



## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

### POCONO FORESTS & WATERS CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE

#### 2017-2018 Mini-Grant Program

Important Dates:

- ◆ Application Opens: March 31, 2017
- ◆ Application Deadline: May 1, 2017
- ◆ Grant Awards Announced: May 22, 2017
- ◆ Projects Commence: June 1, 2017
- ◆ Projects Completed: May 31, 2018

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) has been awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to administer the 2017 Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Mini-Grant program. This program will provide mini-grants of \$2,000 to \$10,000 to projects within Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike and Wayne Counties that support and advance the goals and objectives of the Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape.

A total of \$60,000 in grant funding is available. All mini-grants require a 1 to 1 match. PEC and PA DCNR encourage any municipality, council of governments, registered Pennsylvania non-profits, county conservation districts, or learning institutions to consider projects that may fit the grant criteria.

PFW CL Grant Application and Guidelines and Instructions can be downloaded from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council website:

[www.pecpa.org](http://www.pecpa.org)

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PLEASE NOTE: Mini-Grant Funds come from the PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnership's Program. If you are applying for a Pocono Forests and Water Mini-Grant please be aware that *no portion of your match can originate from DCNR funding.* Mini-Grants must be matched by the applicant 1 to 1 with cash and/or eligible non-cash in-kind services.

# POCONO FORESTS & WATERS CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE

## 2017-2018 Mini-Grant

### Pocono Forests and Waters Goals and Objectives

**Vision:** Protect and sustain the natural resources of the Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape

**GOAL: Conserve Critical Lands and Waters**

**Goal Statement:** Identify important natural landscape areas for acquisition, easements and other land protection measures.

**Objectives:**

- Identify Priority Parcels
- Conduct Landowner Outreach
- Promote Land Stewardship

**Example of Action Items:**

- Initiate a master watershed stewardship program
- Protect waterways by addressing AMD and non-point source pollution
- Connect conserved lands

**GOAL: Engage our Communities through Promoting our Story**

**Goal Statement:** Engage communities to promote, enhance, and conserve local natural, cultural, and outdoor recreational resources.

**Objectives:**

- Increase Public Awareness of PFW CL
- Support Existing and Create new Programs that Connect Residents to Outdoor Recreational Opportunities
- Coordinate with Existing Economic Development and Eco-Tourism Plans

**Example of Action Items:**

- Promote land and water trails
- Develop eco-tourism opportunities
- Implement Open Space and Greenway Plans
- Promote recreational opportunities on conserved lands

**GOAL: Create Trail Connections**

**Goal Statement:** Identify and create greenway and trail connections to public lands and communities throughout the landscape.

**Objectives:**

- Promote and Encourage Trails and Trail Development
- Maintain Regular Communication Between and Among Trail Community
- Work with Key Partners (i.e. DCNR, Game Commission) on key access links for trails

**Example of Action Items:**

- Connect communities to public lands and trails
- Analyze, prioritize and close trail gaps
- Reinvigorate completed trail and greenway plans
- Enhance and provide trailheads and trail amenities