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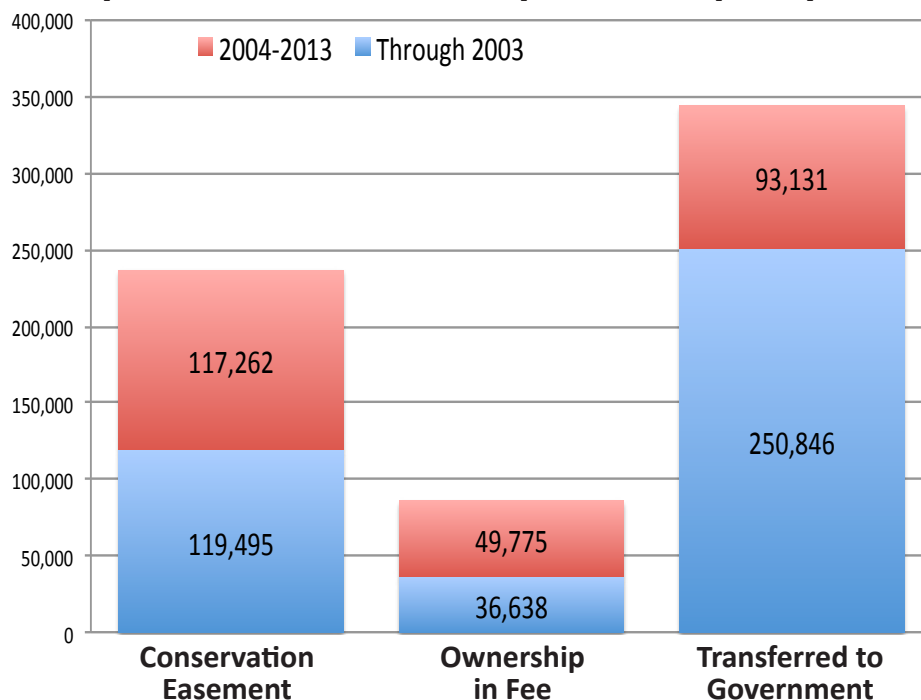
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## Pennsylvania Land Trusts Expand Conserved Lands by 64% in a Decade

Land trusts protected Pennsylvania's special places and landscapes at an extraordinary pace this last decade. In fact, the past ten years account for 39% of the acreage ever conserved by land trusts. In its most recent biennial census, the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association also found that, between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2013, Pennsylvania land trusts:

- protected 71 acres per day;
- protected 406 square miles, equivalent to the combined land mass of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Allentown and Delaware County;
- increased the acreage protected by conservation easements by 98%;
- increased the acreage owned in fee by 136%; and
- increased the acreage reconveyed to governments by 37%. 

