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Three Public Meetings Scheduled in October for Comments on Pennsylvania Outdoor Recreation Plan

Harrisburg – Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Ellen Ferretti today announced that the department will hold three public meetings across the state to collect comments on a draft of Pennsylvania’s five-year Outdoor Recreation Plan that guides outdoor recreation programs, policies and projects.

“Our outdoor recreation plan analyzes the recreation needs of Pennsylvanians, including challenges, opportunities and trends,” Ferretti said. “It also outlines a strategy to address Pennsylvania’s outdoor recreation future with 20 recommendations and more than 80 action items. We’d like to know from participants if we’re on the right track.”

The following are the dates and locations for the public meetings:

- Tuesday, Oct. 7, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: hosted by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society at its headquarters, 100 North 20th Street, first floor town hall, Philadelphia
Register by calling (215) 988-1698.
- Wednesday, Oct. 8, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: hosted by Dauphin County Parks and Recreation at the Centennial Barn at Fort Hunter Park, 5300 North Front Street, Harrisburg.
Register by emailing mbaratucci@dauphinc.org.
- Thursday, Oct. 9, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: hosted by the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy at Schenley Park Skating Ring, Overlook Drive, Pittsburgh.
Event begins with a disc golf demonstration. Register by contacting Heather Sage at hsage@pittsburghparks.org.

All sessions will begin with a brief overview at 5:30 p.m., followed by an open house with different stations where participants can learn more and provide feedback.

Registration is requested for all events. Light refreshments are included.

More information on the 2014-18 outdoor recreation plan, including background and research findings, is available at www.paoutdoorrecplan.com. The draft recommendations to be discussed at the public meetings are located under the “Draft Plan” link along top banner.

Public comment will be accepted on the website from Oct. 6-31.

The completed plan keeps Pennsylvania eligible for federal Land and Water Conservation funding.

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