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DEP Awards 73 Grants to Protect, Improve Watersheds in 36 Counties

Harrisburg – The Department of Environmental Protection announced today that it will invest in 73 watershed protection projects intended to improve watersheds, stormwater runoff, acid mine drainage and educational programs, among other environmental efforts.

This year, the Growing Greener program, which is funded by the Environmental Stewardship Fund, will award \$9.72 million for 57 projects around the state. An additional project, funded by the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Grant, will cost \$72,912. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program, which was created through the federal Clean Water Act to help reduce water pollution from nonpoint sources, is funding 15 additional projects, which would total \$3.12 million.

"We are delighted to provide support to local communities and watershed groups to fund projects that enhance and protect Pennsylvania's water quality," DEP Secretary Mike Krancer said. "That includes projects that address abandoned mine drainage, stream bank restoration, stormwater reductions and agricultural runoff."

These projects will reduce nonpoint source pollution in watersheds where streams are impaired by implementing agricultural and stormwater best-management practices; developing, repairing or installing passive systems to treat abandoned mine drainage; and supporting the establishment of riparian buffers, among other goals.

One of the Growing Greener program's goals is to invest in projects that protect watersheds from impairment due to nonpoint source pollution or those that will restore damaged waterways. Some examples of priority areas are restoration activities to reduce pollutant load in impaired watersheds for which total maximum daily loads have been developed; projects in priority watersheds that would reduce the source of impairment; and priority activities that lead to water quality restoration and protection.

In this latest grant round, 130 applicants request about \$24.5 million. Applications came from counties, authorities and other municipalities; county conservation districts; councils of governments; watershed organizations that promote local watershed conservation efforts; and other authorized organizations involved in restoring and protecting the environment.

For more information on Growing Greener or to see the complete list of grant recipients, email GrowingGreener@pa.gov, call 717-705-4500 or visit DEP's website at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Growing Greener.

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Editor's note: The 73 organizations that were awarded grants are listed below, alphabetically by county, with the project location and funding amount.

Allegheny

Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust, Crouse Run Stream, \$60,000; Borough of Crafton, Clearview Avenue Drainage, \$298,704; Borough of Jefferson Hills, Peters Creek Stream, \$70,000; South Fayette Conservation Group, Fishing Run Stream, \$259,495; Allegheny County Conservation District, Allegheny County Watersheds, \$24,935

Armstrong

Armstrong Conservation District, Carnahan Run Stream, \$121,891

Bedford

Broad Top Township, Six Mile Run AMD Remediation SX0-D9, \$38,500; Broad Top Township, Six Mile Run AMD Remediation SX8-D1, \$321,390

Bucks

Bucks County Conservation District, Core Creek/Lake Luxembourg Watershed, \$293,900

Cambria

Clearfield Creek Watershed Association, Clearfield Creek Watershed, \$528,616; Cambria County Conservation District, Chest Creek, \$31,103; Cambria County Conservation District, Glendale Lake, \$16,287

Centre

Penn State University, Halfmoon Creek, \$35,491; Centre County Conservation District, Little Fishing Creek, \$312,432

Chester

Brandywine Valley Association, Little Buck Run Stream, \$375,100

Clearfield

Clearfield County Conservation District, Deer Creek, \$30,752; Lawrence Township, Passive Treatment System, \$69,836; Pike Township, Bilger's Run, \$41,000

Clinton

Lobb Narco Passive Treatment System, \$72,912

Cumberland

Cumberland County Conservation District, Yellow Breeches and Conodoguinet watersheds, \$10,294; Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Yellow Breeches Creek, \$11,200; Messiah College, Yellow Breeches Creek, \$35,800

Dauphin

Dauphin County Conservation District, Conewago Creek, \$223,500

Delaware

Villanova University, Stormwater Control Measures, \$145,000

Elk

Elk County Freshwater Association, Big Mill Creek, \$26,200

Erie

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Walnut Creek, \$82,250; Environment Erie, Walnut Creek, \$38,500; Girard Township, Culbertson Drive Stormwater, \$195,840; Penn State Behrend, Behrend Stormwater, \$36,495

Huntingdon

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Juniata River Watershed, \$55,000

Lackawanna

The Sewer Authority of the City of Scranton, Scranton Sewer Authority, \$125,000; Throop Borough, Lackawanna River, \$29,514

Lancaster

Lancaster County Conservation District, Mill Creek, \$192,520; Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Conowingo Creek, \$369,500; City of Lancaster, City of Lancaster Green Alleys, \$263,120

Lebanon

Jonestown Borough, Jonestown Rain Garden, \$54,653; Palmyra Borough, Swatara Creek Watershed Stormwater, \$364,548

Lehigh

Upper Macungie Township, Haasen Creek, \$106,678; Upper Macungie Township, Schaefer Run/Iron Run, \$40,000

Luzerne

Harveys Lake Borough, Harveys Lake, \$370,100; Luzerne Conservation District, Coal Creek, \$645,790; Earth Conservancy, Askam Borehole, \$250,000

Mifflin

Mifflin County Conservation District, Upper Kishacoquillas Watershed, \$455,926

Montgomery

National Audubon Society, Chadwick Place, \$47,500; Upper Merion Township, Crow Creek, \$18,155; Montgomery County Conservation District, Jenkinstown Creek, \$120,789

Montour

Montour County Conservation District, Chillisquaque Creek Watershed, \$287,750

Northumberland

Northumberland County Conservation District, Little Shamokin Creek, \$195,153; Borough of Northumberland, Lake Augusta, \$257,579

Northampton

Bethlehem City, Monocacy Creek, \$119,789

Philadelphia

Pennsylvania Environmental Council Inc., Philadelphia Stormwater Infiltration, \$200,000

Schuylkill

City of Pottsville, Schuylkill River, \$467,748

Somerset

Somerset Conservation District, Jimtown Stream Bank Stabilization and Habitat Improvement Project, \$60,000

Susquehanna

Susquehanna County Conservation District, Dubois Creek, \$130,000

Tioga

Babb Creek Watershed Association, Hunters Drift, \$210,008; Tioga County Commissioners, Marsh Creek, \$386,550

Union

Union County Conservation District, Limestone Run, \$26,270; Union County Conservation District, Buffalo Creek, \$106,159

Venango

Venango Conservation District, Lower Two Miles Run Stormwater, \$150,846

Washington

City of Washington, Catfish Creek, \$250,000

Westmoreland

Jacobs Creek Watershed Association, Shupe Run, \$60,000

Wyoming

Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association, Mehoopany Creek Watershed, \$661,860

York

York County Community Foundation, Nixon Park Tributary, \$120,800

Multi-County Projects

The remaining projects, listed alphabetically, are multi-county efforts:

Nature Abounds, Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corps., \$169,977; North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, North Central Greenways Implementation Grant Program, DEP's North-central region, \$150,000; North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, North Central Greenways Implementation Grant Program, DEP's Northwest Region, \$150,000; Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy, Ag Impaired Stream Restoration, \$366,180; PALMS, Lake Best Management Practices Projects, \$283,000; Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, TreeVitalize, Phase VIII, \$200,000; Trout Unlimited Inc., Utilizing Mine Drainage Residuals to Control Phosphorus in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, \$184,178; Trout Unlimited, Inc., AMD Technical Assistance Program, \$159,500; Trust for Tomorrow, Northwest Ohio River Watershed Initiative, \$100,000; and Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, Quick Response VI, \$130,000.

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