### Acres protected in 2004-13 compared to all prior years



## Support for Recreation & Conservation Funding

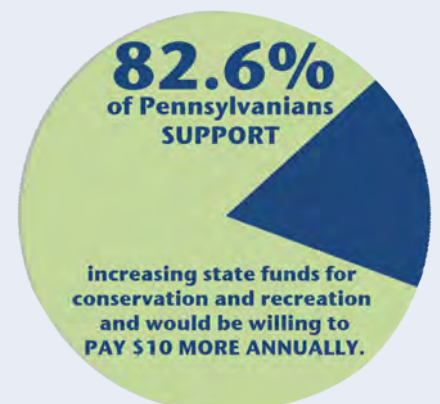


### Support by Party

97.2 % of Republicans

96.8 % of Democrats

97.7 % of Independents



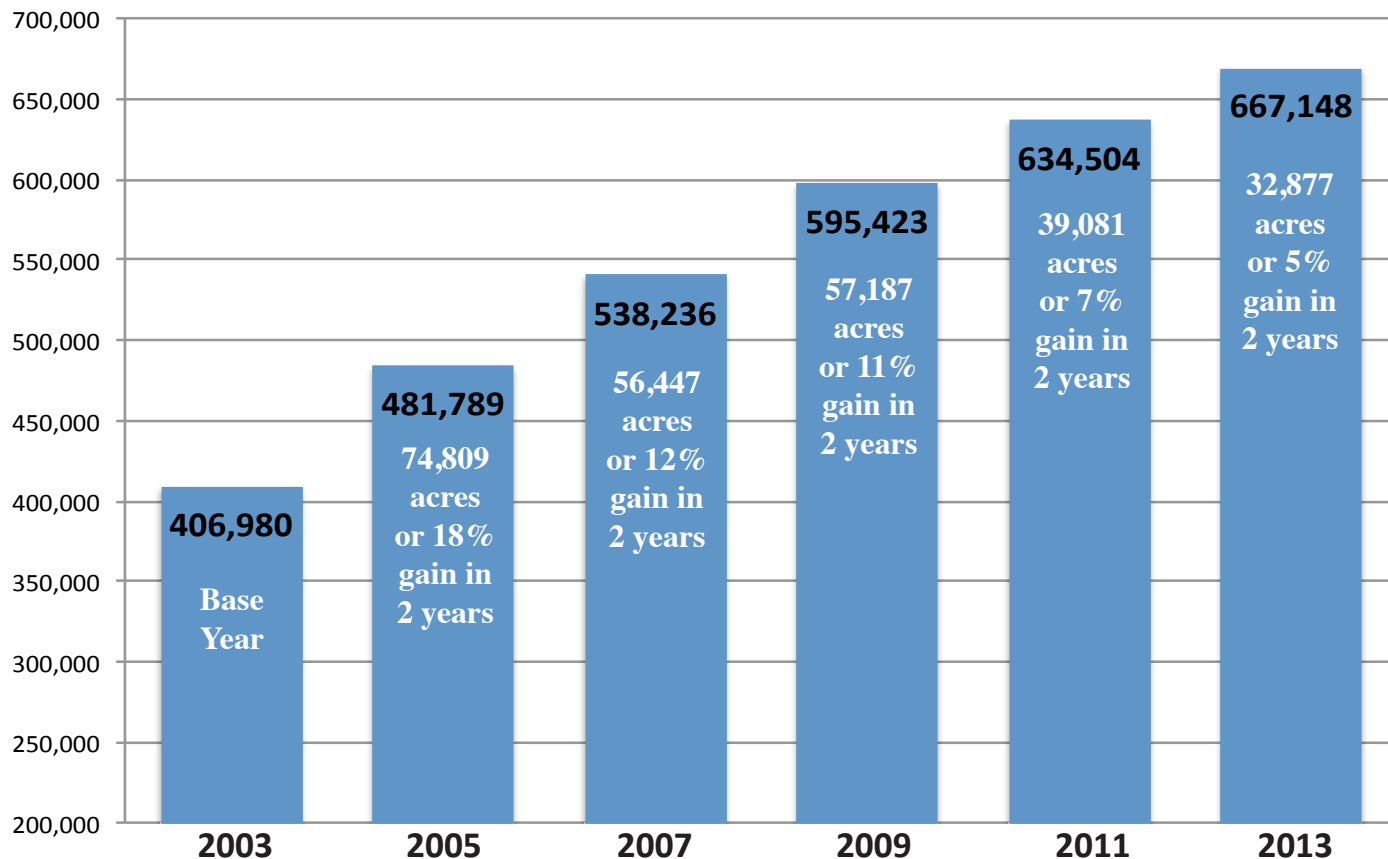
Source: 2014 statewide public opinion poll by Center for Research at Penn State Harrisburg

*"Of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us." - Theodore Roosevelt*

