



CONSERVED LAND

2021
PENNSYLVANIA
LAND TRUST
CENSUS
REPORT

WECONSERVEPA VOTING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Allegheny Land Trust
Armstrong Trails
Allegheny Valley Trails Association
Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Armstrong County Conservancy
Berks Nature
Brandywine Conservancy
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance
The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation
Central Pennsylvania Conservancy
Centre County Farmland Trust
Chesapeake Conservancy
Chestnut Hill Conservancy
ClearWater Conservancy
The Conservation Fund, Pennsylvania Office
Countryside Conservancy
Delaware Highlands Conservancy
Earth Conservancy
Edward L. Rose Conservancy
Evergreen Conservancy
Farm and Natural Lands Trust of York County
Foundation for Sustainable Forests
Fox Chapel Area Land Trust
French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust
French Creek Valley Conservancy
Glade Run Lake Conservancy
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association
Heritage Conservancy
Hollow Oak Land Trust
Independence Conservancy
Keystone Trails Association
Lackawanna Valley Conservancy
Lake Erie Region Conservancy
Lancaster Conservancy
Lancaster Farmland Trust
Land Conservancy of Adams County
Land Trust of Bucks County
Lebanon Valley Conservancy
London Britain Land Trust
Manada Conservancy
Merrill Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy
Mid-Atlantic Karst Conservancy
Mokoma Conservancy
Montour Trail Council
Natural Lands
Neighborhood Gardens Trust
North American Land Trust
North Branch Land Trust
Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy
Open Land Conservancy of Chester County
Pensbury Land Trust
Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society
Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust
Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust
Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association
Pocono Heritage Land Trust
The Radnor Conservancy
Regional Trail Corporation
Schuylkill County Conservancy
Schuylkill River Greenways
Somerset County Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
The Wallace Trust
Tinicum Conservancy
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Westmoreland Conservancy
Westmoreland Land Trust
Wild Waterways Conservancy
Wildlands Conservancy
Willistown Conservation Trust
Wissahickon Trails

Land trusts continue their extraordinary run of conservation work. In 2020 and 2021, Pennsylvania land trusts protected 28,000 acres (40 square miles), roughly the land and water area of the City of Pittsburgh. In the past decade, they expanded on the lands they previously conserved by 34 percent; fully 25.5% of all the conservation they have ever accomplished occurred from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2021.



These numbers and the other data contained in this report testify to the tremendous, ongoing achievements of land trusts, big and small, across our Commonwealth. What the census misses but merits attention is that land trusts also face greater complexity when completing their conservation transactions than ever before and that they are building ever-stronger stewardship programs to ensure that their conservation work is lasting. They are also doing much more for the public good: providing 600 miles of recreational trails in their preserves, reforesting stream banks, running educational programs, addressing matters of equity and inclusion, and so on.

Thank you for your service to conservation and the public good.

Andy Loza, Executive Director

As of the beginning of 2022, land trusts have conserved 817,178 acres (1,277 square miles) in Pennsylvania—more land than the area of Cumberland and Dauphin Counties combined. The members of WeConservePA's board of directors are proud of WeConservePA's substantial role in this achievement: advocating for state investments and laws supportive of conservation; painstakingly building a rock-solid set of model legal documents and developing wholly original, practical technical guides; providing direct assistance, training, and networking opportunities; and more.



Thank you for your part in making this remarkable record of conservation achievement happen. Let's each, in our own way and working together, do even more in the years to come!

Oliver Bass, Chair, Board of Directors

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A DECADE OF LAND TRUST ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA 2012—2021

208,026

acres conserved -
325 square miles.

57

acres per day -
20,803 acres conserved on
average per year.

25.5%

increase in land conserved:
24% in easements,
39% in land-owned, and
22% in transfers to
government.

325

land acquisitions
protecting
47,366 acres.

1,453

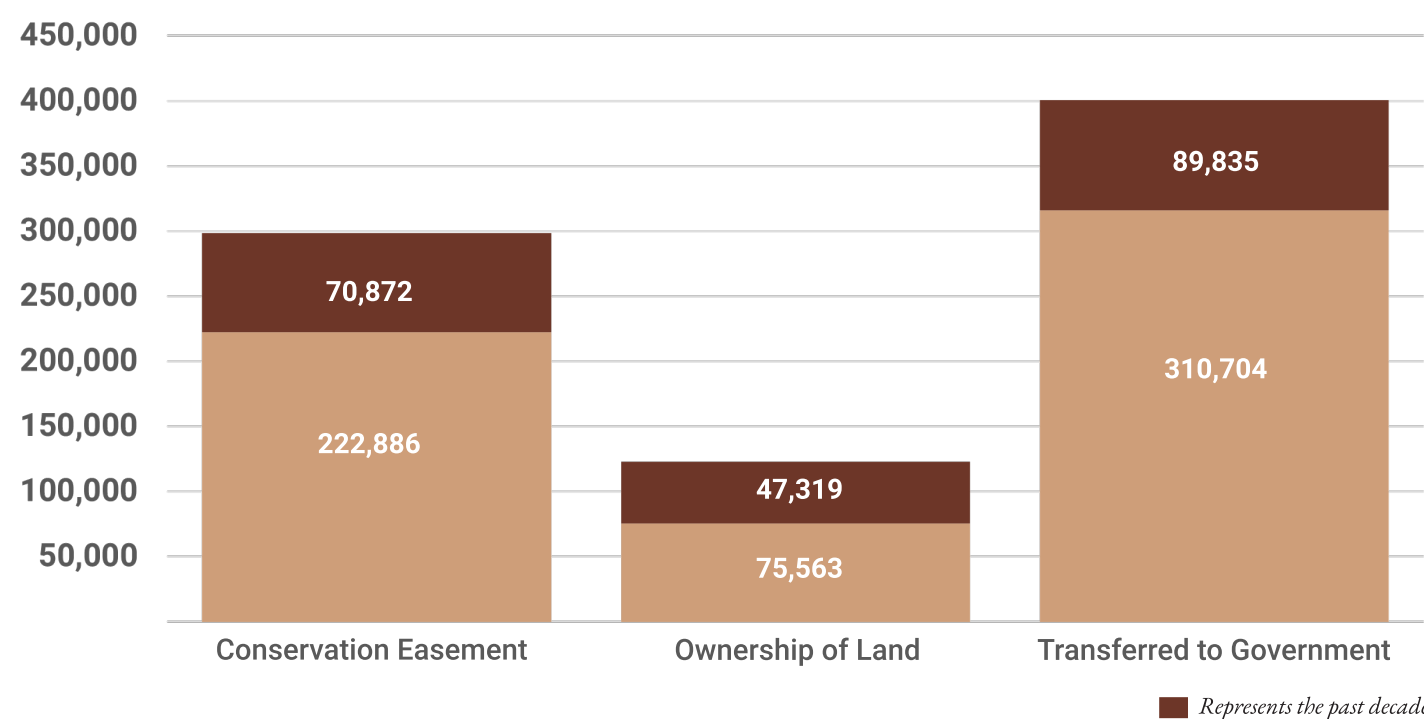
easements conserving
70,872 acres.

