

Green Ways Grant Program

Grant Round III
Question & Answer Sessions
September 15, 2022

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Imagine Delaware County defined by its incredible green spaces, trails recreation, and grant investment program. This is our future. Guided by the 2015 Delaware County Open Space, Recreation, and Greenway Plan — part of the County's comprehensive plan, Delaware County 2035 — County Council defined four initiatives to take action to better conserve, enhance, and connect Delaware County through the Delco Green Space and Trails Project:

- DELCO GREEN WAYS GRANT PROGRAM
- DELCO GREEN SPACE TASK FORCE
- DELCO TRAILS ALLIANCE
- DELCO RETURN ON ENVIRONMENT STUDY

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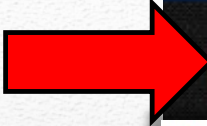
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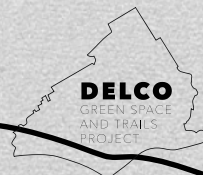
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Additional details further down DGWGP Round 3's Webpage...

GRANT ROUND 3 TIMELINE

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Please register by clicking on the date and time of your preference.

September 13: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

September 15: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

October 7, 2022. Application deadline for Round 3 of the Delaware County Green Ways Grant Program.

Mid – late October 2022. Green Ways evaluation team review recommendations for Council's consideration. Council will review the recommendations at a public meeting.

Let's celebrate this transformative leap forward for Delaware County by CONSERVE-ing, ENHANCE-ing, and CONNECT-ing. All benefit from a greener, more connected, modernized, and vibrant Delaware County. Thank you for your support of Green Ways Round 2, and encourage you to reapply for this and for participating in Delaware County's epic grant program.

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GRANT ROUND 3 HIGHLIGHTS

Still an Easy process...

- ✓ While no match is required, submissions including a match (either cash or in-kind services) receive a scoring bonus
- ✓ Projects in areas identified by regional or state agencies as “potentially disadvantaged,” or as “Environmental Justice Areas,” receive a scoring bonus
- ✓ **CONSERVE** projects for conservation easements now require public benefit, not public access
- ✓ **ENHANCE** projects allow 15% of the total project cost for planning and design
- ✓ **CONNECT** projects for trail design & engineering to allow up to \$250,000 cap*
- ✓ Applications ~~include boilerplate agreements~~. To expedite the award process, **submit a signed grant contract signature page** with your application. If funded, staff will insert dates, dollar amounts, and other descriptive information into the contract.
- ✓ **Electronic signatures** are now accepted for application submissions and payment requests.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS AND GRANT AMOUNTS DOES DELCO GREEN WAYS FUND?

Conserve Projects

Up to **\$500,000** to protect **undeveloped land** in perpetuity.

Eligible projects: fee simple acquisition, conservation or trail easements on private land, and other similar conservation methods.

Enhance Projects

Up to **\$250,000** for **capital improvements** to park and/or recreational facilities.

Eligible projects: improvements to existing park facilities and greening efforts (e.g., street trees, green stormwater infrastructure, etc.)

Connect Projects

Up to **\$500,000** for developing multi-use trails included on the County's **Primary Trail Network (PTN)**.

Potentially **up to \$250,000** for other, single- or multi-use local trails outside of the PTN.

