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Cumberland County Land Partnerships Grants Awarded

Cumberland County, PA – The Cumberland County Commissioners awarded more than \$268,000 in Land Partnerships grants today. The funding will assist various County municipalities and non-profits with conservation and recreation projects. The most popular project category was with park and trail development.

A total of 14 grant applications were received by the County's Planning Department in June from nine municipalities and five non-profits. In addition to the park and trail development proposals, the County also received application for land acquisitions, planning and water quality projects.

The total funding available for this year was \$268,800, all of which was awarded. These funds include Act 13 monies from 2015 (\$92,000) and 2016 (\$176,000). The grant applications were reviewed and ranked by the grant review committee, who then presented their recommendations to the Commissioners. This year's awardees include:

- **Big Spring Watershed Association** - \$5,400 for native plantings and stream restoration activities
- **Central PA Conservancy** - \$79,500 to acquire 34 acres of land at the headwaters of the Letort Spring Run.
- **Craighead House Association** - \$25,980 for the development of a parking area, restrooms and landscaping at the historic Craighead House.
- **Cumberland Valley Rails to Trails Council, Inc.** - \$25,000 toward rail trail development from Mount Rock to Green Hill roads.
- **East Pennsboro Township** - \$20,000 for the development of restrooms at Adams Ricci Park.
- **Hampden Township** - \$14,390 for playground equipment at Creekview Park.
- **Mechanicsburg Borough** - \$14,390 for a splash pad and pavilion at the Mechanicsburg Community Swimming pool.
- **Mount Holly Spring Borough** - \$12,000 for development of the Veteran's Park.
- **Silver Spring Township** - \$13,500 for the South Mountain Trolley Trail feasibility study.
- **South Middleton Township** - \$12,640 for trail development at the Stamy Farm.
- **Trust for Public Land** - \$35,000 to acquire 116 acres in the South Mountain area.

In addition to these projects, the County will also use \$1,000 to reprint the popular [Local Food, Farm and Outdoor Attraction Guide](#) and \$10,000 to cover the County's costs of acquiring two donated farmland easements.

“Our Land Partnerships Grant program continues to be very successful for the County,” said Stephanie Williams, coordinator of the County's Greenway and Open Space, and Farmland Preservation programs. “This year, we received funding requests which exceeded our available funds by \$115,000. This is a competitive program and we are excited to be able to offer these grant opportunities.”

For more information on the Land Partnerships Grant Program, visit www.ccpa.net/Land-Partnerships-Grant-Program, or contact Williams at the Cumberland County Planning Department, (717) 240-5383.

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