89,835

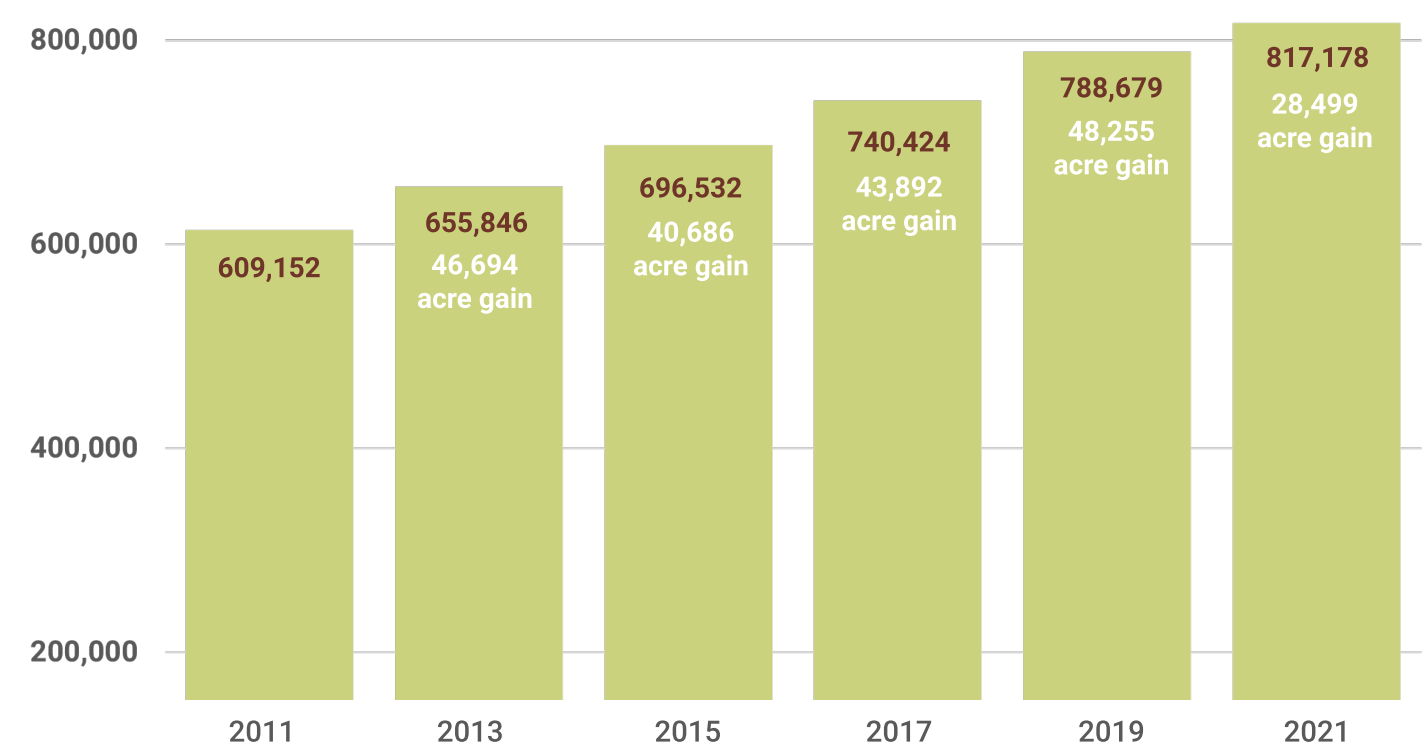
acres transferred to
government for parks,
game lands, and other
public spaces.



