

For more than 30 years, the Keystone Fund has made possible thousands of tangible improvements in communities across all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. No state funding program has had a more lasting impact on local communities than the Keystone Fund.



Keystone Fund

Recreation, Park & Conservation

Since 1994, Keystone Fund has delivered **\$1.76 BILLION** in community parks & recreation projects, trail projects, and land trust conservation projects—all driven by local needs.

The Keystone Fund is DCNR's primary source of funding for recreation and conservation grants—and has supported **6,476 on-the-ground projects**.

Established in 1993 with near unanimous legislative support and overwhelming voter approval, the Keystone Fund has a **strong record of bipartisan support**.

Act 50 of 1993 directs **15% of the state Realty Transfer Tax** to the Keystone Fund. With its long-lasting capital improvements, Keystone supports the real estate market, and the market supports Keystone.

Each Keystone Fund dollar leverages **\$3.13 in direct, local investments** in our parks, trails & community green spaces.

Keystone's investments generate **hundreds of millions of dollars** in economic activity, ranging from recreational purchases and wages to increased values of properties.

Demand is high. **Nearly 40% of projects submitted to DCNR are unfunded**, including those assessed to be of high value.

DCNR evaluates and ranks requests for Keystone Fund grants using **objective and transparent criteria**.

DCNR allocates a **fair share of funding to small and rural communities** so they are not forced to compete with counties and large cities for the funding.

Keystone funds capital improvements to our state parks and forests. **38 million people** visit Pennsylvania's 124 state parks each year and **spend \$839 million, contributing to the state's tourism revenue**.

The Keystone Fund primarily supports **capital projects** with few funds going to administration or planning.

LEGACY OF SUCCESS

200,000+ acres of green space for county and municipal parks, greenways, wildlife habitat, and other open space uses

4,900 community park development projects, including ballfields, playgrounds, pools, picnic areas and recreation centers

948 historic preservation projects

969 trail projects for walking, biking, hiking, and more

478 upgrades and repairs to community libraries in 68 counties; and

Major improvements across **138 state parks and forests**—construction & rehabilitation of restrooms, parking lots, roads, bridges, visitors' centers, water fountains, and more.

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