

Community Parks and Recreation Grants

DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation builds connections between citizens and the outdoors by providing funding and technical assistance support for local recreation and park improvement projects through its Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants.

Funding priority is given to projects that implement elements of Pennsylvania's [2020-2024 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan \(PDF\)](#).

Eligible applicants for parks and recreation grants include:

- Municipalities
- Municipal agencies
- Nonprofit organizations

Most of the available funding opportunities require a cash or non-cash matching contribution that is equal to 50 percent of the project cost.

Recreation and Conservation Planning Funding

Funding is available to assist communities with planning for public parks, recreation, conservation areas, and facilities. Examples of projects can include:


- Master site development plans
- Comprehensive park, recreation, and open space plans
- Pool feasibility studies
- Land conservation and stewardship plans

[Land Conservation and Stewardship Plan](#)

Apply for a Grant

You can [apply for a DCNR grant opportunity](#) through the electronic grants system.

Additional Information

[Local Parks](#) 

[Green Parks](#)

Planning Project Policies

[Planning Grant Administrative Instructions and Process Policy \(PDF\)](#)

[Ownership and Control Policy \(PDF\)](#)

[Planning Eligible and Ineligible Project Activities/Cost Policy \(PDF\)](#)

Planning General Information

[Sample Scope of Work -- Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan \(DOC\)](#)

[Sample Scope of Work -- Indoor](#)

Land Conservation and Stewardship Plans consist of inventory, analysis, and recommendations to establish acquisition priorities and/or a long-term management plan for the preservation and environmental protection of specific natural areas or important environmental aspects of specific regions. These studies usually entail substantial research conducted by experts in critical habitat identification and assessment and substantial mapping of sensitive environmental and important habitat areas.

Planning Grant Management Documents

[Consultant Qualifications \(DOC\)](#)

[Public Participation Guide \(PDF\)](#)

[RFP Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)

[RFP Template \(DOC\)](#)

Development Project Policies

[Development Grant](#)

[Administrative Instructions and
Process Policy \(PDF\)](#)

Documents


[Design Consultant Selection](#)
(DOC)

[Park Site Development Drawing](#)
[Checklist](#) (DOC)

[Sample Estimated Project](#)
[Timeline](#) (PDF)

[Sample Non-Cash Match Values](#)
[Recordkeeping Spreadsheet](#)
(Excel)

Development General Information

[Value of Volunteer Time --](#)
[Independent Sector](#) 

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