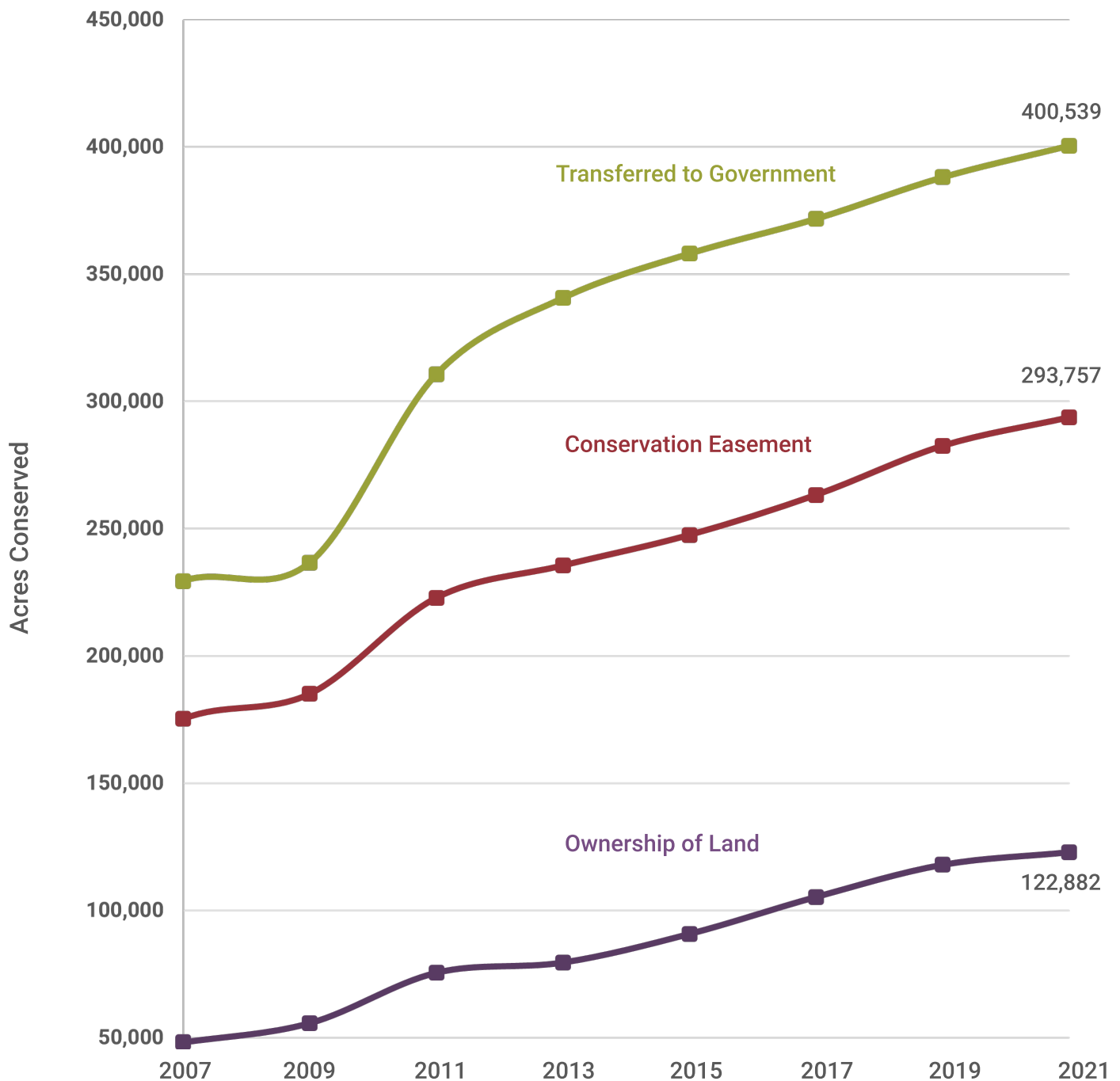
ACRES CONSERVED BY LAND TRUSTS IN PENNSYLVANIA IN THE PAST DECADE COMPARED TO ALL PRIOR YEARS



36% GAIN IN ACRES CONSERVED IN THE PAST DECADE



AGGREGATE ACRES CONSERVED BY LAND TRUSTS



Eighteen of the land trusts listed in the following pages have not reported the completion of a real estate transaction since at least 2015. They may instead be focused on stewarding the lands and conservation easements already in their care or undertaking environmental education, stream restoration, trail maintenance, and other conservation-related activities.

LAND CONSERVED BY CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Sixty-eight land trusts have protected 293,806 acres of land in Pennsylvania through perpetual conservation easements.

	Organization	Total
1	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	40,386
2	Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	36,453
3	Lancaster Farmland Trust	33,754
4	The Nature Conservancy	31,949
5	Natural Lands	22,814
6	Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County	13,152
7	Land Conservancy of Adams County	12,199
8	North Branch Land Trust	11,436
9	Berks Nature	9,100
10	Delaware Highlands Conservancy	8,968
11	Heritage Conservancy	8,356
12	Wildlands Conservancy	7,748
13	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	7,599
14	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	5,355
15	Land Trust of Bucks County	5,280
16	Tinicum Conservancy	4,743
17	North American Land Trust	3,473
18	ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania	3,319
19	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	3,105
20	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	2,897
21	Willistown Conservation Trust	2,565
22	Manada Conservancy	2,392
23	French Creek Valley Conservancy	1,555
24	Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy	1,553
25	Centre County Farmland Trust	1,430
26	Countryside Conservancy	1,122
27	Lebanon Valley Conservancy	979
28	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	965
29	Brandywine Red Clay Alliance	930
30	Lancaster Conservancy	888
31	Western Reserve Land Conservancy (OH)	842
32	Allegheny Valley Conservancy	632
33	Wissahickon Trails	584
34	Buck Hill Conservation Foundation	523

	Organization	Total
35	Edward L. Rose Conservancy	514
36	Allegheny Land Trust	498
37	Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association	430
38	Earth Conservancy	300
39	Gettysburg Foundation	298
40	Loyalhanna Watershed Association	276
41	The Wallace Trust	202
42	West Vincent Land Trust	200
43	Lower Merion Conservancy	183
44	Pennsbury Land Trust	182
45	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	171
46	Friends of Salt Springs Park	143
47	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	133
48	Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	131
49	Allegheny Valley Trails Association	130
50	Hollow Oak Land Trust	130
51	Chestnut Hill Conservancy	104
52	Appalachian Trail Conservancy	91
53	Open Land Conservancy of Chester County	91
54	Schuylkill County Conservancy	71
55	Montour Trail Council	66
56	Independence Conservancy	52
57	Foundation for Sustainable Forests	51
58	Evergreen Conservancy	45
59	London Britain Township Land Trust	44
60	Lackawanna River Conservation Association	40
61	Sandy Creek Conservancy	35
62	Fox Chapel Conservation Trust	34
63	Somerset County Conservancy	32
64	West Pikeland Land Trust	25
65	Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation	21
66	Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust	19
67	Radnor Conservancy	13
68	Wild Waterways Conservancy	6

NUMBER OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Sixty-eight land trusts hold 3,722 perpetual conservation easements in Pennsylvania, with the median number of easements held being 17.

