

FUNDING SOURCES

Individually or in cooperation with each other, the four participating municipalities could obtain Federal, State, County, foundation, and private funding to leverage their own capital funds to implement the improvements contemplated in this Feasibility Study. The following is a list of principal funding sources (for implementation and programming); it is by no means all-inclusive.

Federal Grants and Federally-Funded/State-Administered Grants

- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program Grants provide funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. Match requirements are 80% grant money, up to a maximum of \$100,000, and 20% project applicant money. Acquisition projects require a 50/50 match. Funding is provided through the Federal Highway Administration.
(www.dcnr.state.pa.us)
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Transportation Enhancements Program. Through this program, federal funding is available for provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicycles, acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, landscaping or other scenic beautification, historic preservation, and preservation of abandoned railway corridors.
(www.dot.state.pa.us)
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program provides cost-reimbursement funds to municipalities, school districts, and safety advocates for improvements to walking and biking routes that provide access to schools.
(www.dot.state.pa.us/pennidot/Bureaus/CPDM/Prod/Saferoute.nsf)
- U. S. Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, authorized by TEA-21, provides funds to reduce transportation-related emissions and improve air quality. Trails designed for transportation as well as recreation are eligible. States select projects.
(www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cmaq.htm)
- National Parks Service Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance programs.
(www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs.html)
- U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byways program.
(www.fhwa.dot.gov.htm)

- U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Education Grants Program supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed, responsible decisions that affect environmental quality.
(www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html)
- U. S. Department of Education provides information on grants to apply for in cooperation with school districts.
(www.ed.gov/funding.html)
- U. S. Department of Health and Human Services provides information on available grants such as drug prevention, preschool programs, exercise programs, and so on, that can be used to fund recreation programs that improve health. Such programs include the Healthy People 2010 Community Implementation Grants Program, which provides \$2,010 mini-grants requiring no matching funds.
(www.hhs.gov/agencies/grants.html)
- Other websites for federal grant resources:
 - Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, www.cfda.gov
 - Conservation Technology Support Program, www.ctsp.org
 - Department of Energy, www.energy.gov/community/sub/involved.htm
 - Department of Labor, www.dol.gov/dol/oasam/public/grants/main.htm
 - Federal Commons Grants Portal, www.cfda.gov/federalcommons
 - Federal Nonprofit Gateway, www.nonprofit.gov
 - Federal Register, www.access.gpo/su_docs/aces140.html
 - Health and Human Services GrantsNet, www.hhs.gov/grantsnet
 - Federal Funds Express, www.house.gov/ffr/Grants_Other.htm
 - The Watershed Academy, www.epa.gov/OWOW/watershed/wacademy/fund.html

State Grants

- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources provides a single point of contact and application format for communities seeking state grant funding for recreation and conservation planning, acquisition, development, and technical assistance projects from the Community Conservation Partnership Program (funded through the "Growing Greener" Initiative). Though highly competitive, these grants are available without a maximum limit to the amount, but require at least a 50% match.
(www.dcnr.state.pa.us)

Technical Assistance Grants:

- Education and Training – to provide assistance by recreation and park advisors to communities, sponsor workshops, and provide publications

Acquisition Grants:

- Park and Recreation Areas – to purchase land for park, recreation, and conservation purposes
- Rails-to-Trails – to purchase abandoned railroad rights-of-way for public recreational trail use and purchase adjacent land for access or related support facilities

Development Grants:

- Park Rehabilitation and Development – to rehabilitate existing parks and indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, and to develop new park and recreation areas
- Greenways and Trails – to rehabilitate existing and develop new greenways and trails
- Rails-to-Trails – to rehabilitate and develop abandoned rights-of-way and support facilities for public recreational trail use
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program Grants (see above).
- Other websites for State grant resources:
 - Piper Resources State and Local Government on the Net,
www.piperinfo.com/state/index.cfm
 - The Grantsmanship Center's Funding through State Government,
www.tgci.com/STATES/states2.htm
 - U. S. State and Local Gateway, www.statelocal.gov
 - Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, www.artsnet.org/pca/pca.html
 - Pennsylvania Humanities Council, www.pahumanities.org
 - Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development,
Community Revitalization Grants,
www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/SingleApp.nsf/Home
 - Pennsylvania Department of Health,
www.webserver.health.state.pa.us/health/site
 - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Growing Greener
Grants, www.dep.state.pa.us
 - Main Street Program and Keystone Historic Preservation Grants,
www.pagreenways.org/funding-PA.htm

County Grants

- Lancaster County Urban Enhancement Fund, through the Lancaster County Planning Commission, provides a maximum of \$250,000 in funding requiring a 67% match. Meanwhile, Municipal Transportation Grant Program of Lancaster County provides up to 50/50 matching grants to projects in the categories of congestion reduction,

safety, and non-motorized transportation. Eligible applicants include municipalities, Red Rose Transit Authority, the Lancaster Airport Authority, and the Lancaster County Transportation Authority.

