

# Park and Open Space Stewardship

## Protecting Pennsylvania's Recreation & Conservation Investments



*Since 1995, DCNR has helped partner organizations and communities fund 2,751 development projects totaling approx. \$296,772,531.*

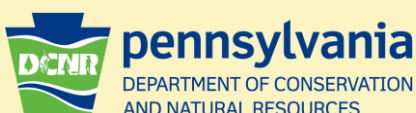


*Since 1995, DCNR has helped partner organizations and communities conserve approx. 162,530 acres of land for the benefit and enjoyment of all Pennsylvanians.*

### More Information

Visit our Land Acquisition website to learn more about the grant funding responsibilities and the Conversion Policies:

<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/LandAcquisitionGrants/Pages/default.aspx>



### Conservation in Perpetuity

Since 1965, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) through the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation and its predecessors have assisted communities and non-profit organizations across Pennsylvania acquire land for public parks and open space and develop those lands into recreational sites to be enjoyed by all generations to come.

The annual grant funding used to support the acquisition and development of recreation and conservation lands is made possible through the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2). This Program has been, and continues to be, funded by a variety of legislated funding sources. Those funding sources are connected to certain stewardship responsibilities.

In general, acquisition and development projects funded shall not be converted at any time for purposes other than recreation and conservation use. If a change in use does occur to a park funded by DCNR certain requirements need to be met based on the restrictions set within the legislation. Visit our Interactive Maps to find your grant funded property:

<http://maps.dcnr.pa.gov/brc/grants>

<http://maps.dcnr.pa.gov/brc/grant/acq/>

### Land Conservation Investment

DCNR helps support land conservation through a number of methods, including:

- Administering federal grant funding for land conservation.
- Providing grant funding assistance for land acquisition and purchase of conservation easements.
- Providing funding to organizations for large landscape conservation.
- Providing funding for the purchase of conservation easements and supporting the creation of Model Easement documents:  
<http://conservationtools.org/> .
- Providing technical assistance on land conservation.

The publicly supported and national award winning 2014-2019 Pennsylvania State Outdoor Recreation Plan calls for the continued investment in public open space providing parks, trails, river access and protecting wildlife habitat across Pennsylvania.