	Organization	Total		Organization	Total
1	Lancaster Farmland Trust	548	35	Allegheny Land Trust	16
2	Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	481	36	Centre County Farmland Trust	16
3	Natural Lands	359	37	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	15
4	Heritage Conservancy	241	38	Loyalhanna Watershed Association	13
5	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	189	39	Pennsbury Land Trust	12
6	Land Conservancy of Adams County	177	40	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	12
7	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	172	41	West Vincent Land Trust	10
8	Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County	158	42	Edward L. Rose Conservancy	7
9	Berks Nature	135	43	Appalachian Trail Conservancy	6
10	Land Trust of Bucks County	119	44	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	6
11	Tinicum Conservancy	119	45	Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association	5
12	Willistown Conservation Trust	89	46	Western Reserve Land Conservancy (OH)	5
13	Wildlands Conservancy	75	47	Allegheny Valley Conservancy	3
14	North American Land Trust	70	48	Hollow Oak Land Trust	3
15	Delaware Highlands Conservancy	65	49	Independence Conservancy	3
16	North Branch Land Trust	58	50	London Britain Township Land Trust	3
17	Chestnut Hill Conservancy	49	51	Radnor Conservancy	3
18	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	49	52	Buck Hill Conservation Foundation	2
19	Brandywine Red Clay Alliance	39	53	Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation	2
20	The Nature Conservancy	36	54	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	2
21	Open Land Conservancy of Chester County	30	55	Somerset County Conservancy	2
22	Wissahickon Trails	30	56	West Pikeland Land Trust	2
23	Manada Conservancy	29	57	Allegheny Valley Trails Association	1
24	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	28	58	Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	1
25	Lancaster Conservancy	28	59	Earth Conservancy	1
26	Fox Chapel Conservation Trust	27	60	Evergreen Conservancy	1
27	Montour Trail Council	26	61	Foundation for Sustainable Forests	1
28	Countryside Conservancy	22	62	Friends of Salt Springs Park	1
29	The Wallace Trust	22	63	Gettysburg Foundation	1
30	ClearWater Conservancy	21	64	Lackawanna River Conservation Association	1
31	Lower Merion Conservancy	20	65	Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust	1
32	Lebanon Valley Conservancy	18	66	Sandy Creek Conservancy	1
33	Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy	18	67	Schuylkill County Conservancy	1
34	French Creek Valley Conservancy	17	68	Wild Waterways Conservancy	1

LAND OWNED

Sixty-eight land trusts own 122,868 acres in Pennsylvania.

	Organization	Total
1	The Conservation Fund	34,800
2	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	13,870
3	The Nature Conservancy	13,791
4	Natural Lands	9,566
5	Lancaster Conservancy	7,401
6	Earth Conservancy	6,200
7	Wildlands Conservancy	2,987
8	Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	2,978
9	Allegheny Land Trust	2,644
10	Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association	2,609
11	Foundation for Sustainable Forests	1,999
12	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	1,981
13	North Branch Land Trust	1,577
14	Heritage Conservancy	1,507
15	French Creek Valley Conservancy	1,455
16	Brandywine Red Clay Alliance	1,044
17	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	889
18	Somerset County Conservancy	846
19	Mount Nittany Conservancy	765
20	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	725
21	Armstrong Trails	712
22	Wissahickon Trails	705
23	Countryside Conservancy	689
24	Roaring Run Watershed Association	653
25	Westmoreland Conservancy	605
26	Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation	550
27	Hollow Oak Land Trust	548
28	Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	509
29	Wild Waterways Conservancy	507
30	Armstrong Conservancy	493
31	Buck Hill Conservation Foundation	482
32	Montour Trail Council	462
33	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	458
34	Berks Nature	440

	Organization	Total
35	Friends of Salt Springs Park	437
36	Edward L. Rose Conservancy	435
37	Open Land Conservancy of Chester County	391
38	Loyalhanna Watershed Association	347
39	Allegheny Valley Trails Association	335
40	Southern Alleghenies Conservancy	328
41	Conemaugh Valley Conservancy	297
42	Willistown Conservation Trust	278
43	Audubon & Chapters (excl. ASWP)	273
44	Mokoma Conservancy	243
45	Allegheny Valley Conservancy	231
46	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	211
47	Lackawanna River Conservation Association	200
48	Little Sewickley Creek Watershed Association	200
49	North American Land Trust	193
50	Manada Conservancy	172
51	Delaware Highlands Conservancy	144
52	London Britain Township Land Trust	100
53	Westmoreland Land Trust	96
54	Scott Conservancy	80
55	Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association	48
56	Independence Conservancy	47
57	American Battlefield Trust	47
58	Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy	45
59	ClearWater Conservancy	44
60	Fox Chapel Conservation Trust	43
61	Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust	37
62	Mid-Atlantic Karst Conservancy	29
63	Appalachian Trail Conservancy	29
64	Gettysburg Foundation	19
65	West Vincent Land Trust	15
66	Neighborhood Gardens Trust	13
67	Evergreen Conservancy	10
68	Land Conservancy of Adams County	6

LAND TRANSFERRED TO GOVERNMENT

Forty-one land trusts have conveyed 400,733 acres to governmental entities (e.g., Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Game Commission, and municipalities).

