

Northeastern Pennsylvania Conservation Alliance

Goals and Objectives

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

Objectives:

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

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Goal: Promote Land and Watershed Conservation

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

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

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

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

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