



# DCNR Grants 2022

BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION



# 2022 PRIORITIES

## COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION

- Planning And Development Projects That Focus On Access For All And Rehabilitation Of Existing Parks

## LAND CONSERVATION/WATERSHED PROTECTION

- Protect Critical Habitat, Climate Resilient Lands, Forested Watersheds, & Riparian Corridors
- Create Critical Connections Between Public Or Conservation Lands

## WATERSHED RESTORATION/RIVERS IMPLEMENTATION

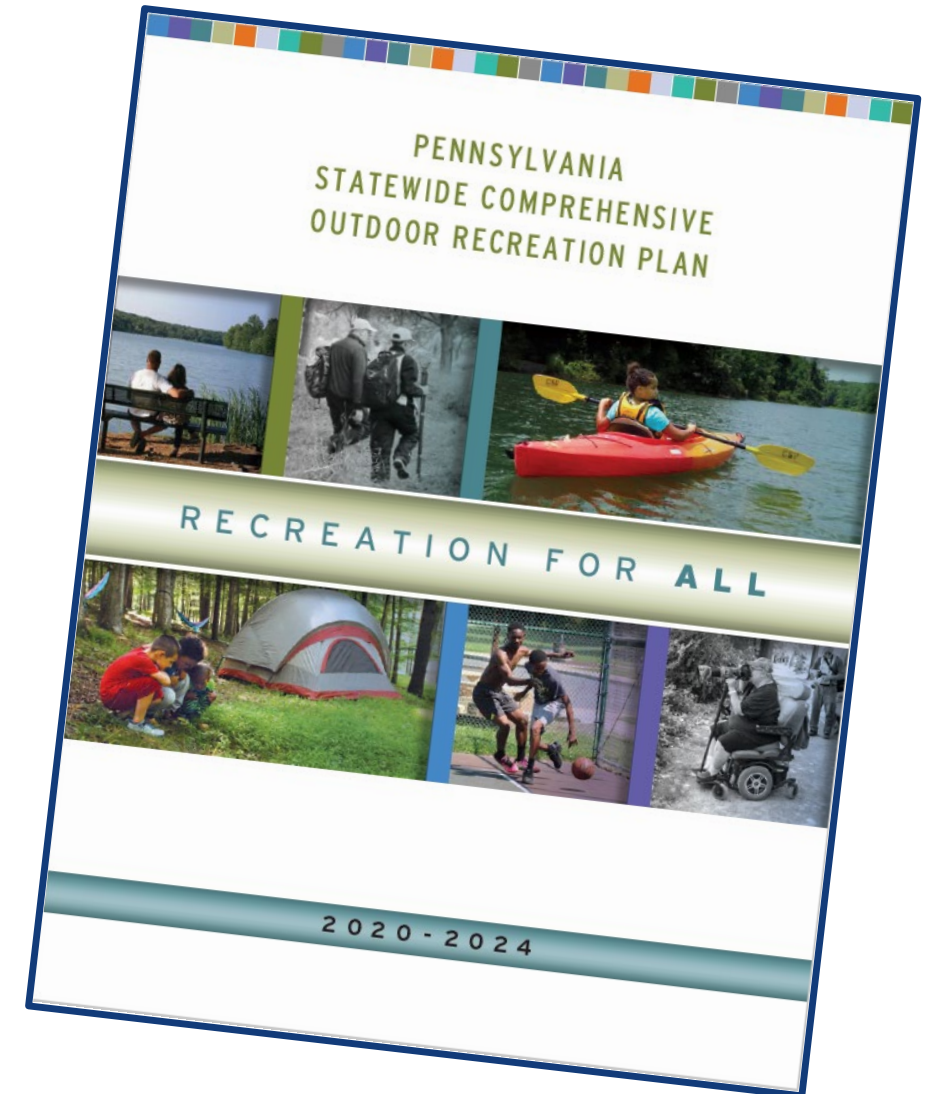
- Enhance Public Access To Pennsylvania Waterways
- Improve Pennsylvania Watersheds
- Riparian Forested Buffers

## TRAILS

- Closing Priority Trail Gaps

## RECREATION FOR ALL

- Address A Recreation Access Need In A Medium Or High Need Area
- Serve An Underserved Population/Area





# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Municipalities

Municipal Agencies

Non-Profit Organizations

Pre-Qualified Land Trusts

For-Profit Enterprises\*



# TIMELINE

**JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

DCNR Grant Round Opens



2021



**APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
4:00PM**

DCNR Grant Round Closes

**SPRING/SUMMER 2022**

DCNR Reviews & Ranks All Applications



**JANUARY 2023**

Typical DCNR Grant Agreements Begin



22



**SPRING/SUMMER 2023**

Earliest Your Project Will Begin

**NOVEMBER 2021**

DCNR Grant Workshops



**FALL 2022**

DCNR Grant Announcement





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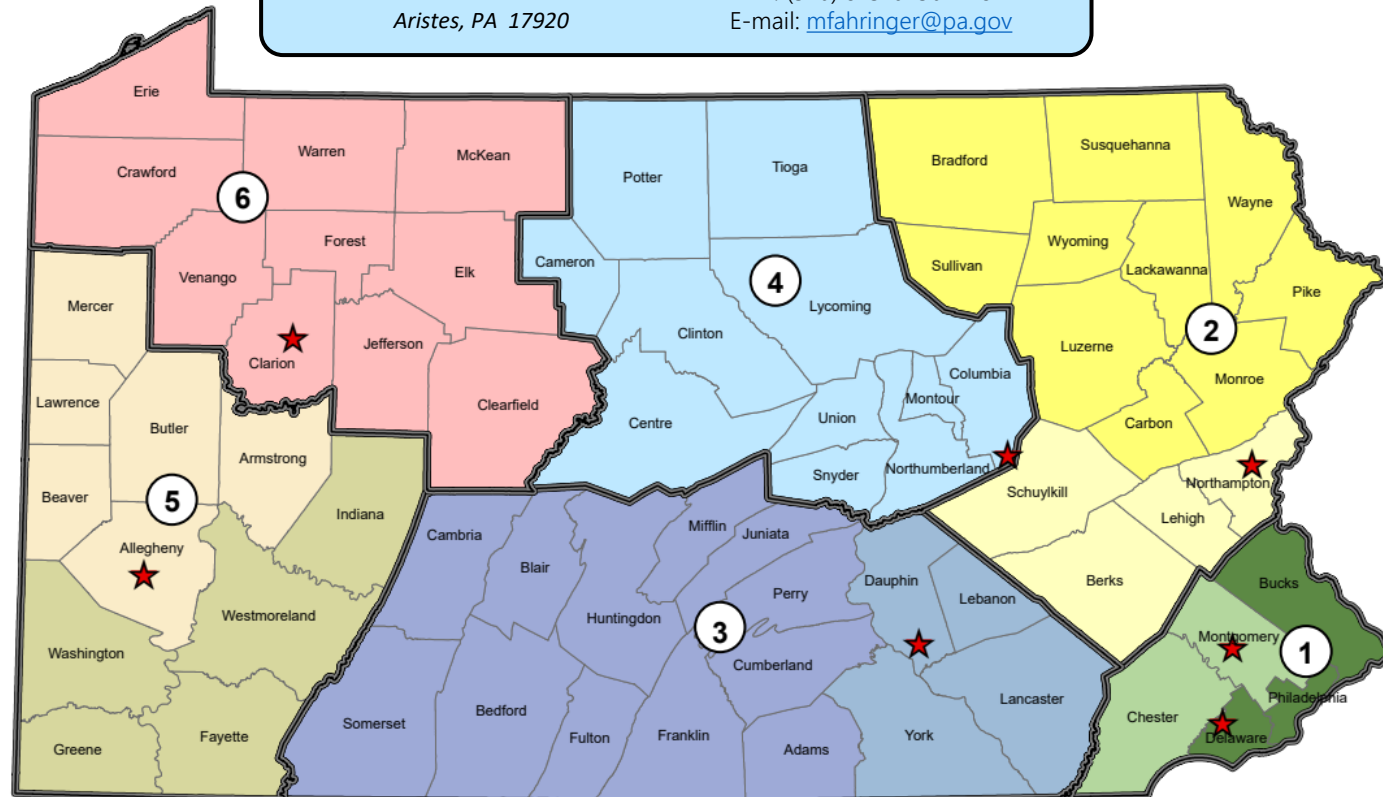
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★ Regional Office Locations



# FUNDING SOURCES



As Well As:

- 🌿 Federal Recreational Trails Program
- 🌿 PA Snowmobile Restricted Account
- 🌿 PA ATV Restricted Account







# DCNR HOMEPAGE

[www.dcnr.pa.gov](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov)

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DCNR Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources









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## Explore PA Trails

Find a Local Trail to Discover

[Learn more](#)

 State Parks  Reservations  State Forests  Find a Trail  Grants  Geology  Find Local Park  Events

POPULAR ON DCNR.PA.GOV



# MATCHING FUNDS

- Most Projects Require 50/50 Match (\$1 for \$1)
- Secured Matching Funds With Letters Of Commitment
- Match Is Not Eligible If Spent Before Grant Agreement Period