	Organization	Total
1	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	200,833
2	The Conservation Fund	101,595
3	Wildlands Conservancy	31,833
4	The Nature Conservancy	14,777
5	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	9,439
6	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	6,351
7	North Branch Land Trust	5,106
8	Earth Conservancy	5,000
9	Delaware Highlands Conservancy	4,874
10	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	4,762
11	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	3,600
12	The Trust for Public Land	3,589
13	Natural Lands	2,318
14	ClearWater Conservancy	2,147
15	Berks Nature	792
16	Armstrong Conservancy	700
17	Lancaster Conservancy	397
18	Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County	387
19	Wild Waterways Conservancy	300
20	Westmoreland Land Trust	270
21	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	263

	Organization	Total
22	London Britain Township Land Trust	175
23	Heritage Conservancy	135
24	Pennsbury Land Trust	120
25	Lower Merion Conservancy	105
26	Allegheny Land Trust	104
27	French Creek Valley Conservancy	100
28	Land Conservancy of Adams County	99
29	Montour Trail Council	96
30	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	81
31	Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association	78
32	North American Land Trust	61
33	Manada Conservancy	50
34	Wissahickon Trails	37
35	Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy	36
36	Countryside Conservancy	34
37	The Wallace Trust	30
38	Armstrong Trails	25
39	Lackawanna River Conservation Association	25
40	American Battlefield Trust	7
41	Mount Nittany Conservancy	2

Photo credit: Nicole DeCarolis, Delaware Highlands Conservancy



DATA SYSTEMS USED BY LAND TRUSTS

WeConservePA asked land trusts to report on the types of software that they use for managing finances, donors, and real estate holdings.

FINANCE

Land trusts reported using:
 Quickbooks (32)
 Microsoft products, e.g., Excel (8)
 Sage (3)
 Financial Edge NXT (1)
 Netsuite (1)
 Quicken (1)

CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT (CRM)

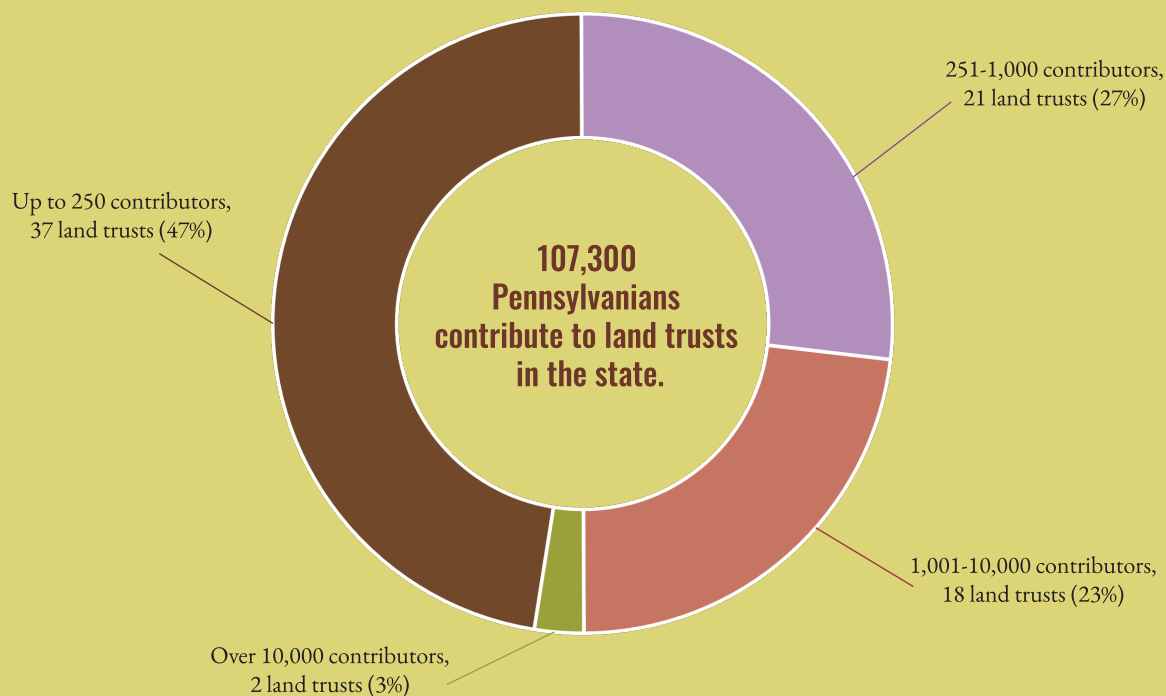
Land trusts reported using:
 Little Green Light (7)
 Salesforce (6)
 Microsoft Excel (5)
 eTapestry (5)
 Microsoft Access (3)
 Bloomerang (3)
 DonorPerfect (3)
 Network for Good (2)
 Quickbooks (2)
 Neon (1)
 Altru (1)
 Raiser’s Edge (1)

LAND OR EASEMENT HOLDINGS

Land trusts reported a variety of approaches, sometimes involving multiple applications. Software referenced included:
 Microsoft Excel (15)
 Landscape, landconservationsoftware.com (7)
 ArcGIS (3)
 Salesforce or LOCATE (2)
 eFileCabinet (1)

SUPPORT

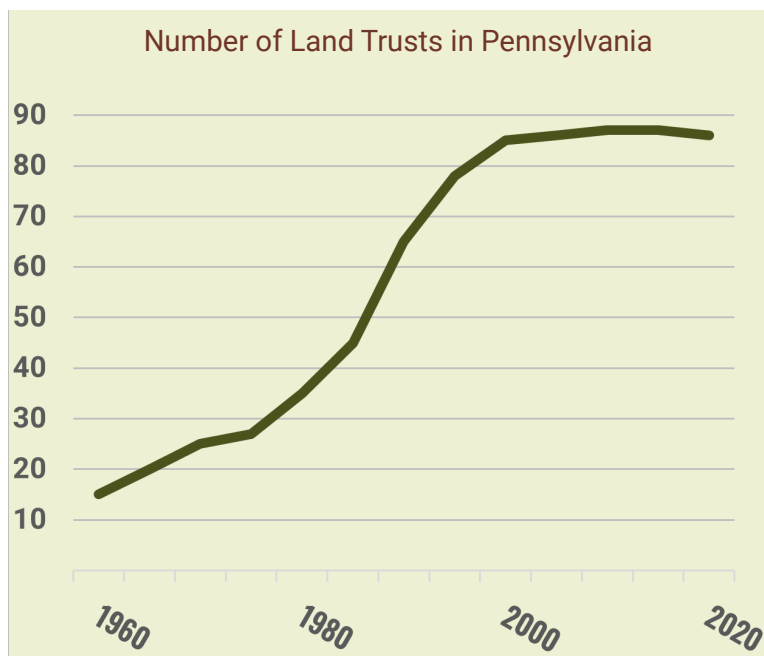
Seventy-eight land trusts count a total of 107,300 Pennsylvanians as financial contributors, with a median of 1,375 supporters (three national land trusts count 44,763 Pennsylvanians as financial contributors).