(www.co.lancaster.pa.us/planning.asp)

Foundation Grants

- American Hiking Society's National Trails Fund provides funding up to \$10,000 requiring no match.
(www.americanhiking.org)
- Kodak American Greenways Award Program provides funding up to \$2,500 requiring no match.
(www.conservationfund.org)
- Lancaster County Foundation provides grant funding primarily related to park improvement/development.
(www.lancastercountyfoundation.org)
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides grants for conservation and environmental education projects.
(www.nfwf.org/programs/program.htm)
- Pew Charitable Trust provides grants in a number of program areas including environment, culture, and health and human services.
(www.pewtrusts.com/grants)
- UPS Foundation Community Investment Grant program allocates dollars to UPS region offices to invest in their communities.
(www.community.ups.com/community/causes/us_relations/index.htm)
- The Foundation Center's Finding Funders provides access to web sites for private foundations, corporate grantmakers, grantmaking public charities, and community foundations.
(www.fdncenter.org/funders)
- Other resources for Foundation grants:
 - The Foundation Center's RFP Bulletin, www.fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/index.html
 - The Foundation Center's Finding Funders, www.fdncenter.org/funders
 - The Foundation Center's Grantmaker Website,
www.fdncenter.org/funders/grantmaker/index.html
 - The Internet Nonprofit Center, www.nonprofits.org
 - The Grantsmanship Center's Community Foundations by State,
www.tgci.com/resources/foundationscommunity/com_pa.html

Non-Government Grants

- Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) RecTAP program provides technical assistance grants to help recreation and park departments with specific issues. No matching funds are required.
(www.prps.org)
- Bikes Belong Coalition provides grants to assist agencies in developing bicycle facilities projects that will utilize federal funding.
(www.bikesbelong.org)
- American Forests provides tree-planting assistance with Global ReLeaf, an ecosystem restoration grant program, which includes urban and community forests.
(www.americanforests.org/global_releaf/grants/grants_eval_criteria.html)

National Programs

- Woodsy Owl Program encourages children to develop a sense of responsibility and compassion for the natural world through hands-on land stewardship activities.
(www.symbols.gov or www.fs.fed.us/spf/woodsy)
- National Center for Recreation and Conservation, Bureau of Land Management offers activity books and lesson plans to introduce environmental education to children.
(www.blm.gov/education/00_resources/index.html)
- National Center for Recreation and Conservation, Bureau of Land Management offers activity books, lesson plans, posters, articles, and general information on heritage education.
(www.blm.gov/heritage/he.htm)
- Endangered and Threatened Species Program, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers educational materials about the preservation and protection of wildlife, biodiversity, and habitat conservation.
(www.endangered.fws.gov/educaton/index.html)
- American Forests sponsors A Tree for Every Child, an environmental education program for children that stresses the benefits and rewards of planting trees.
(www.americanforests.org/global_releaf/earth_day_promo.html)
- Boat U. S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water offers brochures and posters on pollution prevention tips and littering on land and in the water. (1-800-BOAT-USA)
- S & S Crafts Worldwide sponsors the Chalk It Up! Program, which offers communities a kit containing sidewalk chalk, certificates of achievement, instruction booklets, and full-color posters to plan, run, and publicize events. (1-800-642-7354)

- Active Options is a free program resource guide to develop fitness programs for older adults from the National Recreation and Park Association.
(www.nrpa.org)

Business Support

The region's businesses could be approached to contribute financially towards specific improvements, sponsorships, or the underwriting of maintenance activities in return for public recognition.

Interest Groups and At-Large Public Support

This support could include "Buy-a-Foot" and "Adopt-a-Trail" initiatives covering everything from implementation to post-construction upkeep and maintenance.

Recreation Fees by Developers

Recreation fees paid by developers is another method of providing limited funding for capital improvements to park areas and recreation facilities. These fees are to compensate municipalities for the increased demand caused by each new household/resident. The funds cannot be used for maintenance or recreation programs.