



Bureau of Recreation & Conservation





THE BUREAU'S MISSION:

To be a leader in establishing community conservation partnerships for advancing the greening of Pennsylvania, for protecting the Commonwealth's natural and heritage resources, and for providing recreational opportunities for all Pennsylvanians and visitors to enjoy.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) manages a variety of grant and technical assistance programs concerned with community recreation, heritage regions, rivers conservation, greenways and trails, and natural areas and open space under a single office, the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

A priority goal of the Bureau is to develop and sustain partnerships with communities, non-profits and other organizations for recreation and conservation projects and purposes. The Department's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation is responsible for fostering, facilitating and nurturing the great majority of these partnerships through technical assistance and grant funding from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2).



Community Conservation Partnerships Program - Grants

Whether it's rehabilitating a community athletic field, building a safer playground, preparing a watershed or greenways plan, developing an abandoned rail corridor, protecting a critical natural or open space area or constructing a snowmobile or ATV Trail, the Bureau's Community Conservation Partnerships Program can provide communities and nonprofit organizations with the technical assistance or grant funding to undertake these and other types of recreation and conservation projects.

The Community Conservation Partnerships Program is a combination of several funding sources and grant programs: the Commonwealth's Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Key 93), the Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act (Growing Greener), and Act 68 Snowmobile and ATV Trails Fund. The Program also includes federal funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails component of the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-first Century (TEA-21).

The C2P2 contains the following grant components: Community Recreation, Land Trusts, Rails-to-Trails, Rivers Conservation, Snowmobile/ATV, Heritage Parks, Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails. Except for the Heritage Parks grants, all other components have been combined into one annual application cycle (generally late summer/early fall), and use a single application format and process with one grant manual and one set of application forms. Applications selected for federal LWCF funding require some supplemental information to enable submission of the application to the National Park Service (NPS). Generally, all components require a match, usually 50% of cash or in-hand contributions.

The following is a summary of the types of projects eligible for funding under the Community Conservation Partnerships Program:

Planning Projects

- Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plans
- Conservation Plans
- County Natural Areas Inventories
- Feasibility Studies
- Greenways and Trails Plans
- Rails-to-Trails Plans
- Snowmobile and ATV Plans
- Master Site Plans
- Rivers Conservation Plans

Acquisition Projects

- Park and Recreation Areas
- Greenways, Trails and Rivers Conservation
- Rails-to-Trails
- Snowmobile and ATV Trails and Areas
- Natural and Critical Habitat Areas

Development Projects

- Park and Recreation Areas
- Greenways and Trails
- Rails-to-Trails
- Snowmobile and ATV Trails and Areas
- Rivers Conservation





Technical Assistance Projects

- Education and Training
- Circuit Rider
- Peer-to-Peer
- Snowmobile and ATV Trails and Areas

Heritage Parks Program

Heritage Parks

The Bureau's Heritage Parks Program is a key component of the state's heritage conservation, development and tourism strategy. Through grants and technical assistance, the program promotes regional public-private partnerships to preserve, enhance and promote natural, cultural, historic, scenic and recreational resources to stimulate economic development through heritage tourism. There are currently eleven designated State Heritage Parks. For additional information about the Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Program and the Heritage Parks grants, please check DCNR's website or contact one of the Bureau's Heritage Parks District Supervisors:

