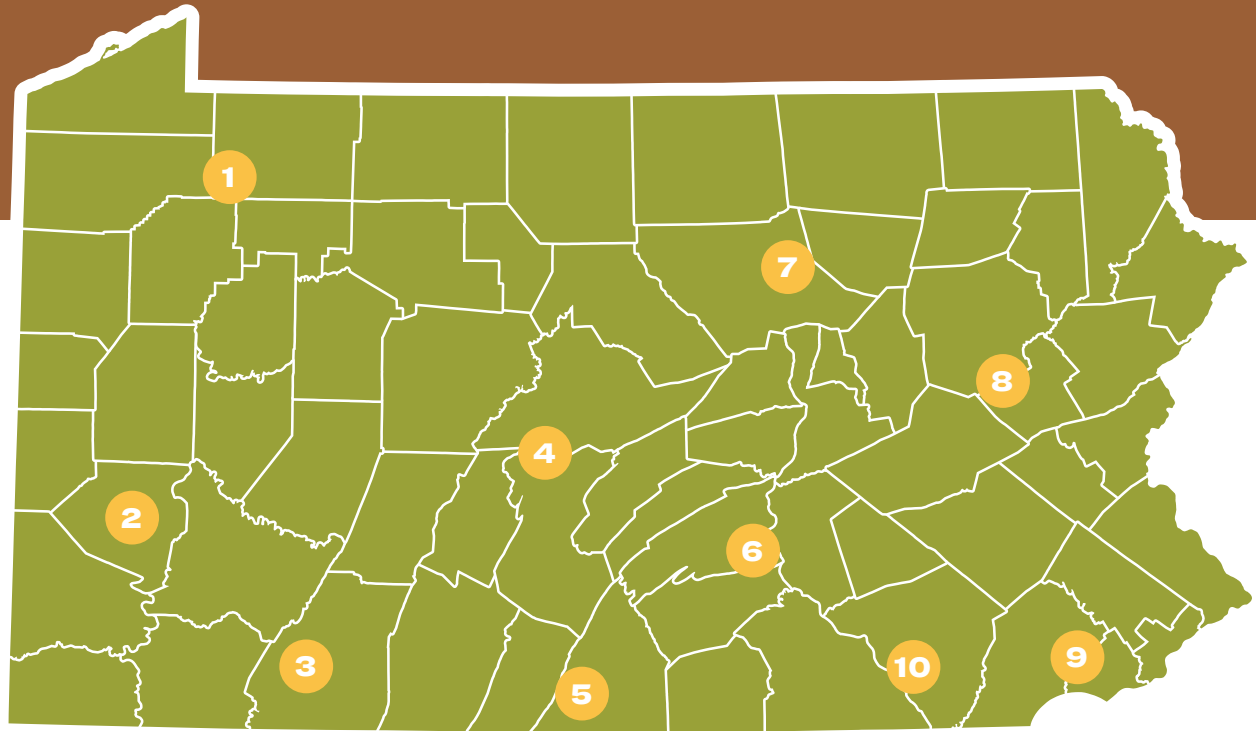


HELPING PEOPLE CARE FOR, WISELY USE, AND ENJOY WHAT NATURE OFFERS

WeConservePA member land trusts, with the help of their more than 100,000 supporters, have conserved 800,000 acres to provide a great range of benefits to Pennsylvanians.



Pennsylvania land trusts complete hundreds of real estate transactions and other projects each year for the benefit of Pennsylvanians. Highlighted here are 10 projects completed in recent months.



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Supporting the timber economy

Four parcels of land were privately conserved to establish the 528-acre Dotyville Hill Forest. This ensures sustainable timber production and public access for hunting, hiking and more in perpetuity.

Foundation for Sustainable Forests

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Enhancing trail experiences

A conservation easement protecting 50 acres of wildlife habitat and scenic views further enhances the Great Allegheny Passage as a world-class destination.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

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Creating community gardens

The conservation easement placed on Kincaid Community Garden conserves an urban oasis in Pittsburgh's Garfield neighborhood, ensuring that residents have continuing opportunity to grow healthy food and work the soil.

Allegheny Land Trust & Three Rivers Agricultural Land Initiative

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Expanding public access

The land trust purchase and transfer of 1,271 acres to Rothrock State Forest will greatly improve public access. The addition contains the largest remaining patch of pitch pine-scrub oak barrens in Pennsylvania and offers features to be enjoyed by hunters, anglers, hikers, and local historians.

ClearWater Conservancy

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Conserving biodiversity

A site of statewide significance for biological diversity in Franklin County, the recent conservation easement placed on this 233-acre property ensures the persistence of at least five plant species of special concern.

Central Pennsylvania Conservancy

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Protecting water

By permanently protecting the 2,700-acres that make up the Penrose Swamp Barrens, clean water for drinking, fishing, and recreation is better assured for the Lehigh River watershed.

Wildlands Conservancy

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Boosting tourism

The addition of 1,058 acres to Cove Mountain Preserve will further grow the booming economic impact of outdoor recreation in Perry County, conserve views along the Appalachian Trail, and protect the important natural landscape of the Kittatinny Ridge.

The Nature Conservancy in Pennsylvania & Delaware

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Preserving American history

A conservation easement placed upon 10 acres in Chester County preserves the site of the 1777 Battle of Brandywine, saving a piece of American Revolutionary War history from development.

Natural Lands

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Safeguarding Class A trout streams

Conserving the 112-acres of Bar Bottom Hollow adjacent to Loyalsock State Forest protects a naturally reproducing trout stream and supports local and visiting anglers.

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

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Stabilizing farm economies

Placing a conservation easement on the 147 acres that comprise the Bard family's farms contributes to the stewardship of productive farmland in Lancaster County and the continuation of a thriving farm economy.

Lancaster Farmland Trust

To learn more about these projects, visit WeConservePA.org.

What Is a Land Trust?

Land trusts seek to bring lasting conservation benefits to people. Working cooperatively with landowners, these charitable organizations acquire land or conservation easements, or manage land or easements, for conservation purposes.

The purposes may include:

- protecting water quality
- conserving wildlife
- providing fishing, hunting, birdwatching, or other recreation opportunities
- creating new parks, trails, game lands, or other public spaces
- assuring the availability of forestland for timber production
- preserving productive farmland in support of farm economies
- treating abandoned mine drainage or restoring damaged lands
- reducing flooding or sequestering carbon
- preserving scenic views
- establishing neighborhood gardens
- meeting any number of other community needs

Many land trusts also maintain trails and other outdoor recreational facilities, run education programs, restore streams and riparian forest buffers, help municipalities with land-use planning, or engage in any number of other activities.

Search “what is a land trust” at WeConservePA.org/tools for more information.

What Is a Conservation Easement?

A conservation easement conserves land in the public interest, but the land stays in the possession and control of private landowners. Conservation is achieved without government ownership.

A conservation easement is established by mutual agreement between a landowner and a private land trust or government. The easement limits certain uses of the land (for example, subdivision and development) in order to achieve particular conservation objectives. The owner may continue to use the land as the owner wishes—within the constraints agreed to when establishing the easement.

A conservation easement does not create a right for the public to access a property unless the owner explicitly establishes that right; conversely, public access is sometimes a crucial part of a conservation project.

Search “conservation easements introduction” at WeConservePA.org/tools for more information.



To find where land trusts are working in Pennsylvania, visit WeConservePA.org/groups.