

## Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) in Pennsylvania

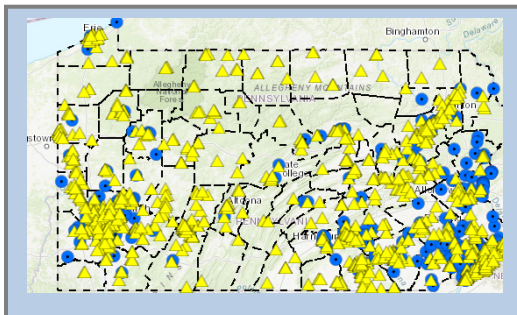
The Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance Program, established in 1965, is a federal source of funding provided by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service (NPS) to all states to provide **50% matching grants** for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

The intent of the Program is to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high-quality recreation areas and facilities for the general public to enjoy. The Program has helped Pennsylvania establish one of the finest state and local park systems in the nation. Since 1965, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has awarded over **\$178,000,000** in LWCF grants to Pennsylvania communities in over 1600 unique projects.

### LWCF in Your Community

To find an **existing LWCF project in your community**, visit our interactive map.  
[LWCF Grant Acquisition and Development Projects \(pa.gov\)](#)

To **apply for LWCF funding** through DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) review our [Grant Customer Service Portal](#) then contact your [DCNR, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Regional Advisor](#)



### A National Estate of Parks, Forever!

All projects funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance Program are permanently protected for the benefit of the public.

Upon completion of the project, DCNR is responsible to complete post on-site inspections at five-year intervals on all projects. The inspection areas are defined by the "LWCF project boundary map" which is on file with DCNR and NPS. If it is discovered that the property has been converted to a use that is not consistent with public outdoor recreation it is the community's responsibility to work with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to find suitable replacement land to compensate any loss of recreational potential. It is through this process that we can be sure that LWCF will help provide outdoor recreation opportunities for this and future generations.

PENNSYLVANIA  
STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE  
OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

RECREATION FOR ALL

The 2020 - 2024 PA State Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) was created in conjunction with and with financial assistance from LWCF.

Projects funded through the LWCF State Assistance Program must incorporate one or more of the five priorities identified in the 2020 - 2024 Pennsylvania Outdoor Recreation Plan, Natural Connections, [PA Outdoor Recreation Plan](#)

## **Brentwood Community Park – Allegheny County**

The Borough of Brentwood received \$1,635,600 of LWCF funding in a multi-phase plan to transform the athletic facilities in Brentwood Community Park. Work included reconstruction of pedestrian walking track, tennis and basketball courts, baseball fields, walkways, and parking; installation of fencing, ADA access, landscaping, project sign and other related site improvements. Brentwood is committing to safeguarding the legacy of this complex as a space that provides a diverse assortment of leisure pursuits for individuals of varied ages and ability levels; indeed, more than perhaps any other amenity, the pool is a feature that provides activities that encompass the needs of different generations.



Visit the following links to find more information about the LWCF State Assistance Program

**NPS:** <http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/index.htm>

**LWCF Coalition:** [The Land and Water Conservation Fund \(lwcfcoalition.org\)](http://lwcfcoalition.org)

**LWCF Program Manual:** [Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program \(nps.gov\)](http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/state-assistance-program)

## **Black Rock Sanctuary - Chester County**

The 119-acre Black Rock Sanctuary is located on the Schuylkill River near Phoenixville, Chester County and was formally used by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a basin for settling coal silt out of the river. The desilting basin has been transformed into an important habitat for waterfowl and migratory birds and today is a beautiful riverfront park. The Sanctuary contains acres of created wetlands, woodlands and meadows and is dedicated to wildlife habitat and public use. \$158,428 of LWCF funding was used to create a trailhead and 0.8-mile ADA Interpretive Trail with education stations along the way. There is a boat ramp at the north end of the Sanctuary that provides river access for non-motorized and motorized boating and fishing.

