



Grant Round IV  
Question & Answer Sessions  
September 7 & 12, 2023



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# Planning Department

**DELCO**  
Green Ways Grant Program  
*Round 4*

Application period opens:  
July 31 - September 29, 2023, 5:00 pm

Conserve  
Enhance  
Connect

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The Delaware County Planning Department's mission is to promote the sound development and redevelopment of the County through the application of contemporary planning principles and smart growth concepts, while maintaining and enhancing the cultural, economic, and environmental livability of the County. The future of Delaware County and our municipalities is critically important, and we hope to provide resources to support a bright future. Stay up to date with the latest planning news and funding opportunities in Delaware County by subscribing to our periodic email alerts [here](#).

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We are guided in this mission by [Delaware County 2035](#), the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Delaware County Planning Department conducts [programs and initiatives](#) to assist municipalities with sound planning practices. Delaware County Planning Department staff also support the [Delaware County Planning Commission](#) by managing the [development review process](#) and presenting their reviews to the Delaware County Planning Commission at its monthly meetings, where official recommendations are made.

## COUNTY PLANNING NEWS AND EVENTS



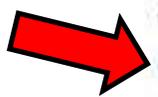
# DELCO Green Space and Trails Project

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## DELCO GREEN SPACE & TRAILS PROJECT



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.



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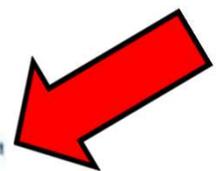


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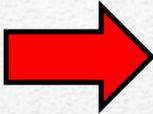




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# DELCO Green Ways Grant Program

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## GRANT ROUND 4 SCHEDULE

July 31, 2023, Open application period for Round 4 of Delco Green  
All submission materials are available below.

September 7, 2023, and September 12, 2023, Information session  
about the grant round will be held via Zoom.

Please register by clicking on the date and time of your

[September 7, 2023. 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.](#)

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## GRANT ROUND 4 HIGHLIGHTS

- Match is not required, but 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 require significant public benefit but do not require public access
- ENHANCE projects have a 15% allowance of the total project cost for planning and design expenses
- CONNECT projects for trail design & engineering have a \$250,000 cap, unless they are part of the Primary Trail Network.
- Applications include standard grant agreements that awardees must sign before the distribution of award money
- Electronic signatures are now accepted for application submissions and payment requests.



# What Types Of Projects & Grant Amounts Are Funded?

## 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)**.

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

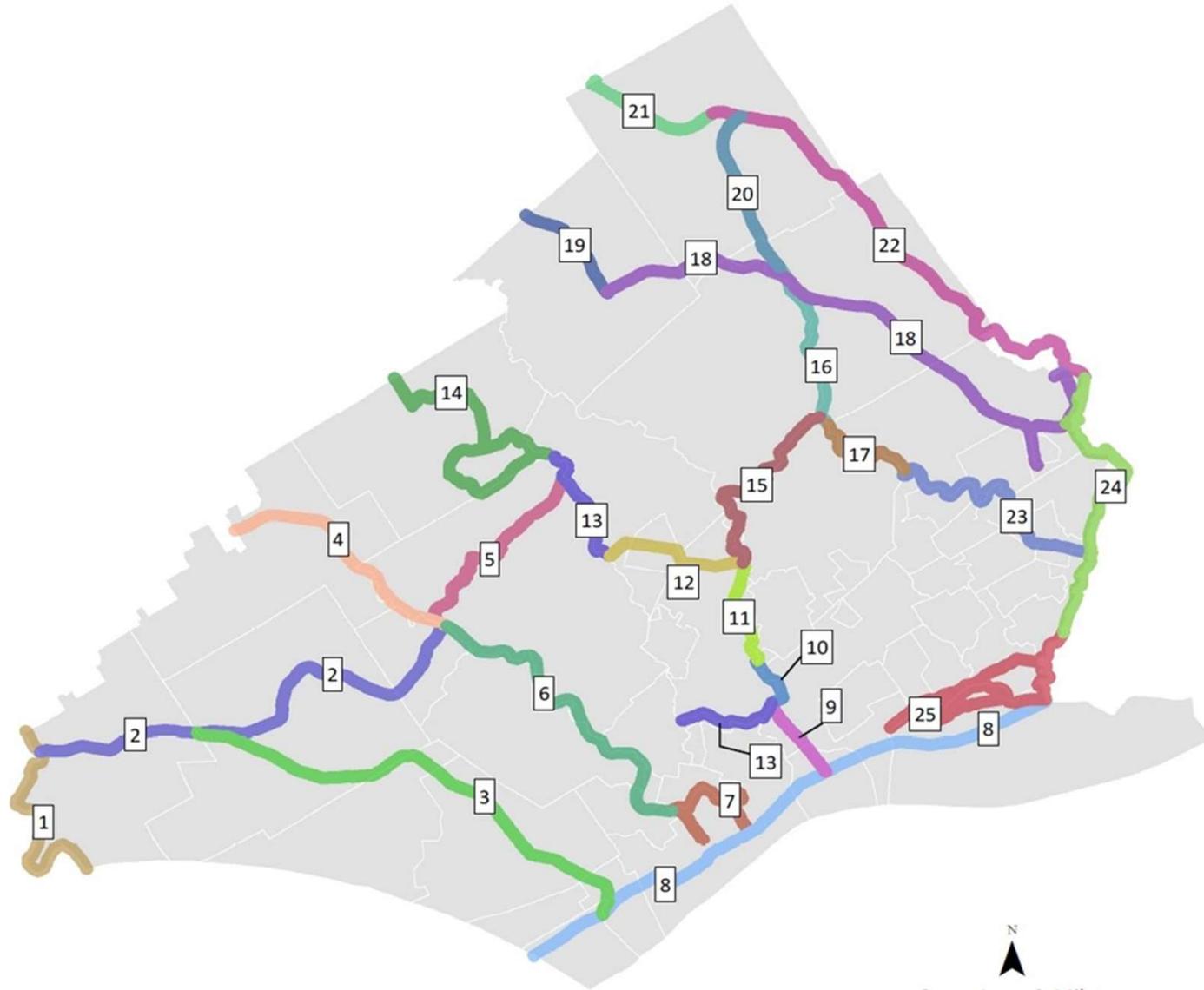
Eligible projects: final design and construction documents for trails within the PTN or local trails.

