

# KEEP PENNSYLVANIA GROWING GREENER

PROTECT WATER • CONSERVE LAND • IMPROVE COMMUNITIES

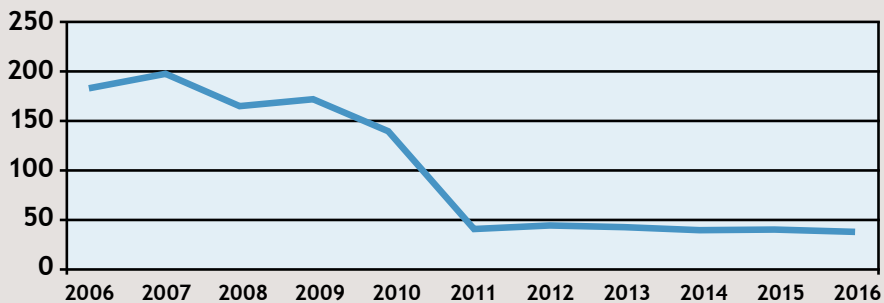
## FUNDING FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S GROWING GREENER PROGRAM

is at an **all-time low**. To ensure that Pennsylvanians continue to have access to clean water, parks, trails, green open spaces, and family farms, Governor Wolf and the General Assembly must provide adequate funding for a Growing Greener III program by investing more than \$300 million annually in new funds for conservation, recreation and preservation projects. These investments support our state's economy and enhance the health of our communities and quality of life for our residents.

**FUNDING FOR THE GROWING GREENER ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FUND** has **decreased** from an estimated average of \$200 million per year in the mid-2000s to approximately \$50 million in 2016. That is a **75 percent reduction** at a time when we need to be doing more not less.

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GROWING GREENER PROJECTS

(in millions)



## STILL MORE WORK TO DO

**EVEN WITH THE SUCCESS OF GROWING GREENER, THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE**



**19,000** miles of streams and rivers are impaired, meaning they are not safe for drinking or recreation use, cannot support aquatic life, and/or cannot support agriculture and other industries



Abandoned mines scar **189,000** acres in **43** counties, causing **5,500** miles of dead streams and rivers



The majority of the state's **6,000** local parks and more than **11,000** miles of trails need significant upgrades



**1,500** family farms remain on the waiting list to be protected and preserved

## A RECORD OF SUCCESS

**80,000 ACRES**

CONSERVED OPEN SPACE

**1,600 ACRES**

RESTORED ABANDONED MINE LANDS

**78,000 ACRES**

PROTECTED FAMILY FARMLAND

**100 IMPROVEMENTS**

FOR DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES

**400 PROJECTS**

TO CONTROL FLOODING AND PREVENT WATER POLLUTION

**370 PROJECTS**

TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION SITES

**130 PROJECTS**

TO ENHANCE STATE PARK AND FOREST INFRASTRUCTURE



For more information, or to get involved, visit:  
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# PROTECT WATER CONSERVE LAND IMPROVE COMMUNITIES



## GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY

Investing in our natural resources strengthens our local, regional and state economies and supports thousands upon thousands of **jobs**, including those associated with two of Pennsylvania's top industries, **agriculture** and **tourism**.

**1 IN 7** JOBS  
are related to agriculture

RECREATION ACCOUNTS FOR  
**\$6.4 BILLION (17%)**  
of tourism spending

STATE PARK INVESTMENTS  
**\$1 GENERATES \$12**  
in economic benefits for the surrounding community

**EVERY 10% INCREASE**  
in tree cover reduces  
water treatment costs **BY 20%**



## GOOD FOR OUR HEALTH

More than three-quarter of Pennsylvania citizens strongly believe that parks, trails and open space are an essential component of our health care system. Living near parks, trails and open space is good for our physical and mental health and is proven to **reduce healthcare costs** by encouraging exercise and other healthy activities.



## STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

**9 OUT OF 10**  
PENNSYLVANIANS SUPPORT INCREASING  
STATE FUNDS to conserve and protect open  
space, clean water, natural areas, wildlife  
habitats, parks, historic sites, forests and farms.

**8 OUT OF 10**  
PENNSYLVANIANS SUPPORT INCREASING  
STATE FUNDS even at an estimated per  
household increase of \$10-\$20 per year.



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