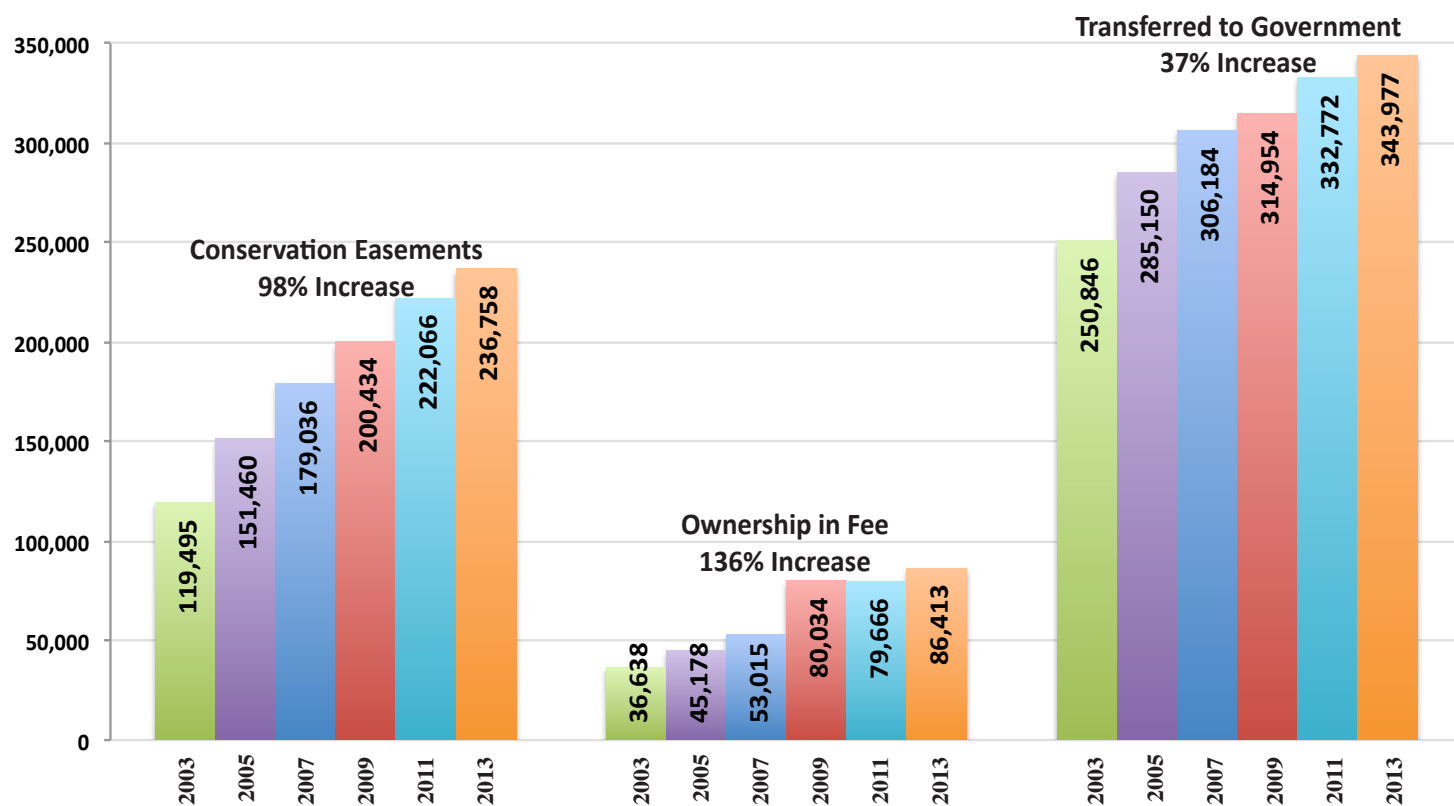
# PA Land Trust Accomplishments of the Past Decade

## Aggregate acres conserved by Pennsylvania land trusts

**64% gain in acres conserved from 2003-2013**



## Aggregate acres conserved by Pennsylvania land trusts (by methodology)



## 2013 Snapshot

### 118 Conservation Easements Acquired

	Organization	#
1	Lancaster Farmland Trust	24
2	Natural Lands Trust	22
3	French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	10
4	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	10
5	Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County	6
6	Berks Conservancy	5
7	Brandywine Conservancy	5
8	Land Conservancy of Adams County	5
9	Nature Conservancy - PA Chapter, The	4
10	Willistown Conservation Trust	3
11	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, The	2
12	Heritage Conservancy	2
13	Manada Conservancy	2
14	North Branch Land Trust	2
15	Tinicum Conservancy	2
16	Wildlands Conservancy	2
17	Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association	2
18	Allegheny Land Trust	1
19	Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy	1
20	Buck Hill Conservation Foundation, The	1
21	Chestnut Hill Historical Society	1
22	Hollow Oak Land Trust	1
23	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	1
24	Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Inc.	1
25	Merrill Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy	1
26	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	1
27	Wallace Trust, The	1

### Accomplishments in Aggregate

- sixty-two land trusts have completed 3,133 conservation easements, protecting a total of 236,758 acres;
- seventeen land trusts have completed 57 trail easements;
- seventy-one land trusts hold 86,413 acres in fee;
- thirty-two land trusts have reconveyed 343,977 acres to government entities (municipalities, counties and state agencies);
- seventeen land trusts have reconveyed 13,798 acres to other organizations (e.g., land trusts and trail groups);

### 48 Fee Properties Acquired

	Organization	#
1	Natural Lands Trust	10
2	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	8
3	Conservation Fund (Pennsylvania Office), The	5
4	Wildlands Conservancy	4
5	Countryside Conservancy	2
6	French Creek Valley Conservancy	2
7	Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County	2
8	Nature Conservancy - PA Chapter, The	2
9	North Branch Land Trust	2
10	Lancaster County Conservancy	1
11	Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy	1
12	Buck Hill Conservation Foundation, The	1
13	Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association	1
14	Hollow Oak Land Trust	1
15	London Britain Land Trust	1
16	Manada Conservancy	1
17	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	1
18	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	1
19	Wallace Trust, The	1
20	Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association	1

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# Total Acreages Conserved (as of 12/31/13)