CONSOLIDATION IN THE LAND TRUST MOVEMENT

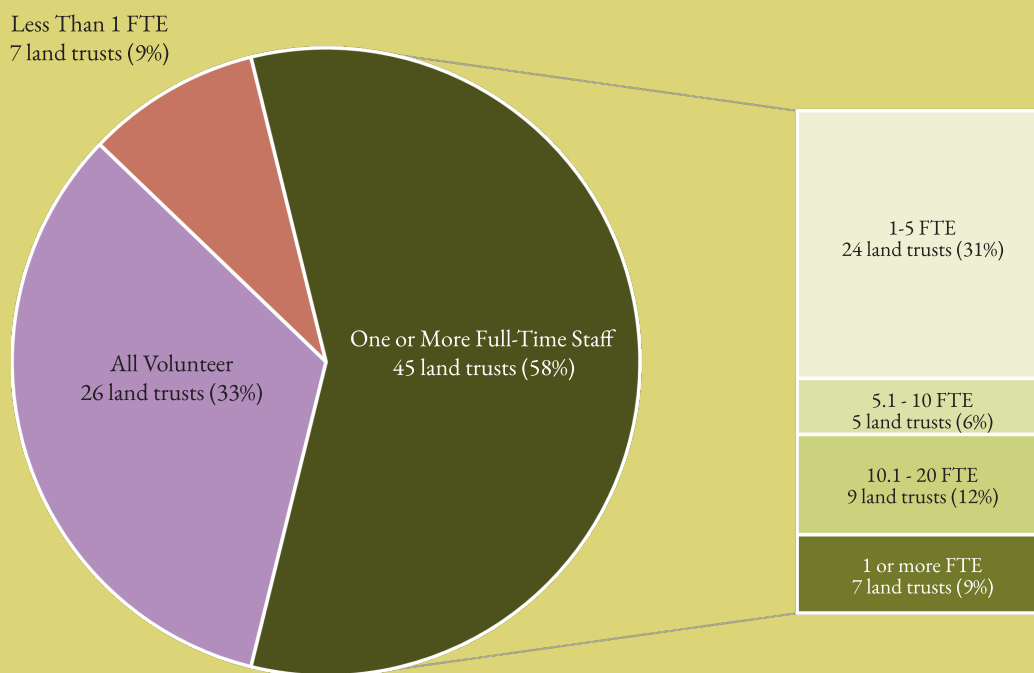
Pennsylvania land trusts are doing more than ever before and doing so more effectively and efficiently due to several strategic consolidations in the past decade. These consolidations consist of both land trusts folding into land trusts and land trusts combining with other types of conservation organizations. They include:

- *Brandywine Red Clay Alliance* and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (2022)
- *Western Pennsylvania Conservancy* and Eden Hill Conservancy (2020)
- *Natural Lands* and Montgomery County Lands Trust (2012)
- *Heritage Conservancy* and Conservancy of Montgomery County (2012)