## CASH

- MOST Federal Funds
- SOME State Funds
- MOST Local Funds
- MOST Private Funds

## NON-CASH

- In-House Labor
- Equipment Use
- Donations (Goods & Services)
- Volunteers







# ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES



*PLANNING*



*TRAILS*



*SMALL COMMUNITY*



*RIPARIAN FOREST BUFFERS*



*ACQUISITION*



*DEVELOPMENT*



*RIVER CONSERVATION*



*PARTNERSHIPS*



- Assists Applicants In Creating An Implementable Plan With Strong Public Input To Guide Future Investments
- Common Types Of Plans:
  - Comprehensive Recreation, Park, And Open Space Plans
  - Master Site Development Plans
  - Land Conservation And Stewardship Plan
  - Swimming Pool Complex Feasibility Study
  - Indoor Recreation Facility Feasibility Study





# ACQUISITION

- Assists Applicant In Securing Land To Be Used As:
  - Critical Habitat Areas And/Or Natural Areas
  - Park And Recreation Areas
  - Greenways And Open Space
- Land Can Be Secured Through Fee Acquisition Or Permanent Easements







# TRAILS



- Three Different Trail Opportunities
  - Motorized
  - Non-motorized
  - ATV & Snowmobile
- Project Types Include:
  - Planning
  - Acquisition
  - Development
  - Equipment Purchase
  - Educational Programs
- ATV & Snowmobile Trail Projects Have Two Grant Rounds Per Year – Spring & Fall





# DEVELOPMENT

## Park Rehabilitation & New Development

Assists Applicants With Rehabilitation and New Development Projects, Such As:

- Playgrounds
- Skate Parks
- Sport Fields/Courts/Rinks
- Swimming Pools & Splash Pads
- Pavilions & Comfort Stations
- Indoor Recreational Facilities

Average Grant Requests Range From \$100,000 - \$250,000







# DEVELOPMENT

## Small Community Program



- Assists Municipalities With A Population Of 5,000 Or Less With Basic Rehabilitation And New Development Project Such As:
  - Playgrounds
  - Pavilions
  - Accessibility Upgrades
- Grants Require Smaller Match Commitment
- Grant Request Minimum Is \$50,000
- Grant Request Maximum Is \$70,000
- Total Project Cannot Exceed \$110,000
  - \$10,000 Is Earmarked For Professional Services Fees And Requires No Match
  - \$20,000 Is Earmarked For Materials/Equipment And Requires No Match



# RIVER CONSERVATION

🌿 Rivers Program Funding Supports Water-based Outdoor Recreation & Water Resource Conservation Projects Including:

- 🌿 River Conservation Planning
- 🌿 Water Trail Enhancement
- 🌿 Watershed Restoration
- 🌿 Habitat Improvement
- 🌿 Public Access Development
  - 🌿 Fishing & Boating Facilities
  - 🌿 Viewshed Access
- 🌿 Riparian Buffer Installation







# RIPARIAN FOREST BUFFERS



🌿 Grants To Install Riparian Forest Buffers Along Waterways. Eligible Project Costs Include:

- 🌿 Landowner Outreach
- 🌿 Buffer Design
- 🌿 Site Preparation & Buffer Installation
- 🌿 Plant Materials & Tree Shelters
- 🌿 Post-planting Establishment (Approximately 3 Years)





# STATE AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Statewide And Regional Initiatives
  - Convening, Education, And Training Activities
  - Special Purpose Planning
  - Implementation Projects
  - Mini-grants
- Local Capacity Building
  - Peer
  - Circuit Rider



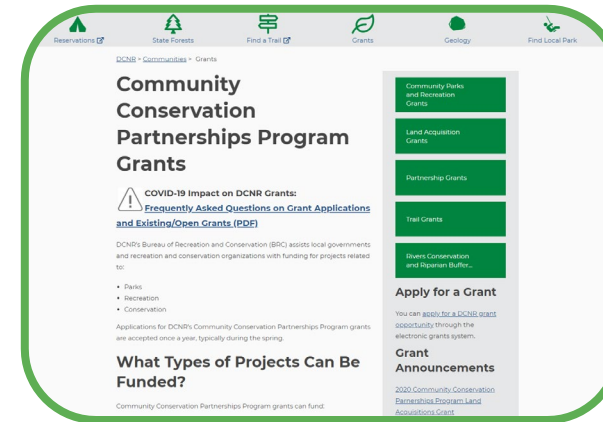


# ONLINE RESOURCES



DCNR Grant Tutorials

Pennsylvania DCNR YouTube Channel  
[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) - Search: Pennsylvania DCNR



Bureau of Recreation & Conservation Homepage  
[www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants)



DCNR Grants Portal  
[www.apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants](http://www.apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants)



PA's Outdoor Recreation Plan  
[www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/PAOutdoorRecPlan](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/PAOutdoorRecPlan)

