

2014 DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants

On October 17, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Recreation and Conservation announced the 2014 Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant recipients.

Approximately \$33 million was allotted via 219 grants to communities and non-profit organizations for a wide variety of recreation and conservation projects across the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania's Outdoor Recreation Plan helps guide investment decisions which include land/habitat conservation and close to home community recreation – parks, trails, river access, etc. The grants also support the work of the State's twelve designated heritage areas, the seven conservation landscapes and greenway organizations who work in partnership with DCNR to coordinate conservation and recreation work on a landscape level.

The following six projects in Philadelphia were funded through proposals submitted directly by PPR or in collaboration with partner organizations:

- \$250,000 for the rehabilitation and further development of **37th and Mount Vernon Playground**. Work to include construction of spray pad, junior basketball court, spectator seating, rain garden and stormwater management; installation of play equipment with required safety surfacing; ADA access, interpretative signage, landscaping, project sign and other related site improvements.
- \$56,500 to prepare a Trail Study to evaluate options for developing the **Mantua Greenway** along Mantua Avenue, Parrish Street, and 40th Street from the intersection of the West Bank Greenway and 34th Street to the intersection of 40th Street and Parkside Avenue. Work to include a written, bound report.
- \$400,000 for the development of the **Frankford Creek Greenway**. Work to include construction of approximately 1.2 miles of trail from the intersection of Wheatsheaf Lane and Aramingo Avenue to the intersection of Lewis Street and Delaware Avenue; ADA access, landscaping, project sign, and other related site improvements.
- \$93,500 for the rehabilitation of **Forbidden Drive** adjacent to Mount Airy Avenue along Wissahickon Creek. Work to include stream bank restoration; landscaping; project sign; and other related site improvements.
- \$300,000 for the rehabilitation of **Wissinoming Park**. Work to include construction of a spray park, picnic grove, staircases, walkways; installation of playground equipment with required safety surfacing, site amenities, rain gardens, ADA access, landscaping, project sign and other related site improvements.
- \$30,000 to prepare a Trail Study to evaluate options to extend the **Cobbs Creek Connector Trail** - Segment B from the Blue Bell Inn at Woodland Avenue and Island Avenue to the Cibotti Recreation Center at 77th Street and Elmwood Avenue. Work to include a written, bound report. (Grant recipient: Clean Air Council)



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