## 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.





# Delco's Primary Trail Network

1 - ... 2 - ... 3 - PECO Right-of-way Trail 4 - ... 5 - ... 6 - ... 7 - ... 8 - ... 9 - ... 10 - ... 11 - ... 12 - Media-Smyrna Connector Trail 13 - ... 14 - ... 15 - ... 16 - ... 17 - ... 18 - ... 19 - ... 20 - ... 21 - Radnor Trail 22 - ... 23 - ... 24 - ... 25 - ...



## 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



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

- ✓ 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



## Mini-PROS Plan-Eligible Municipalities:

Brookhaven Borough

Collingdale Borough

Darby Borough

East Lansdowne Borough

Glenolden Borough

Lansdowne Borough

Sharon Hill Borough

Trainer Borough

Upland Borough

Yeadon Borough

# Mini PROS Plans





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## USERS' GUIDE





# DELCO GREEN WAYS MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

GRANT ROUND 4 - 2023

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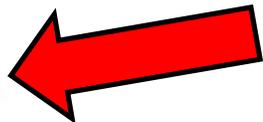


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We applaud all those who applied for previous Green Ways grants and encourage all municipalities and their partners to reapply for this next grant round.

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## Delaware County Green Ways Grant Round 4

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, appendices, and everything else you need to know to help you with your application.

**Applicant Type \***

Municipal

Multi-Municipal

Nonprofit

**Lead Municipality/Nonprofit \***

Please Select

**Participating Municipalities/Nonprofit \***

Aldan Borough  
Aston Township  
Bethel Township  
Brookhaven Borough  
Chadds Ford Township  
Chester City  
Chester Township  
Chester Heights Borough  
Clifton Heights Borough  
Collingdale Borough  
Colwyn Borough



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**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
- Connect
- Enhance

- Mini-PROS Plan
- Planning & Design

**Project Title \***

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**Project Location \***

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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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**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.

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# Evaluation Description

## Criteria = Guideposts

Identify & describe how does your project further the County goals to connect, conserve and enhance local communities?

### Three types of evaluation criteria:

- those applicable to *all* projects,
- those applicable to *specific* projects, and
- narrative questions to describe how the project furthers County goals.

Identify & discuss the individual elements that best fit your project.

No expectations that a project will meet all the criteria, so do no need to comment on “non-applicable” criteria.



## 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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*If you have more questions, **First** check FAQs at end of **USERS GUIDE***



## 8. Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

- Does sponsoring a non-profit count against a municipality's grant application cap?

No, sponsoring non-profits **does not count against the cap**. The sponsoring municipality is still eligible for two grants; one in the planning category and one from any of the Conserve, Connect, Enhance categories.

- If a municipality partners with a neighboring municipality for project, can it still apply for grants on its own?

Yes. Multi-municipal projects are encouraged by this program. To remain eligible for municipal partnering, any municipality partnering with another municipality for a project is still eligible to apply for two additional municipal projects (one in the planning category and one from any of the Conserve, Connect, Enhance categories).

The cover of the "Delco Green Ways Grant Program 2023 Round 4 Users' Guide" features a green background with a white wavy line at the top. The title "Delco GREEN WAYS GRANT PROGRAM" is prominently displayed in white and green. Below the title, a paragraph describes the program's objective: "This Program's objective is to advance the County's goals of CONSERVING green spaces, CONNECTING the County by creating safe ways to bicycle and walk from place to place, and ENHANCING public parks for people of all ages, interests, and abilities — thereby fashioning a more unified countywide system." The text "2023 Round 4" is enclosed in a white rounded rectangle. At the bottom, the words "USERS' GUIDE" are written in a large, bold, blue font. Logos for the County of Delco and the program are also present.

# QUESTIONS?





**Thank you for your questions and your interest in Delco Green Ways!**

