BRC mission statement**

To be a leader in establishing community conservation partnerships for advancing the greening of Pennsylvania, for protecting the Commonwealth's natural and heritage resources, and for providing recreational opportunities for all Pennsylvanians and visitors to enjoy.

## **Technical Assistance Program**

The Bureau helps communities and our partners to provide services to their constituents through a variety of products and direct services including:

**Direct one-on-one consultation** – BRC staff members are available to discuss issues and topics related to conservation and recreation.

**Publications** – BRC provides publications on a wide variety of topics free of charge. Order online via the DCNR website or contact the technical assistance staff.

**Workshops** – BRC conducts annual workshops throughout the State about our grant programs and supports specialized workshops on recreation and conservation issues, tools and programs through various partners such as the PA Recreation and Park Society (PRPS).

## **Heritage Areas Program**

State Heritage Areas are located across the state with a mission to preserve and enhance natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources to stimulate economic development through heritage tourism. Through a program of grants and technical assistance, these programs promote regional public-private partnerships in support of their broad mission.

For more information, go to [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/heritageareas](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/heritageareas)



## How To Contact The Bureau Of Recreation & Conservation

If you would like to learn more about BRC grant programs, find out if you are eligible to apply for funding, learn what it takes to have a “ready to go” project, learn about our grant workshops or gain access to DCNR technical assistance professionals—please contact the DCNR Regional Adviser closest to you.

Once grants are awarded, BRC staff in the DCNR Harrisburg Central Office work directly with grantees on contracts and administration, implementation of grants and approval of steps and information needed to complete projects. Harrisburg staff also manages publications and responds to one-on-one technical assistance requests. For connection to the right DCNR staff person to assist you, contact 1-800-326-7734

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