

2022 Grant Round Opens

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DCNR Now Accepting Applications for 2022 Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants

The annual application period for DCNR's [Community Conservation Partnerships Program \(C2P2\) grants](#) is now open. Applications for the 2022 grant round will be accepted through 4:00 PM on Wednesday, Apr. 6. Funds can support projects such as:



- Planning, acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of public parks
- Trail planning and construction
- River conservation and access
- Land acquisition and conservation
- Streamside tree planting
- Regional and statewide partnerships

In 2021, the Community Conservation Partnerships Program awarded over \$70 million for more than 300 recreation and conservation projects across Pennsylvania.

Applicants should [contact their Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Regional Advisor](#) to discuss project ideas and application requirements prior to submitting.

To apply for a grant, please use the [DCNR Grants Customer Service Portal](#). For more information on each grant type, check out the [DCNR YouTube page's grant workshop playlist](#).

Please note that for those applying for funding under the ATV or Snowmobile Management Restricted Accounts, grant applications will open Tuesday, Feb. 1.



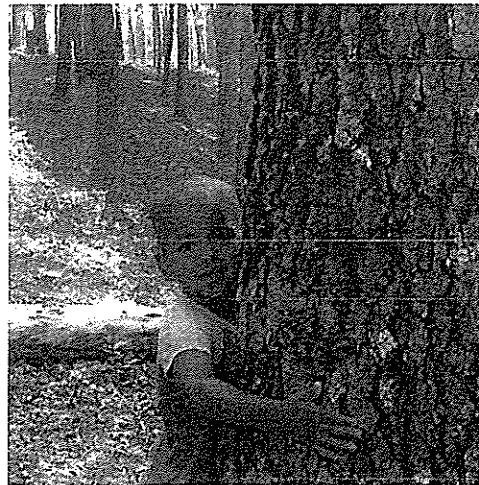
Project 70 Fund: 60 Years Later, Your Parks Are Still Protected

You may not know it, but that park you go to when you need some fresh air and exercise may be protected under an act established nearly 60 years ago.

The Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act, also known as Project 70, no longer actively funds recreation projects. But it still protects those that received the grants starting in 1964.

Project 70 accomplished this work through \$70,000,000 in bonds. The money was granted to communities to fund land acquisition by the Commonwealth, counties and political subdivisions. Land was purchased to preserve both "Recreation and Historical Purposes" and "Conservation Purposes."

If Project 70 grants were used to acquire land, that property must be used for recreation, conservation, or historical purposes.



A lot can happen in 60 years, and property often changes hands. Before any change of use or transfer of ownership can occur on a Project 70 funded property, the Pennsylvania General Assembly needs to give approval, and DCNR must be coordinated with.

Even in change of use, though, all recreation or conservation potential must be maintained. There are two ways to meet this requirement. The Act requires the grantee to receive equal acreage and equal fair market value in replacement land, or secure another form of mitigation that provides recreation and conservation value for the community.



DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation can advise municipalities on Project 70 requirements and when General Assembly approval is required. If you have any questions regarding the grant stewardship or conversion process, please email the bureau at: RA-NRBRC_CONVERSIONS@pa.gov.

Early Registration Ending for PRPS, WeConservePA Conferences

If you plan on attending the [Pennsylvania Park and Recreation Society \(PRPS\)'s annual conference](#), consider registering before the end of January. Early Bird Discount registration ends Monday, Jan. 31.

The PRPS conference will take place Mar. 29 – Apr. 1 at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos.

Early registration pricing for the [Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference](#) also ends soon, on Wednesday, Feb. 2. WeConservePA puts on this conference, which will take place Mar. 16 – 18 in Gettysburg.

DCNR supports both conferences through separate [Partnerships grants](#). Funding for both grants comes from the [Environmental Stewardship Fund](#).



Grant Application Tip



With our 2022 grant round open, we'll be bringing you grant application tips in each e-news during the application period. These grants are competitive, so it's important to submit the best application you can.

This week's tip: contact your Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Regional Advisor early. Even if you aren't starting your application right now, it's still good to connect with your regional advisor. Your advisor can visit your site and offer suggestions to refine both your project idea and your grant application.

Our regional advisors get very busy with these site visits, which is why it's so important to contact them early. That way you can get your visit scheduled and still have time to complete your application.

Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, Feb. 1** – Spring ATV/Snowmobile grant round opens
- **Friday – Saturday, Feb. 25-26** – Keystone Coldwater Conference (State College)
- **Saturday, Feb. 26** – Environmental Advisory Council Network Conference (virtual)
- **Wednesday – Friday, March 16-18** – Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference (Gettysburg)
- **Tuesday – Friday, Mar. 29-Apr. 1** – 75th annual Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society conference (Pocono Manor)

