

Schuylkill River Restoration Fund
2015 Grant Awards & Project Summaries



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IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

**Berks County Conservancy
Jason Rice Farm Project
\$47,250**

Two dry manure storage facilities will be installed at this farm along with a waste transfer system, barnyard controls, rain gutters and a lined outlet. These improvements will significantly reduce the amount of nutrients and pollutants that are entering the Maiden Creek and Schuylkill River watershed.

**Berks County Conservancy
Biehl and Kurtz Farms
\$81,663**

Both of these farms are located in the Moselem Creek and Maiden Creek watershed. Two in ground manure storage units will be installed at the Kurtz farm and one storage pit will be installed at the Biehl farm. Additionally, the Biehl farm project will also include a waste transfer system, rain gutters and a lined outlet.

**The Dobson School
Native Meadow and Woodland Walk
\$37,710**

This grant will enable The Dobson School to construct the site perimeter of their property with a woodland walk as well as a managed native meadow at the entrance of the school. In addition to serving as stormwater controls, students will be able to engage in the project as it serves as an outdoor classroom. Site locations will be regraded and will receive planting of native grasses, bushes and trees.

**Montgomery County Conservation
District
Perkiomen Township Basin
\$30,000**

This project will retrofit an existing stormwater basin in Collegetown, Perkiomen Township. The project will implement stormwater Best Management Practices totaling 12,000 sq/ft and utilizing more than 3,000 native plants. Additionally, hundreds of residents will be educated directly through volunteer workdays and a resident workshop.

**Schuylkill Headwaters Association
Porter Floodplain
\$40,000**

The Porter Floodplain project will remove coal refuse from a previous dewatering settling basin in West Brunswick Township, and will restore the project area to its natural floodplain. Currently, during high water events, the coal silt on this property gets washed into the Schuylkill River through breached basin walls.

IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (continued)

**West Philadelphia Coalition
Greening Lea Project
\$26,000**

The Greening Lea stormwater project will transform the barren schoolyard at West Philadelphia Public Elementary School into an active and sustainable school and community space. Funding for this project is provided by The Coca-Cola Company and will be used to install permeable pavers for the tree bosque.

LAND TRANSACTION ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

**Berks County Conservancy
Miller Woodland
\$4,000**

The Conservancy will receive the conservation easement of the Miller Woodland property which is located along the Kittatinny Ridge in Berks County. This 78.55 acre parcel is entirely wooded and includes sourcewater and the headwaters of the Mollhead Creek and Tulpenhocken Creek.

**Berks County Conservancy
Gehris Property
\$4,000**

The Berks County Conservancy in partnership with the Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association will complete the fee simple purchase of the Gehris property in the Oley Hills of Berks County. This 51.18 acre parcel will go under conservation easement.

**Natural Lands Trust
Yoder
\$4,000**

Natural Lands Trust will accomplish the purchase of a 35 acre riparian easement of the Yoder tract located in Warwick Township, Chester County. This property is located on the headwaters of French Creek which is a designated Exceptional Value Stream and is connected to an additional 114 acre agricultural easement property receiving permanent protection.