



Celebrating 20 Years with 20 Keystone Facts

- 1** The Keystone Fund was created with *overwhelming support* in the Pennsylvania legislature in 1993. (The vote was 48-0 in the Senate and 196-3 in the House.)
- 2** The improvements made possible by the Keystone Fund have enhanced natural, recreational, educational, and historic resources for residents throughout every region of Pennsylvania.
- 3** Every \$1 invested in land and water conservation through the Keystone Fund returned \$7 in economic value through natural goods and services.
- 4** Each Keystone Fund grant dollar leverages \$3.13 in additional local and private funding.
- 5** The Keystone Fund has helped to preserve approximately 136,000 acres of green space for county and municipal parks, greenways, wildlife habitat and open space uses.
- 6** Approximately 2,100 community park development projects, including ball fields, playgrounds, pools, picnic areas and recreation centers have been made possible by Keystone Fund grants.
- 7** 570 historic treasures have been preserved and improved with help from the Fund.
- 8** Pennsylvania ranks first in the nation in trails thanks, in part, to 465 Keystone-funded trail projects.
- 9** 3.3 million people in 48 counties have benefited from improvements to their community libraries through the last four rounds of Keystone funding.
- 10** Pennsylvania's state parks were recognized as the finest in the country in 2009 by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration. The Keystone Fund is a vital source of support for capital improvements for the parks.
- 11** Pennsylvania's state parks attract 38 million visitors each year and generate an economic impact exceeding \$1 billion.
- 12** Keystone helps DCNR maintain vital infrastructure in our state parks and forests, including 121 dams; 3,720 miles of roads; 842 bridges; 68 wastewater treatment facilities; and 172 public water supplies.
- 13** Pennsylvania's 2.2 million-acres of state forests are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council and licensed by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.
- 14** Keystone Funds are primarily used for capital projects that help enhance and rehabilitate community libraries, historic treasures and recreational facilities.
- 15** Demand is high. Nearly 40% of projects submitted to DCNR went unfunded last year, including projects that DCNR considers high value projects.
- 16** Keystone funds help make Pennsylvania's parks, libraries, historic buildings, playgrounds and swimming pools more accessible to those with physical disabilities.
- 17** In 2010, 32.6% of Pennsylvania's children in grades K-6 and 34.1% of children in grades 7-12 were reported as overweight or obese. Access to parks, ball fields, and trails helps increase physical activity and reduce obesity.
- 18** Libraries are essential to our communities. Public libraries in Pennsylvania welcome more than 40 million visitors each year plus 13 million online library users.
- 19** Pennsylvania voters approved the initial Keystone Fund bond referendum by a 2 to 1 margin.
- 20** 97% of Pennsylvanians support continued state investments in recreation, parks, and conservation.

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