



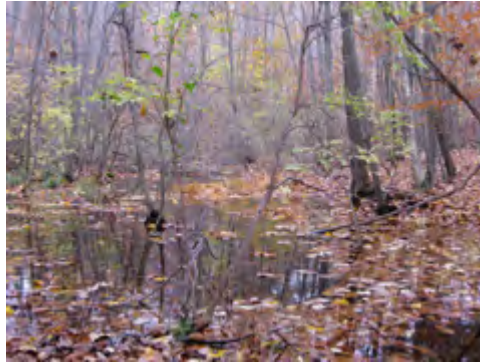
Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund

Minsi Lake Corridor

Preserving one of Pennsylvania's largest vernal pool communities

Sometimes conservation work is like piecing together a jigsaw puzzle. The Minsi Lake Corridor, with its more than 400 vernal pools, is one of these puzzles.

Each spring the vernal pools come to life as nurseries for amphibians—wildlife that are threatened and endangered across the globe. The chirping of spring peepers and the whistling of wood frogs alert visitors that not only has spring arrived but a healthy and productive habitat thrives.



Year-round, this wilderness delights visitors who come to hike and boat, fish and view wildlife. Hiking trails lead visitors through the largest forest corridor in central and eastern Pennsylvania, offering spectacular views of the Minsi Valley and glimpses of amphibians, reptiles, birds and more.

Minsi Lake Corridor actually serves as a nexus for three extraordinary landscapes. It sits on the slope of the Kittatinny Ridge, a world-class migratory bird corridor and extends from the Bear Swamp Natural Area to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Strategic planning, supported through the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, laid the groundwork for protecting the many pieces of the corridor. The Keystone Fund then helped with the purchase and protection of seven corridor properties encompassing over 700 acres.

Without the Keystone Fund and the healthy partnerships between Northampton County, The Nature Conservancy and various local conservation organizations and municipalities, assembly of the Minsi Lake Corridor puzzle into an extraordinary conservation area would not have been possible.

Additional parcels in the corridor still need protection, but with good planning in place, strong partners on the ground and the Keystone Fund in operation, these lands will be conserved and the corridor will flourish. 🌿

Project Spotlight

Keystone investment: \$980,600

Total project cost: \$4.2M

Project leader:

Appalachian Trail Conservancy /
The Nature Conservancy

Key local partners:

Aubudon Pennsylvania, Martins
Jacoby Watershed Association, Up-
per Mount Bethel Township, U.S.
Fish & Wildlife Service

County: Northampton

Fun fact: The Minsi Lake Wilder-
ness Area is home to the largest
vernal pond concentration known
in Pennsylvania.



The Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund was established in 1993 with overwhelming bipartisan support both in the General Assembly and through a voter referendum. A portion of the state Realty Transfer Tax has been dedicated to the Keystone Fund for more than two decades. Each dollar of Keystone Fund investment typically leverages three dollars or more in direct local investments in our parks, trails, community green spaces and libraries.

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