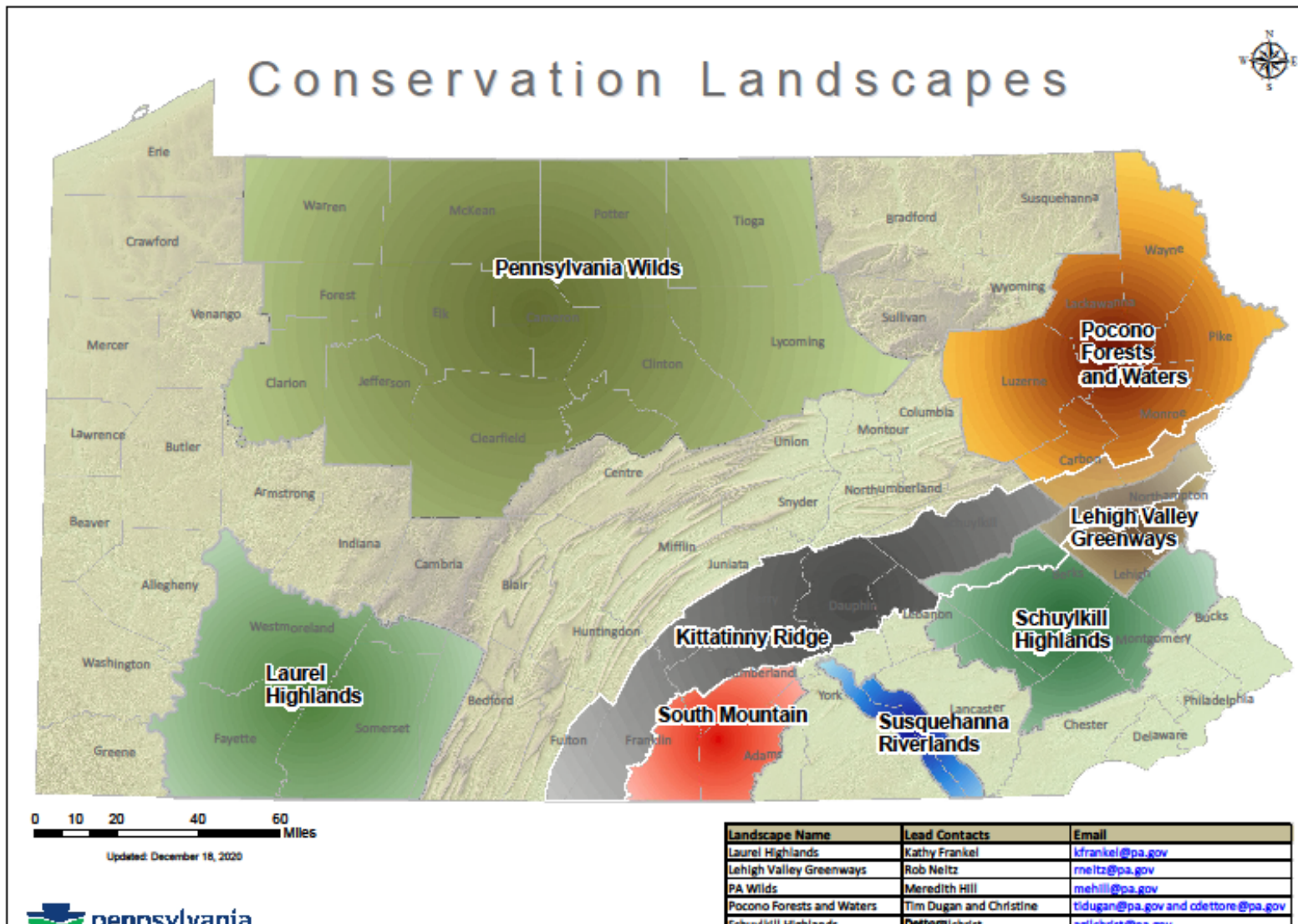




# Other Funding Sources

1. **Riparian Buffer Mini Grants** – DCNR Grant made to PA Association of Conservation Districts for mini grants to county conservation district for “smaller (>\$50K)” riparian buffer projects. Contact your Watershed Specialist at your county conservation district for more information. 50/50 match.
2. **Department of Community and Economic Development - Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP)** – for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, trails, recreational areas, open space and parks <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/greenways-trails-and-recreation-program-gtrp/> \$250 K limit, 15% match required.
3. **PA Conservation Landscapes** - Mini Grant Program – Projects and requirements similar to C2P2 funding for smaller projects. Range \$1000 - \$25,000K requests. 50/50 match. Cannot match C2P2 funding.

# Conservation Landscapes







# THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK