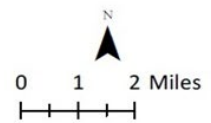
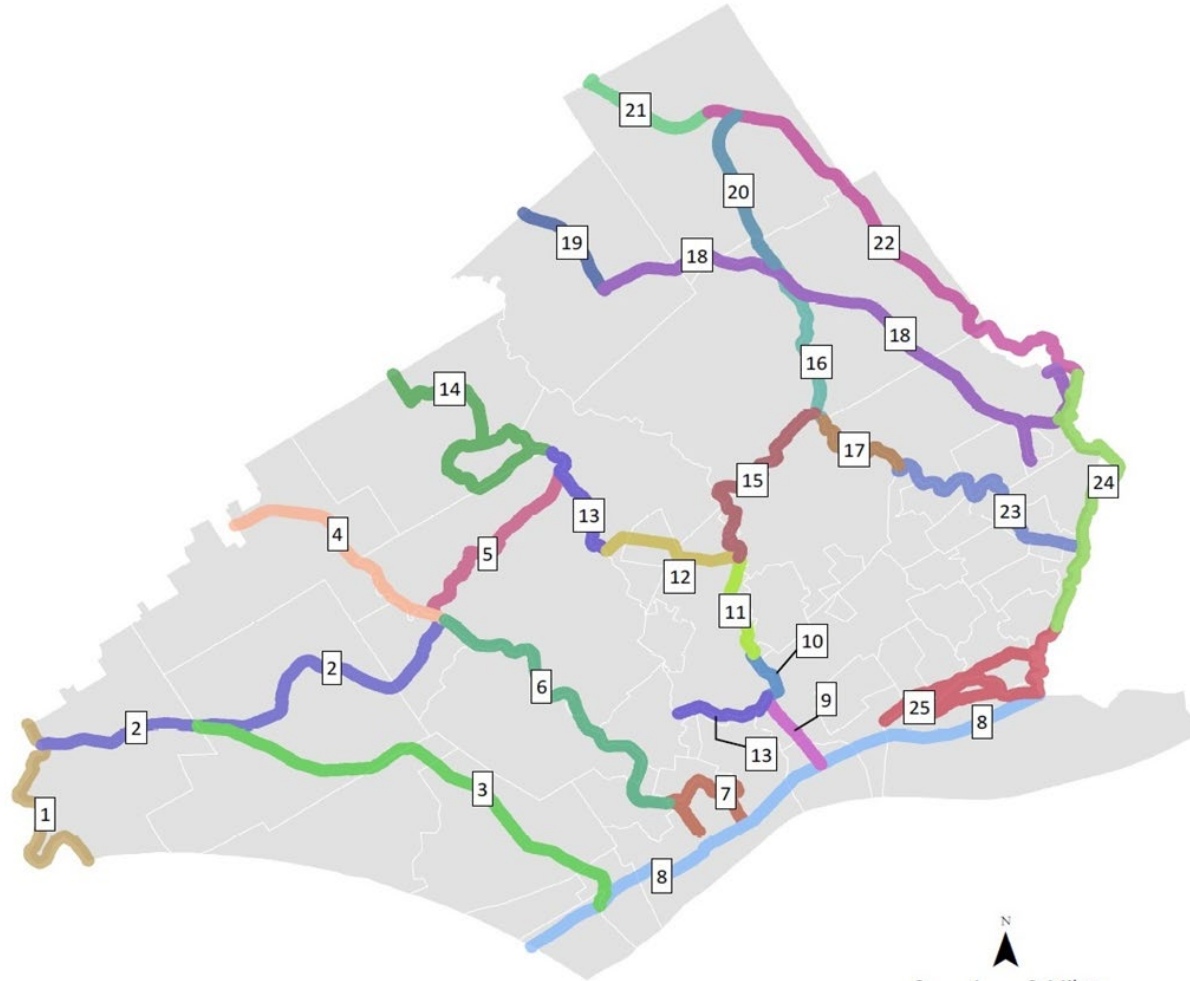
Eligible projects: final design and construction documents for trails within the PTN or local trails.

Planning & Design Projects

Up to **\$100,000** for planning efforts fueling intentional, strategic parks, recreation and open space projects. Eligible projects: full-scope, comprehensive parks, recreation, and open space plans, park master plans, trail network plans, feasibility studies, needs assessments, conceptual design plans for parks and/or recreational facilities, preliminary engineering, permitting, title searches, and appraisals.

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- 10 - Blue Route Bikeway - Leiper to Kinder Connector
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- 19 - Route 252 Bicycle Route
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Delco's Primary Trail Network

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Delaware County Mini-Parks, Recreation, Open Space Plan (Mini-PROS Plans)

- ✓ Communities under 8,000 in population, or 1.5 sq. miles in area.
- ✓ PA DCNR compatible
- ✓ Up to \$50,000 per project – ***Noncompetitive!***
- ✓ *Up to \$100,000, if multi-municipal*
- ✓ Purpose: get *ALL* municipalities planning to be eligible for more grant opportunities.

Mini PROS Plan Grants: Context

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- ✓ Ensure grant funds support professionally planned projects supporting community goals
- ✓ Aids in building capacity by rewarding partnerships
- ✓ Communities above those thresholds with large parks and recreation needs, and community challenges or opportunities can apply for a larger grant.

Mini PROS Plans

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Mini-PROS Plan-Eligible Municipalities:

Aldan Borough³
Brookhaven Borough²
Clifton Heights Borough¹
Collingdale Borough³
Darby Borough⁴
East Lansdowne Borough¹
Glenolden Borough
Lansdowne Borough¹
Sharon Hill Borough³
Thornbury Township
Trainer Borough
Upland Borough²
Yeadon Borough⁴

= May submit **multi-municipal** application

Recently Funded Plans:

1. Chadds Ford Township*
2. Chester Heights Borough
3. Chester Township
4. Colwyn Borough
5. Darby Township
6. Eddystone Borough
7. Edgmont Township
8. Folcroft Borough
9. Lower Chichester Township
10. Marcus Hook Borough
11. Media Borough*
12. Millbourne Borough
13. Morton Borough
14. Norwood Borough
15. Parkside Borough
16. Prospect Park Borough
17. Ridley Park Borough
18. Rose Valley Borough*
19. Rutledge Borough*
20. Swarthmore Borough*
21. Tincicum Township

* Not DGWG funded, but they have recent PROS plans on record.

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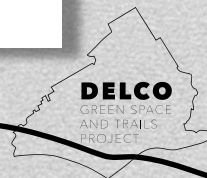
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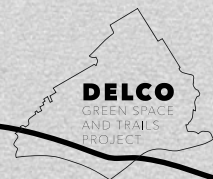


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Delaware County Green Ways Grant Round 3

Application for CONSERVE, ENHANCE, CONNECT, and PLANNING & DESIGN Projects
(Including the Delco MINI-PROS PLANS)

Ready to apply? Refer to the **Users' Guide** for criteria, expectations, appendicies, and everything else you need to know to help you with your application.

Applicant Type * Municipal Multi-Municipal
 Nonprofit

Lead Municipality/Nonprofit *

Participating Municipalities/Nonprofit *

- Aidan Borough
- Aston Township
- Bethel Township
- Brookhaven Borough
- Chadds Ford Township
- Chester City
- Chester Township
- Chester Heights Borough
- Clifton Heights Borough
- Delaware Township

Title *

Email *

example@example.com

Phone *

Please enter a valid phone number.

Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Other Key Contacts, If Applicable

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Project Information

Project Type *

- Conserve Mini-PROS Plan
 Connect Planning & Design
 Enhance

Project Title *

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Project Location *

Street Address

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City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Map Containing Project Location *



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Project Scope of Work *


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May copy and paste from User's Guide or share how you will tailor the scope of work to meet your community's needs.
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Project Funding Request *

	Name of Source (if applicable)	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total Cost	Status
	Delaware County Green Ways Program			▼
	Source 2 if any other funding sources will be used. NO MATCH IS REQUIRED.			▼
	Source 3			▼
	Source 4			▼

Project Budget *


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What Do I Need to Do to Win a Delco Green Ways Grant Award?

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Answer:

Refer to and highlight how your project meets the ***Evaluation Criteria*** (in the *User's Guide*), which link to County funding priorities.

Criteria Questions

Please answer the criteria question(s) that apply to your project. We don't expect applicants to answer all four criteria questions, only the one(s) that apply to your project.

How does your project advance Delaware County's goals for conserving open space?

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How does your project advance Delaware County's goals for enhancement?

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How does your project advance Delaware County's goals for connections?

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How will this project advance Delaware County's goals for planning and designing for our future?