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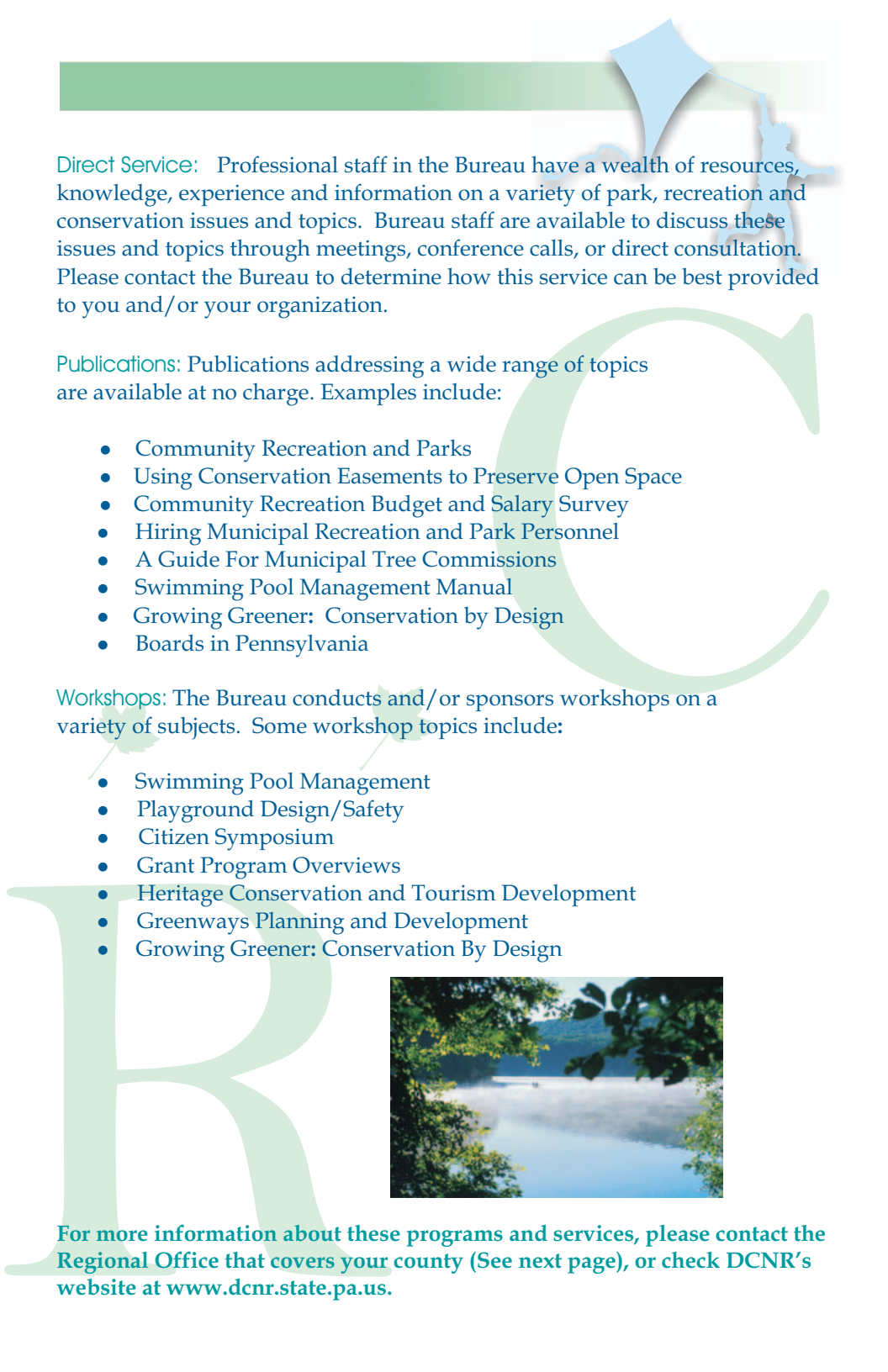
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Technical Assistance Program

The Bureau's technical assistance program helps local governments and non-profit organizations provide park, recreation and conservation programs, facilities and services to their constituents through a variety of products and methods including, but not limited to:



Direct Service: Professional staff in the Bureau have a wealth of resources, knowledge, experience and information on a variety of park, recreation and conservation issues and topics. Bureau staff are available to discuss these issues and topics through meetings, conference calls, or direct consultation. Please contact the Bureau to determine how this service can be best provided to you and/or your organization.

Publications: Publications addressing a wide range of topics are available at no charge. Examples include:

- Community Recreation and Parks
- Using Conservation Easements to Preserve Open Space
- Community Recreation Budget and Salary Survey
- Hiring Municipal Recreation and Park Personnel
- A Guide For Municipal Tree Commissions
- Swimming Pool Management Manual
- Growing Greener: Conservation by Design
- Boards in Pennsylvania

Workshops: The Bureau conducts and/or sponsors workshops on a variety of subjects. Some workshop topics include:

- Swimming Pool Management
- Playground Design/Safety
- Citizen Symposium
- Grant Program Overviews
- Heritage Conservation and Tourism Development
- Greenways Planning and Development
- Growing Greener: Conservation By Design



For more information about these programs and services, please contact the Regional Office that covers your county (See next page), or check DCNR's website at www.dcnr.state.pa.us.



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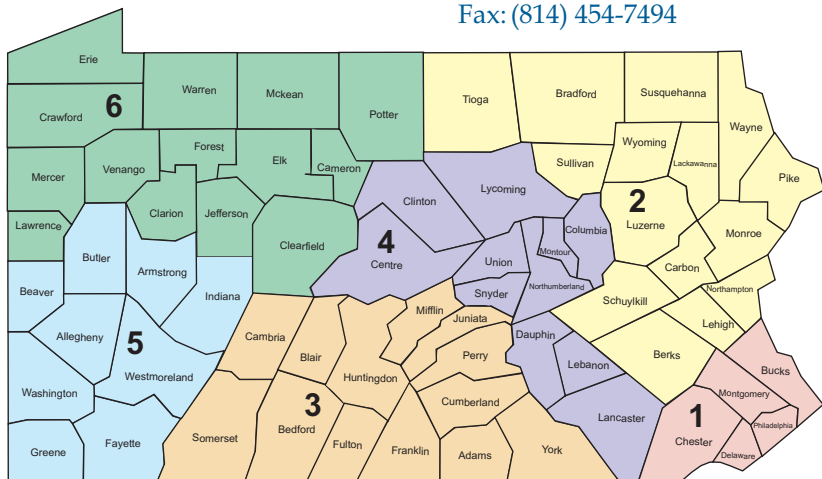
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