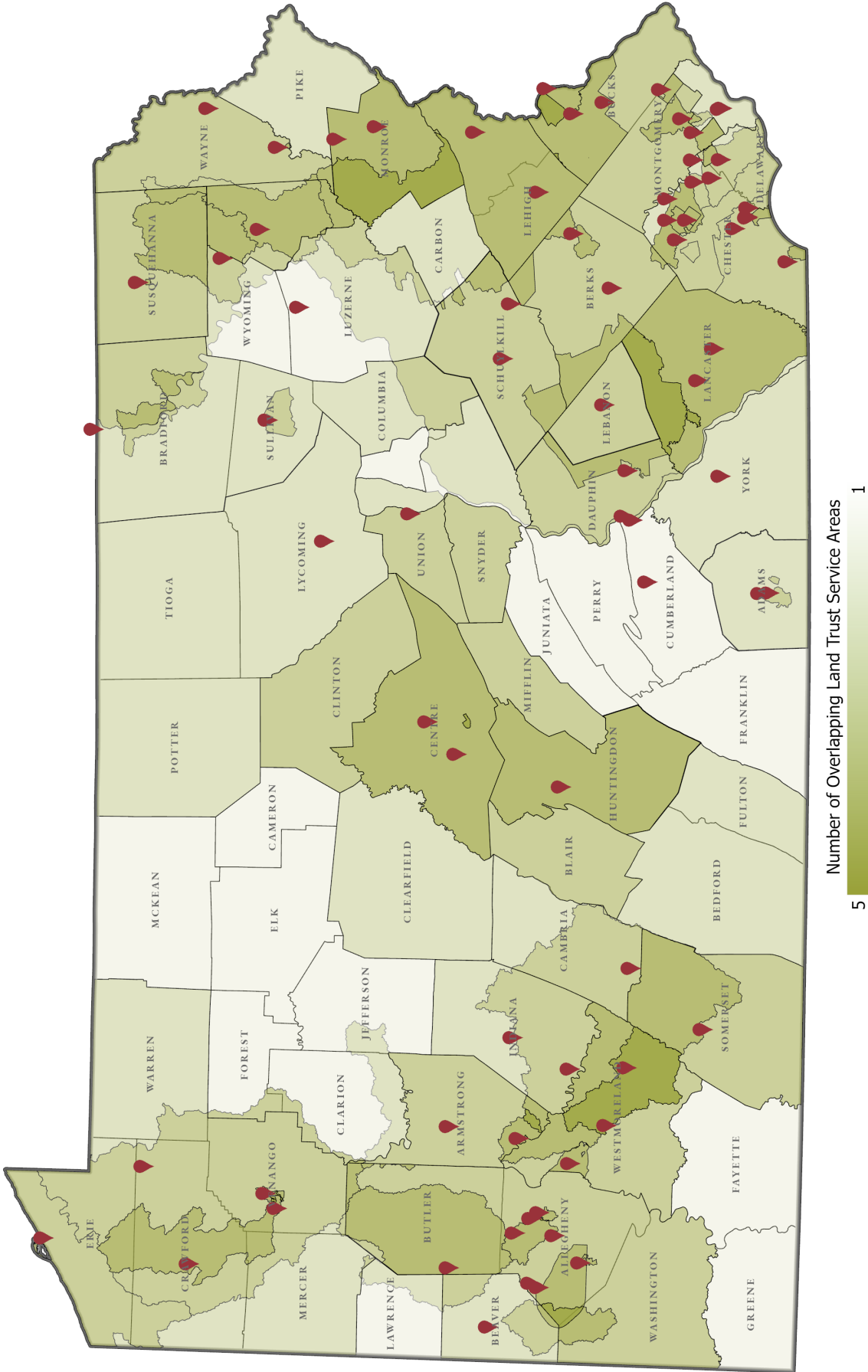
STAFFING

Land trusts employ the equivalent of 626 full-time jobs for Pennsylvanians.



FTE: Full-Time Equivalent

PENNSYLVANIA LAND TRUST HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE AREAS



The local headquarters of national land trusts are indicated on the map; their service areas are not.

NUMBER OF PERPETUAL TRAIL EASEMENTS

Twenty-one land trusts hold 151 trail easements.

	Organization	Total
1	Natural Lands	39
2	Wissahickon Trails	30
3	Montour Trail Council	29
4	Countryside Conservancy	10
5	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	7
6	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	6
7	Willistown Conservation Trust	6
8	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	3
9	Westmoreland Conservancy	3
10	Brandywine Conservancy	2
11	Brandywine Red Clay Alliance	2

	Organization	Total
12	French Creek Valley Conservancy	2
13	Lancaster Conservancy	2
14	North American Land Trust	2
15	Willistown Conservation Trust	2
16	Earth Conservancy	1
17	Hollow Oak Land Trust	1
18	Lackawanna River Conservation Association	1
19	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	1
20	Roaring Run Watershed Association	1
21	Tinicum Conservancy	1



562 MILES OF ON-PRESERVE, PUBLIC TRAIL

Forty-four Pennsylvania land trusts report managing 562 miles of trail open to the public within their preserves. This number does NOT include their many miles of trails running outside their preserves. It does not include trails that they steward on government-held lands. Nor does it factor in the 151 perpetual trail easements they hold.

Natural Lands is by far the largest manager of on-preserve trails with 109 miles within its preserves. The ten land trusts managing the most on-preserve, public trail are (in ranked order):

Natural Lands
The Nature Conservancy
Lancaster Conservancy
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Allegheny Land Trust
Wildlands Conservancy
Wissahickon Trails
Brandywine Conservancy
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance

This is the first census for which WeConservePA collected trail management information for land trusts. This data has not undergone the same level of scrutiny and cross-checking as all the other census data and likely there is missing data; thus, we have chosen not to publish a detailed table at this time.

Photo credit: Mae Axelrod, Natural Lands

WHAT IS CONSERVATION?

Conservation is defined by Meriam Webster as “a careful preservation and protection of something, especially planned management of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect.”

Wikipedia defines it as “the preservation or efficient use of resources...”

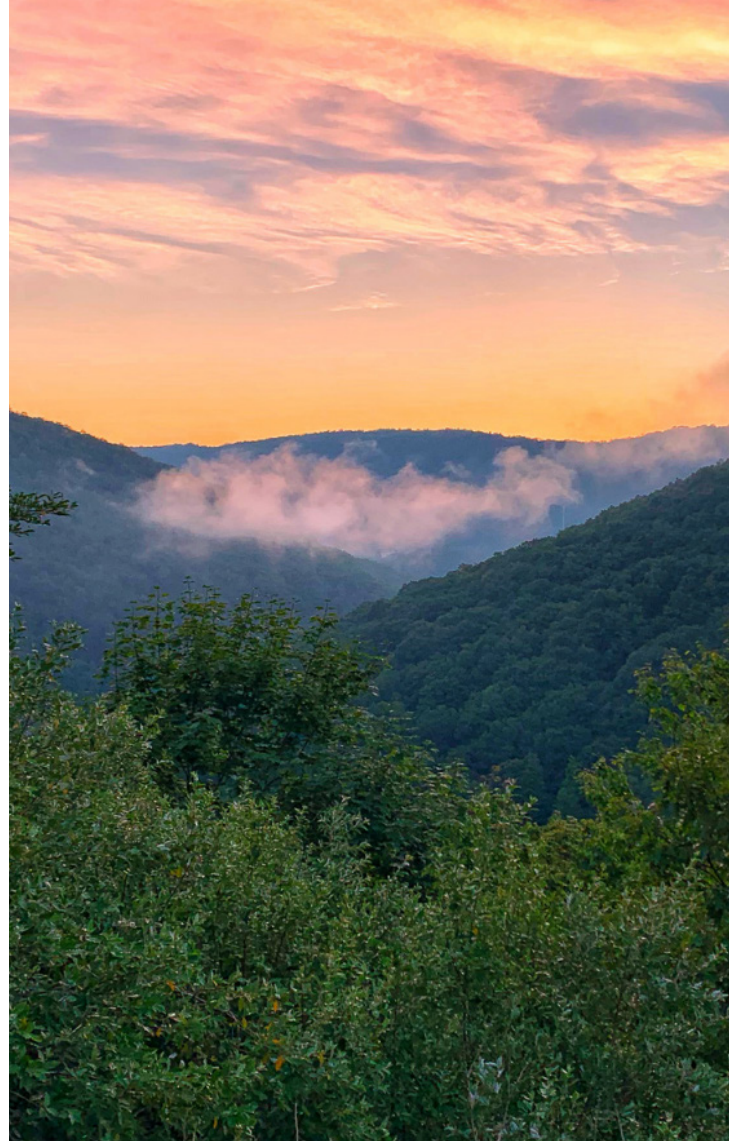
Wiktionary’s first definition is: “The act of preserving, guarding, or protecting; the keeping (of a thing) in a safe or entire state; preservation.” Its second definition is: “Wise use of natural resources.”

