



Pine Creek Watershed Conservation Plan (PCWCP)

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WHAT IS THE PCWCP?

The purpose of the plan is to identify significant natural, recreational, and cultural resources as well as issues, concerns, and threats to resources and values within the watershed. Existing and new data collected along with public input is used to develop recommendations to restore, maintain, and enhance waterways resources within the watershed. Local citizen participation in the planning effort is key to ensuring that the Watershed Conservation Plan responds to their community's needs, desires, and concerns. Local projects recommended in the plan will become eligible for future state and federal funding.

PRIMARY GOALS OF THE PCWCP:

- ✦ Preserve the integrity of natural and cultural resources under pressure from development
- ✦ Raise public awareness of the unique and invaluable natural resources within the watershed
- ✦ Engage the community as active watershed stewards
- ✦ Provide local decision makers with implementation plans to restore and remediate the watershed
- ✦ Identify existing and new recreational opportunities within the watershed
- ✦ Qualify the watershed for admission to the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation Registry

HOW IS THE PROJECT FUNDED?

The project is funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (DCNR) PA Rivers Program, the Foundation for PA Watersheds, and the North Area Environmental Council.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT STUDY AREA?

The project study area is the Pine Creek Watershed, encompassing approximately 67 square miles and is located in the municipalities of: Bradford Woods, Etna, Franklin Park, Fox Chapel, Hampton, Indiana, Marshall, McCandless, O'Hara, Pine, Richland, Ross, Shaler, and Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, PA.

WHO IS LEADING THE PROJECT?

The project is led by the PCWCP Study Committee, which is comprised of a dedicated group of community leaders, residents, and cooperating agency personnel, as well as, key stakeholders who believe that Pine Creek and the watershed contain invaluable but underutilized resources that can and should be a more integral part of the community's recreational, economic, and social fabric.

WHAT IS THE END RESULT?

The completed plan will result in a "blueprint" of specific implementation strategies that will address the stated plan goals based on existing opportunities, constraints, and in consideration of public input. It will identify local, state, and federal agencies and individual stakeholders, who are integral to the plan implementation as well as conceptual designs, anticipated cost estimates, and prioritization of future project developments. In addition, potential funding sources and project partners will be identified to help achieve the implementation of each strategy.



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