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WHAT MAKES UP THE OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY IN PENNSYLVANIA?



Office of Outdoor Recreation

- **Outdoor recreation adds \$14 billion of value to PA annually and directly supports 152,000 jobs**
- **In 2022, DCNR hired Nathan Reigner as the first PA Director of Outdoor Recreation**
- **Proposed budget includes funding to create PA Office of Outdoor Recreation**
 - **18 other states have created offices—PA would be largest state with office**
- **Office would unite, strengthen, and grow outdoor rec economy**

Community Grants



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Grants Overview

- **Huge year for C2P2 grants in 2022: \$92 million for 335 projects**
 - **162 community park projects**
 - **43 trail projects**
 - **Preservation of 7,000+ acres of open space**
- **\$11.8 million granted for forest buffers and street trees**
- **Grants leverage local match dollars**
- **Regional advisors across the state can help grant applicants**

25 Years of the **KEYSTONE FUND**

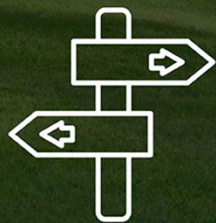


161,000+
acres of local
greenspace



3,000+
community
parks projects

State park and forest improvements
like visitor centers, restrooms,
parking lots, bridges, etc.



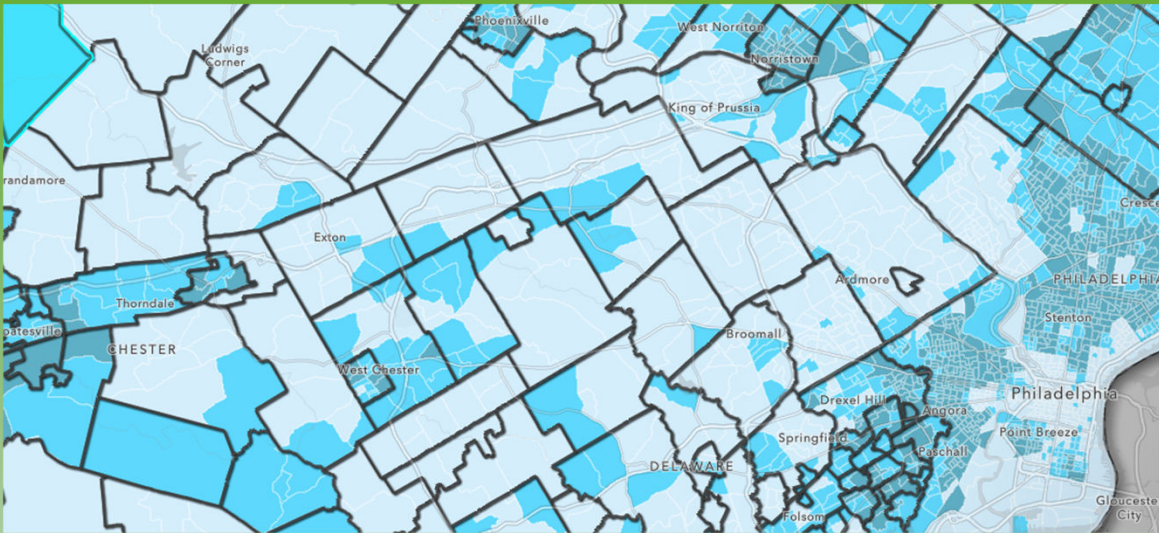
300+ trail
projects

570 historic
preservation
projects



Priority Communities Analysis

- **Groundbreaking data analysis to identify communities of need, advancing goal of ensuring every Pennsylvanian lives within 10 minutes of park or trail**
- **Examines entire state at census block group level**
- **Layers park and trail access with demographic, health, socioeconomic, and other factors**
- **Communities of need located in urban and rural areas**



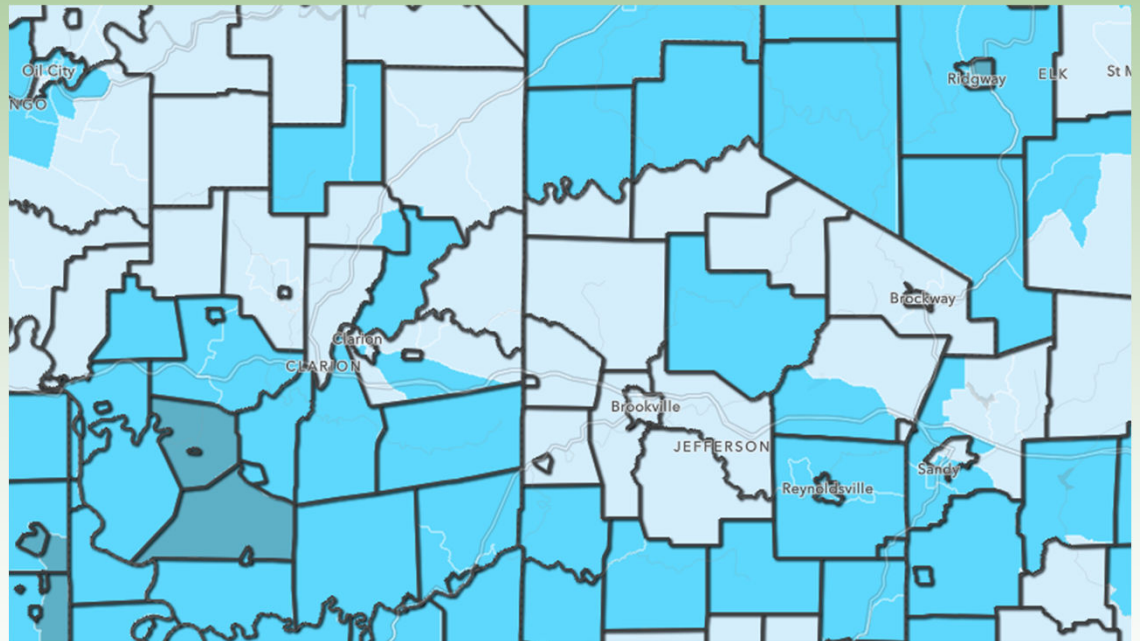
County Youth Percentage	19.4
Senior Percentage	10.7
County Senior Percentage	7.5
Age Score	1
Ten Minute Access Score	2
Open Space Acres per 1,000 residents	2,214.03
Score for Open Space	0
Tract High blood pressure crude prevalence (%)	36.8
County High blood pressure crude prevalence (%)	36.0
High Blood Pressure Score	1
Tract Obesity crude prevalence (%)	38.4
County Obesity crude prevalence (%)	37.2

Abbott Township (Potter County)

Priority: Medium

Total Score: 7/12

- Demographics Score: 2/3
- Recreation Need Score: 1/3
- Personal Health Score: 3/3
- Environmental Health Score: 1/3



“Nature for All” Signs



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State Parks and Forests

- 124 state parks and 2.2 million acres of state forests
- 37.9 million state park visits in 2022 compared to 42.2 million in 2021
 - 2022 totals were .1% higher than average of 2017-2019
- Overnight reservations remain much higher than before pandemic



Three New State Parks



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STATE PARKS AND FORESTS INFRASTRUCTURE



172 PUBLIC
WATER SUPPLIES



68 WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANTS



963 VEHICULAR
BRIDGES



3,720 MILES OF
PUBLIC USE ROADS



139 DAMS OF WHICH
46 ARE HIGH HAZARD



8,500 MILES
OF TRAILS



4,400 BUILDINGS



344,000 ACRES THAT
NEED MANAGEMENT



Thank you!

Feel free to reach out with questions or ideas

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