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DEP Awards 110 Grants for Environmental Education and Stewardship

Harrisburg, PA – The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today awarded \$304,137 in environmental education grants to 110 schools, universities, non-profit organizations, and conservation districts across Pennsylvania.

“Funding environmental education projects, like these, is an important function of government that works,” Acting DEP Secretary John Quigley said. “I am pleased that we can support these initiatives that not only educate our young people about today’s environmental issues, but also realize tangible environmental benefits.”

Grant recipients will use the funding for various initiatives, including farm field days, summer camps, exploratory learning activities, professional development, and explanatory signage along watersheds. Through these initiatives, students, teachers, farmers, and others will learn about a variety of environmental issues ranging from pollination, stormwater management and hydroponics in agriculture, to Marcellus Shale and the Chesapeake Bay, among other topics.

The grant program was established by the Environmental Education Act of 1993, which mandates setting aside 5 percent of the pollution fines and penalties DEP collects annually for environmental education in Pennsylvania.

For more information about environmental education, click [here](#); visit www.dep.state.pa.us and click on Environmental Education; or call 717-772-1828.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Grant recipients are listed below with the award amounts, alphabetically by county. Organizations that are marked with an asterisk (*) represent the total of two awards.

Adams

Upper Adams School District - \$3,000

Allegheny

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania - \$3,000

Baldwin Whitehall School District - \$3,000

The Bradley Center - \$3,000

Citizen Power, Inc. - \$3,000

Consortium for Public Education - \$3,000

Mount Washington Community Development Corporation - \$3,000

North Hills School District - \$3,000

PA CleanWays of Allegheny County, Inc.* - \$6,000

South Allegheny School District - \$2,562
South Fayette Conservation Group - \$3,000
Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Corporation* - \$6,000
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy - \$3,000

Berks

Alvernia University - \$3,000
Borough of Kutztown - \$296
Foundation for the Reading Public Museum - \$1,150
The Rodale Institute - \$3,000

Blair

Bellwood Antis School District - \$3,000

Bucks

Bucks County Conservation District - \$3,000
Pennsbury School District / Quarry Hill Elementary - \$3,000

Butler

Butler Area School District - \$1,560
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania - \$2,997

Cambria

Cambria County Conservation District - \$3,000
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College - \$2,600
Saint Francis University - \$2,674

Centre

Borough of State College - \$2,328
ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. - \$3,000
Pennsylvania State University* - \$5,599

Chester

Coatesville Area Arts Alliance, Inc. - \$895
Green Valleys Association of Southeastern PA, Inc.* - \$5,006
The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County* - \$6,000
Urban and Rural Science Alliance Inc.* - \$5,972

Clearfield

Central Intermediate Unit #10 - \$3,000
Curwensville Area School District - \$3,000

Crawford

Crawford County Conservation District - \$3,000

Cumberland

Carlisle Area School District - \$2,996
Cumberland Valley School District - \$2,826

Dauphin

Audubon Pennsylvania - \$3,000

Dauphin County 4-H Clubs, Inc. - \$2,888
Dauphin County Commissioners, Dauphin County Parks and Recreation - \$3,000
Halifax Area School District - \$3,000

Delaware

Lansdowne Friends School - \$3,000
Nicholas Newlin Foundation Newlin Grist Mill - \$3,000
Ridley School District - \$3,000

Elk

Elk County Conservation District - \$3,000

Erie

Environment Erie - \$2,960
Erie City School District - \$3,000
Gannon University - \$2,687
Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 - \$2,755
The Pennsylvania State University (Behrend Campus) - \$2,896

Huntingdon

Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 - \$2,299

Lackawanna

Michaels Community Services Corp - \$2,489

Lancaster

Cocalico School District - \$1,651
The Common Wheel - \$3,000
Lancaster Farmland Trust - \$3,000
Lancaster School District - \$3,000
Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology - \$3,000

Lawrence

Lawrence County Conservation District - \$1,000

Lebanon

Lebanon County Commissioners - \$2,360
Lebanon Valley College - \$3,000

Lehigh

Lehigh County Conservation District - \$2,993
PP&L Sustainable Energy Fund - \$3,000
Wildlands Conservancy, Inc. - \$3,000
Wildlife Information Center, Inc. (Lehigh Gap Nature Center) - \$3,000

Luzerne

Wilkes-Barre Area School District - \$2,500

Lycoming

Lycoming County Commissioners - \$3,000

McKean

McKean County Conservation District - \$3,000

Mercer

Jamestown Area School District - \$2,900

Mercer County Conservation District - \$2,989

Montgomery

Greater Penn Area Transportation Management Association - \$2,993

Let's Go Outdoors LLC - \$3,000

National Audubon Society, Inc. - \$3,000

The Outdoor School in Horsham - \$2,827

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy - \$3,000

Riverbend Environmental Education Center - \$3,000

Souderton Area School District - \$3,000

Northampton

Nazareth Area School District - \$1,500

Nurture Nature Center, Inc. - \$3,000

Philadelphia

Friends Select School - \$3,000

JASTECH Development Services, Inc. - \$2,972

New Foundations Charter School, Inc. - \$3,000

Potter

Austin Area School District - \$3,000

Potter County Conservation District - \$3,000

Schuylkill

Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association - \$3,000

Schuylkill Headwaters Association, Inc. - \$3,000

Schuylkill Technology Center - \$2,997

Snyder

Lower Penns Creek Watershed Association - \$2,952

Selinsgrove Area School District - \$541

Selinsgrove Borough - \$2,890

Snyder County Conservation District - \$2,716

Susquehanna

Susquehanna County Conservation District - \$3,000

Tioga

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania - \$2,993

Union

Pennsylvania Institute for Conservation Education - \$3,000

Venango

Venango Conservation District - \$2,542

Warren

Warren County School District - \$2,973

Washington

McGuffey School District - \$2,973

Wayne

Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation, Inc. - \$3,000

SEEDS of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. - \$3,000

Wayne Conservation District - \$1,940

Westmoreland

Eastern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center - \$1,500

Saint Vincent College - \$3,000

Westmoreland Cleanways - \$3,000

Multiple

Conemaugh Valley Conservancy, Inc. - \$3,000

Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators - \$3,000

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