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Countryside Conservancy among state grant recipients in area

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One local trail will be completed after the Countryside Conservancy in conjunction with the Community Conservation Partnership Program receive more than \$560,000 to design, construct, retain and landscape it.

The grant was just one of many the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced Wednesday.

A 2.8-mile span of Trolley Trail will be completed with the help of the grant. The grant also will go toward fencing, bollards, redesign and sedimentation controls, Americans with Disabilities Act accessible trailhead facilities and signage on the first phase of the project, according to a press release.

"This trail will become a great gift to the community, and I anticipate ongoing community support once folks see the actual construction begin," said Bill Lewis, president of the Conservancy's board of directors.

In another award, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority received \$120,000 to coordinate the planning and construction of segments of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.

Meanwhile, \$140,000 was awarded to the Pennsylvania Route 6 Heritage Corp. to aid counties throughout Pennsylvania in implementing their Heritage work plans and coordinate the Artisan Trail for 2012.

Statewide efforts toward the Susquehanna Greenway Implementation and Technical Assistance Program through the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership were aided by a \$240,000 grant.

...res off Route 435 for watershed protection, open space and passive

...pment of the Lackawanna College Energy Education Center in

...ompletion date.

n \$75,000 to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority for the design of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail from Jol Street in Carbondale to the existing trail in Carbondale Industrial Park.

n \$100,000 to Olyphant for further development of the Phillip Condella Athletic Complex.

Monroe COUNTY

n \$193,000 to Barrett Twp. for the purchase of about 90 acres off Route 447 to existing Gravel Family Preserve for pres expansion, watershed protection and passive recreation.

n \$40,000 to Eldred Twp. for the development of Mock Park.

n \$119,000 to Jackson Twp. for the purchase of about 44 acres off Neola Road and adjacent to State Game Lands No. 11 watershed protection, greenway connection and passive recreation.

n \$40,000 to Monroe County to update the Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan for the county.

n \$318,000 to Pocono Heritage Land Trust for purchase of about 277 acres along Route 191 in Barrett and Paradise townships for recreation and preservation of woodland and wildlife habitat.

n \$12,000 to Smithfield Twp. to prepare a master site development plan for a 15-acre municipal park.

n \$10,000 to Stroud Region Open Space & Recreation Commission to complete a feasibility study for development of a mile inter-municipal trail between Glen Park and Glen Brook Golf Club.

Pike county

n \$1,126,000 to Pike County to purchase about 486 acres off Route 739 and adjacent to Delaware State Forest and State Games Lands No. 180 in Dingman Twp. for preservation of habitat, headwaters protection and recreation.

n \$600,000 to the Trust for Public Land for the purchase of about 310 acres adjacent to the Delaware State Forest off Rc 402 and 6 in Blooming Grove Twp. for preservation of habitat and recreation.

Susquehanna county

n \$64,400 to Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania for rehabilitation and replacement of two wooden deck br located on the D&H Rail Trail in Clifford Twp. The group was also awarded \$500,000 for further development of the tr Herrick and Ararat townships.

Wayne county

n \$40,000 to Wayne County for further development of the County Recreation Complex in Berlin Twp.

Wyoming county

n \$22,000 to Factoryville for rehabilitation and development of Christy Mathewson Park.

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