National Geographic’s encyclopedic entry defines it as “the act of protecting Earth’s natural resources for current and future generations.”

The entry continues:

Earth’s natural resources include air, minerals, plants, soil, water, and wildlife. Conservation is the care and protection of these resources so that they can persist for future generations. It includes maintaining diversity of species, genes, and ecosystems, as well as functions of the environment, such as nutrient cycling.

Conservation is similar to preservation, but while both relate to the protection of nature, they strive to accomplish this task in different ways. Conservation seeks the sustainable use of nature by humans, for activities such as hunting, logging, or mining, while preservation means protecting nature from human use.



WeConservePA uses *conservation* to mean taking action to ensure for present and future generations some or all of the following outcomes:

- The land will serve as natural infrastructure: absorbing rainwater to prevent erosion and flooding and recharge groundwater; filtering stormwater runoff of pollutants before they can enter waterways; and sequestering carbon in plants and soil.
- The land will be available and productive for logging, farming, hunting, and other activities that sustainably draw from nature.
- The land will provide habitat and support the diverse species with which we share the planet.
- The land will provide other open space benefits such as scenic views and opportunities for recreation, reflection, and inspiration.

WeConservePA also looks at conservation encompassing the active stewardship of land (for example, fencing forest to prevent deer overbrowse or redesigning trails to prevent stormwater runoff) and the active restoration of natural functions to degraded lands and waters (for example, reforestation riparian areas or establishing meadow on strip mined land). Even more broadly, conservation describes actions to live sustainably to ensure that future generations may enjoy nature, undiminished.

Photo credit: Lancaster Farmland Trust



WECONSERVEPA STAFF ANNOUNCE UPCOMING DEPARTURES



Tell me what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life? ~ Mary Oliver

Sometimes I think that opening a paragraph with a quote can be a bit cliché, but these words from Mary Oliver have been particularly poignant to me lately. As I write this, I find myself on the cusp of a significant unfolding—I will be departing from my role as WeConservePA's communications specialist this August and turning the course of my life to England to further my educational and professional ventures in filmmaking and spiritual ecology.

Much of my work is driven by uncovering and learning more about the many-layered personal connections that people form with the natural world. Learning to recognize, nurture, and most importantly share our own personal connections with nature is, I believe, one of

the most important and necessary actions we can do within our own lives. Sharing these connections may at times seem insignificant, but then again, every mighty tree was once a small seed.

As I move into this next chapter, I cannot help but reflect on the privilege it has been to have been a part of the conservation community in Pennsylvania, and to witness the talent, dedication, and shared love that drives each of our wild and precious lives to protect this beautiful planet.

I am ready to spread my wings and fly off into this truly exciting adventure, but it is with gratitude that I embark, knowing of the friendships made and the work that I completed.

Hilary Hirtle



During the past two years working at WeConservePA, I have grown long, intricate branches despite wearing multiple hats. As the Conservation Advocate, I have tracked pro-conservation legislation, helped coordinate the Growing Greener Coalition, and created a great deal of digital content about the benefits of land conservation and state environmental investments. I have also served as the DEIJ Community liaison, overseen the Larry Williamson Scholarship, and created guidance for municipalities seeking to develop an open space preservation program. Thanks to this wide range of projects, I have had the privilege of working with a diverse group of diligent and passionate individuals who strive for a greener and more equitable conservation movement in Pennsylvania.

There is one project in particular that has made me branch out and venture into different pastures. When collecting stories about the benefits of state investments in natural infrastructure projects, I had the pleasure of speaking to various project leaders about the impact that state-funded local parks, rain gardens, or stream stabilization projects had

had on their respective communities. I became fascinated by the physical intricacies of these different structures and how to best match their designs to the socio-cultural fabric of the area. This series of stories sparked my newfound interest in the field of landscape architecture, which led to my decision to return to Ecuador later this summer to join my mom's landscaping business.

After 10 years away, I am excited about the prospect of returning home to continue my growth. I have been dearly welcomed to a community of Pennsylvanian conservationists that aren't scared of growing and transforming with every season, and I am eager to be an active member of the movement once again soon. After a year of fieldwork, I plan to return to Pennsylvania to pursue a master's degree in Landscape Architecture and eventually hope I can help design some of the wonderful rain gardens, community parks, and other natural infrastructure projects your organizations bring to life.

Lina Berón Echavarría



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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Journey Back to the Stars: Limiting the Harmful Effects of Light Pollution

July 20, 7-8:15pm | Virtual

Join experts in the field to learn about the dark side of light and what steps can be taken to bring back the stars.

Personal Injury Liability: RULWA Provides Protection

September 8, 1-2pm | Virtual

Gain an overview of the Recreational Use of Land and Water Act and how it offers protection from personal injury lawsuits to landowners who allow their land to be used without charge for recreational purposes.

Leave No Trace Trainer Course

September 15-16 | Rushton Conservation Center

This two-day introductory course is designed to develop participant understanding of the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace and teach techniques for confidently conveying low impact skills and their benefits.

Drones and Conservation

September 29, 1-2:15pm | Virtual

Join WeConservePA for an update on advances in drone technology and a roundtable conversation around their utility in conservation work.

Register for these events and more at [WeConservePA.org/events](https://www.WeConservePA.org/events)



The first ever Healthy Lands Week will be held
September 24—October 2, 2022.
Details to be announced soon.

SAVE THE DATE **Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference**

April 26-28, 2023 | Reading