

# Northeastern Pennsylvania Conservation Alliance

## Goals and Objectives

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### Goal: **Improve Stewardship and Management of Parks, Forests, and Greenspace**

#### Objectives:

| Policy   | Education & Networking   | Potential Action Projects  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and support the Open Space, Greenways, and Outdoor Recreation Master Plan for Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties.</li> <li>• Encourage the development of parks, forests, and greenspace preservation planning.</li> <li>• Promote land management based on healthy ecosystems.</li> <li>• Support economic development with sound management of natural resources.</li> <li>• Encourage the development of county park and recreation facility master plans.</li> <li>• Encourage the appropriation of Capital Improvement Funds for outdoor recreation facilities.</li> <li>• Encourage and support the creation of a regional GIS database.</li> <li>• Encourage the acquisition of lands that are of ecological or recreational value.</li> <li>• Support and facilitate volunteer groups</li> <li>• <i>McCormick Taylor open space and transportation plans</i></li> <li>• <i>SAPA plans</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate and network with parks, forests, and greenspace in NE PA.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming between parks, forests, and greenspace</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming about the importance of parks, forests, and greenspace in regards to the environment, society, and health</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of environmental programming with historic and cultural programming.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of acid mine drainage programming.</li> <li>• Support and promote innovative techniques designed to improve water quality and mitigate acid mine drainage.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a portion of the website dedicated to outdoor recreation opportunities in the area, including maps.</li> <li>• Conduct an annual workshop for elected officials and municipal leaders about parks, forests, and greenspace stewardship and management.</li> <li>• Conduct educational programming for the public about the benefits of parks, forests, and greenspace.</li> <li>• Conduct educational programming for the public about the acid mine drainage and abandoned mine lands.</li> <li>• Conduct educational programming for the public integrating the environment with historic and cultural resources.</li> <li>• Facilitate regional park, forest, and greenspace clean-up events.</li> </ul> |

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**Goal: Promote Land and Watershed Conservation**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and support the Open Space, Greenways, and Outdoor Recreation Master Plan for Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties</li> <li>• Promote and support Agricultural Land Preservation Programs</li> <li>• Promote and support DEP Act 167 Stormwater Management Act.</li> <li>• Promote and support the Lackawanna Watershed and River Conservation Plan.</li> <li>• <i>Promote and support the Susquehanna Watershed and River Conservation Plan.</i></li> <li>• Encourage the appropriation of Capital Improvement Funds for open space.</li> <li>• Encourage and support the creation of a regional GIS database.</li> <li>• <i>McCormick Taylor open space and transportation plans</i></li> <li>• <i>SAPA plans</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming about land and watershed conservation</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming about important ecological lands and watersheds, wildlife habitat, geological features, and recreational lands.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming regarding technical and financial assistance for land and watershed conservation.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming about acid mine drainage.</li> <li>• Support and promote innovative techniques designed to improve water quality and mitigate acid mine drainage.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct an annual workshop for elected officials and municipal leaders on current conservation strategies and tools and the benefits of smart growth.</li> <li>• Conduct a workshop regarding funding possibilities for land and watershed conservation.</li> <li>• Conduct a workshop for private landowners to encourage responsible stewardship of lands with significant conservation value.</li> <li>• Initiate the creation of a bi-county Open Space &amp; Greenway Authority to promote regional cooperation and to facilitate the acquisition and management of resources.</li> <li>• Utilize media outlets to promote the benefits of smart growth and celebrate the accomplishments of local conservation efforts, such as WNEP “The Power to Save” campaign.</li> </ul> |

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Goal: **Build and Maintain Sustainable and Attractive Communities**

Objectives:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and support the Open Space, Greenways, and Outdoor Recreation Master Plan for Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties</li> <li>• Promote and support the development of alternate avenues for commuting to places of work and education.</li> <li>• Promote and support the incorporation of sidewalks and trails with proposed and upgraded roads.</li> <li>• Promote and support the addition of water access points and water trails along the Susquehanna and Lackawanna Rivers and their tributaries.</li> <li>• Promote and support carpooling programs.</li> <li>• <i>McCormick Taylor open space and transportation plans</i></li> <li>• <i>SAPA plans</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming about sustainable communities.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming about “green” building.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming about carpooling.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate a festival with regional recreational outfitters, businesses, environmental organizations, and schools with education programming and outdoor recreation activities.</li> <li>• Conduct a lecture series about sustainable communities.</li> <li>• Conduct annual workshops for elected officials and municipal leaders about sustainable communities.</li> <li>• Conduct a lecture series about “green” building for the general public.</li> <li>• Conduct a lecture series about “LEED” certification for consultants and contractors.</li> <li>• Conduct a workshop about carpooling.</li> </ul> |

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Goal: **Build Outdoor Connections for Citizens and Visitors**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and support the Open Space, Greenways, and Outdoor Recreation Master Plan for Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties</li> <li>• Promote and support the Plan for the Lackawanna Heritage Valley</li> <li>• Promote and support the Wyoming Valley Wellness Trails Partnership.</li> <li>• Encourage the appropriation of Capital Improvement Funds for trails.</li> <li>• Promote and support the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.</li> <li>• Promote the development of a “Lackawanna Greenway Partnership”.</li> <li>• <i>McCormick Taylor open space and transportation plans</i></li> <li>• <i>SAPA plans</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of educational programming about the benefits of outdoor recreation.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking of health organizations and outdoor recreation partners.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking about better development practices.</li> <li>• Facilitate collaboration and networking about sustainable practices.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate the creation of a bi-county trails “umbrella” organization comprised of representatives from regional trail groups in order to coordinate trail development and consolidate funding initiatives.</li> <li>• Conduct a lecture series about the benefits of outdoor connections (trails and greenways).</li> <li>• Conduct an annual workshop for elected officials and municipal leaders about the benefits of outdoor connections (trails and greenways).</li> </ul> |