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General Evaluation Criteria

In addition to project-specific evaluation criteria listed on the following pages, the list below details the general evaluation criteria that will be applied to projects in all four (4) grant types:

Socio-Economic Distress – Delaware County's Council is committed to ensuring no resident or community is left behind. To further this commitment, County staff will identify and consider the following items on each application (Relative to :

- The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's [Indicator of Potential Disadvantage](#) (IPD) Score, and
- The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's [Environmental Justice Areas](#).

Benefits

- Environmental
- Economic
- Social
- Health

Working with Neighbors or Other Partners

- Multi-municipal project
- Other Partners
- Letters of Support (include in *Supporting Documentation*)

Use of Matching Funds

- Local, regional, state, or other cash match
- Local "in-kind" services and/or resources

Project Type: Conserve

Conserve projects serve to protect undeveloped land in perpetuity. Eligible projects include fee simple land acquisition; conservation or public trail easements on private land; and other similar conservation methods. The Green Ways Grant Program calls for CONSERVE projects to provide public benefits; for example, permanently protecting sensitive natural environments or preserving viewsheds along public rights of ways or rivers are acceptable. Delaware County will decide, in its sole discretion and on a case-by-case basis, when Conserve projects without full public access are eligible for a Green Ways Grant award.

Evaluation Criteria

Natural Resource Impacts

- Locally significant open space under threat of a land use change
- Natural Heritage Area as shown in the [Natural Heritage Inventory](#) of Delaware County or within an Important Bird Area
- Protects important natural landscapes (e.g., steep slopes, floodplains, woodlands, tree canopy, wetlands, meadows, and vistas)
- Delaware Riverfront
- Opportunity for brownfield restoration or reclamation
- Adjoins publicly or preserved lands or trails, including County Primary Trails


Existing Resource Protection or Expansion


- Expands an existing protected open space
- Protects agricultural land
- Protects important historic and cultural resources
- Protects streams and/or other water bodies




Attachments

Project Schedule *



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Letters of Support from Partnering Organizations, Municipalities, citizens, and others *


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Site Development Drawing *


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- How many grants applications may a municipality or non-profit organization submit?

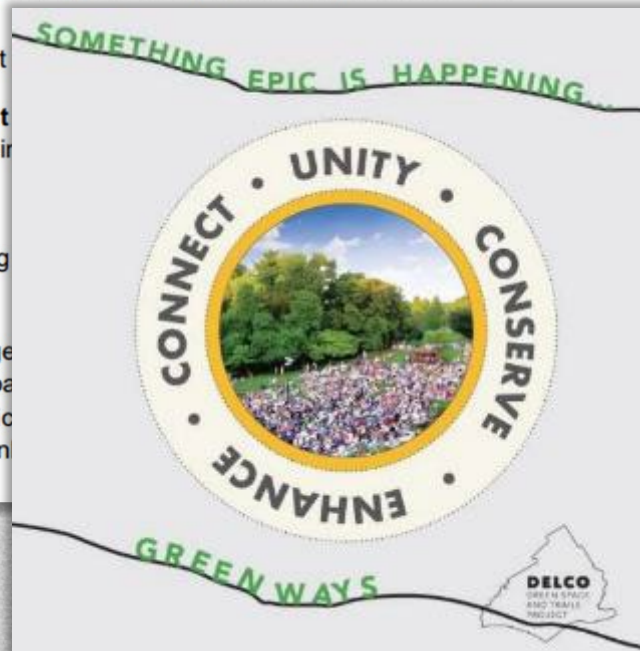
Municipalities and Non-Profit Organizations in partnership with a municipality are invited to apply for two projects. If the municipality or non-profit is applying for two grants, one of these two must be a project from the PLANNING & DESIGN category. The other grant application can be from one of the three other grant types: CONSERVE, CONNECT, or ENHANCE.

- Does sponsoring a non-profit count against

No, sponsoring non-profits **does not count** still eligible for two grants; one in the planning Connect, Enhance categories.

- If a municipality partners with a neighboring grants on its own?

Yes. Multi-municipal projects are encouraged for municipal partnering, any municipality pa still eligible to apply for two additional munic one from any of the Conserve, Connect, En



QUESTIONS?



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