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Wolf Administration Announces \$70K Grant for Greenfield Township Community Park Project

Greenfield Township, PA – The Wolf Administration today announced that \$70,000 in new grant funding was approved to assist Greenfield Township for development of its new community park in Lackawanna County.

"The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) continues to support community parks and we are especially excited to help in providing outdoor recreation opportunities in an area of great need," DCNR Deputy Secretary Mike Walsh said. "We appreciate the township's foresight in acquiring a blighted property and working to transform it into a resource for the community. This park will be a great addition to Greenfield Township for generations to come."

The grant funding will help the township create its first official municipal park and the initial development of a parking area, walking trail, dog park and other amenities. This is the first grant DCNR has awarded to the township and it will help expand outdoor recreation opportunities in an area with limited access.

"We are extremely grateful for this grant and now our vision will become reality," said Susanne Totsky, chair of the Greenfield Township Supervisors. "This property has been earmarked for a community park for several years and with these funds, we will be able to build a park for all our residents and surrounding communities to enjoy."

DCNR provides grants to myriad projects across the commonwealth annually, including a [\\$70 million investment during the 2021-22 fiscal year](#). Its Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants can fund:

- Planning, acquisition, and development of public parks and recreation areas
- Motorized and non-motorized trails
- River conservation and access
- Heritage areas and facilities
- Conservation of critical habitat, natural areas and open space

Eligible applicants for these grants include counties, municipalities, municipal agencies, nonprofit organizations, state heritage areas, prequalified land trusts, and for-profit enterprises. Grant funding for the program comes from a variety of state funding sources including Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, Environmental Stewardship Fund, ATV and Snowmobile Management Restricted Accounts, Pennsylvania Heritage Area Program, and federal sources including the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. DCNR selects the most appropriate funding source based on the applicant and proposed project.

Pennsylvania has more than 6,100 local parks. Under the administration of Governor Tom Wolf, DCNR has awarded more than \$342 million in grants to 1,965 projects across the commonwealth.

Learn more about [DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program grants](#) on the DCNR website.

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