

## PECO

In an age when energy efficiency is helping revolutionize the way we interact with our environment, PECO is taking the lead in exploring and sharing new ideas and opportunities to reduce our impact. With access to new tools and technologies, our customers are finding the power of change is rewarding on a variety of levels. From changing over to an environmentally friendly fleet of vehicles and promoting PECO Smart Ideas (which help our customers save energy and money) to distributing community grants to conserve and create green spaces, we're investing in projects and programs to help preserve all things green. We also educate teachers about energy and the environment so that they can transfer that learning to our youth; recycle thousands of tons of paper, metal and plastic annually; and work to maximize the energy efficiency of our daily operations. All of PECO's environmental efforts contribute to and support the long-term sustainability efforts of our parent company, Exelon Corporation, for the benefit of our customers and communities.



## NATURAL LANDS

Natural Lands, administrator of the Green Region program, is dedicated to preserving and nurturing nature's wonders while creating opportunities for joy and discovery in the outdoors for everyone. As the Greater Philadelphia region's oldest and largest land conservation organization, Natural Lands has preserved more than 125,000 acres, including 44 nature preserves totaling more than 23,000 acres. Some 2.5 million people live within five miles of land under the organization's protection. *Land for life, nature for all. [natlands.org](http://natlands.org)*



### *Sample projects include:*

#### **Developing or updating municipal open space protection plans**

consultant fees, expenses associated with public input such as hall rental, advertising, printing

#### **Acquisition of open space, through fee or easement**

direct expenses such as purchase costs, surveys, environmental assessments, appraisals

#### **Habitat improvement within municipally owned open space**

consultant fees such as landscape architects, botanists, park designers, engineers, materials and labor costs for installation

#### **Capital improvements for passive recreation**

planning consultant fees, materials and labor costs for constructing trails, boardwalks, kiosks, observation platforms

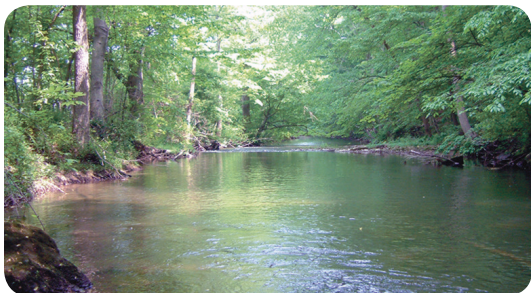
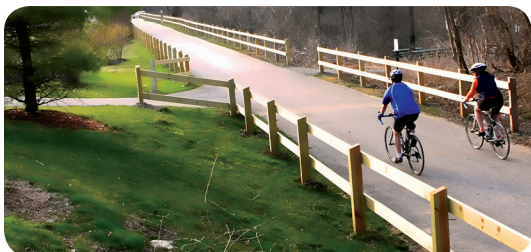
### *We're putting our energy into the environment!*



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In recent years, many townships and municipalities in southeastern Pennsylvania have approved open space referenda to preserve and protect farmland, parks and trails, and watersheds.

PECO is committed to assisting southeastern Pennsylvania's municipalities, recreational authorities, and nonprofits (within the City of Philadelphia) with ongoing efforts to preserve, protect, and improve open space.



Through its Green Region program initiated in 2004, PECO has awarded 246 grants, totaling \$1.9 million, to support open space and environmental projects throughout its service area. The grants have saved more than 420 acres of open space, supported more than 100 upgrades to local parks, built or improved more than 15.5 miles of trails, and helped protect endangered species.

Green Region grants are available in amounts up to \$10,000. The grants can be used with other funding sources to cover a wide variety of planning and direct expenses associated with developing and implementing open space programs, including consulting fees, surveys, environmental assessments, habitat improvement, and capital improvements for passive recreation.



A Green Region review committee made up of county, conservation, and PECO representatives consider all funding proposals and make grant awards.

Program guidelines and applications can be downloaded at [peco.com/SafetyCommunity/Community/Pages/Environment\\_OLD.aspx](http://peco.com/SafetyCommunity/Community/Pages/Environment_OLD.aspx) or [natlands.org/greenregion](http://natlands.org/greenregion).

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