## Acre Owned

	Organization Name	Acres
1	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	15,000
2	Nature Conservancy - PA Chapter, The	13,224
3	Natural Lands Trust	12,398
4	Earth Conservancy	10,277
5	Lancaster County Conservancy	4,438
6	Wildlands Conservancy	2,598
7	Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association	2,550
8	Brandywine Conservancy	2,336
9	Conservation Fund (Pennsylvania Office)	2,000
10	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	1,650
11	North Branch Land Trust	1,550
12	Heritage Conservancy	1,403
13	Allegheny Land Trust	1,352
14	Edward L. Rose Conservancy	935
15	Mount Nittany Conservancy	765
16	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	744
17	Roaring Run Watershed Association	653
18	Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association	615
19	Somerset County Conservancy	573
20	Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation	545
21	Foundation for Sustainable Forests	527
22	French Creek Valley Conservancy	491
23	Buck Hill Conservation Foundation, The	480
24	Wild Waterways Conservancy	477
25	Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	474
26	Armstrong Cty Conservancy Charitable Trust	447
27	Friends of Salt Springs Park	437
28	Countryside Conservancy	428
29	Hollow Oak Land Trust	420
30	Berks Conservancy	412
31	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	407
32	Southern Alleghenies Conservancy	400
33	Open Land Conservancy of Chester County	380
34	Montour Trail Council	344
35	Allegheny Valley Trails Association	335
36	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, The	310
37	Allegheny Valley Land Trust	637
38	Conemaugh Valley Conservancy	297
39	Westmoreland Conservancy	261
40	Civil War Trust	244
41	Mokoma Conservancy	243
42	Willistown Conservation Trust	227
43	Land Conservancy for Southern Chester Cty	220

44	Allegheny Valley Conservancy	208
45	Cumberland Valley Rails to Trails Council	185
46	Westmoreland Land Trust	184
47	French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	143
48	Audubon Pennsylvania	142
49	Manada Conservancy	128
50	Chartiers Nature Conservancy	122
51	Lackawanna Valley Conservancy	120
52	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	120
53	Scott Conservancy	77
54	London Britain Land Trust	72
55	Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association	67
56	North Fork Conservancy	56
57	Independence Conservancy	47
58	ClearWater Conservancy	44
59	Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust	38
60	Fox Chapel Land Conservation Trust	35
61	Merrill Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy	30
62	Gettysburg Foundation	19
63	West Vincent Land Trust	15
64	Mid-Atlantic Karst Conservancy, Inc.	13
65	Appalachian Trail Conservancy	10
66	Evergreen Conservancy	10
67	Neighborhood Gardens Trust	7
68	Land Conservancy of Adams County	6
69	Keystone Trails Association	6
70	Regional Trail Corporation	5
71	Shenango Conservancy	2

## Acre Reconveyed to Government

	Organization Name	Acres
1	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	175,000
2	Conservation Fund (Pennsylvania Office)	88,500
3	Wildlands Conservancy	38,039
4	Nature Conservancy - PA Chapter, The	12,566
5	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	6,079
6	French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	4,000
7	Seneca Highlands Conservancy	4,000
8	ClearWater Conservancy	3,208
9	Trust for Public Land, The	3,039
10	Natural Lands Trust	3,014
11	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, The	2,310
12	Delaware Highlands Conservancy	1,191

13 Armstrong Cty Conservancy Charitable Trust	460
14 Berks Conservancy	421
15 North Branch Land Trust	380
16 Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County	361
17 Gettysburg Foundation	320
18 Pennsbury Land Trust	248
19 London Britain Land Trust	160
20 French Creek Valley Conservancy	100
21 Montour Trail Council	96
22 Brandywine Conservancy	63
23 Westmoreland Conservancy	57
24 Land Conservancy of Adams County	41
25 Allegheny Valley Land Trust	40
26 Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association	37
27 Countryside Conservancy	34
28 Wallace Trust, The	30
29 Heritage Conservancy	28
30 Allegheny Land Trust	25
31 Lackawanna Valley Conservancy	22
32 Wild Waterways Conservancy	11

## Acres Protected by Conservation Easement

Organization Name	Acres
1 Brandywine Conservancy	35,627
2 Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	34,000
3 Lancaster Farmland Trust	26,725
4 Natural Lands Trust	20,607
5 Nature Conservancy - PA Chapter, The	17,528
6 North Branch Land Trust	10,100
7 Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County	9,239
8 Land Conservancy of Adams County	8,238
9 Delaware Highlands Conservancy	7,671
10 Wildlands Conservancy	7,470
11 Berks Conservancy	7,066
12 Heritage Conservancy	6,932
13 French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	5,370
14 Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	4,729
15 Tinicum Conservancy	4,574
16 Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy	4,535
17 North American Land Trust	3,296
18 Pocono Heritage Land Trust	2,417
19 Willistown Conservation Trust	2,209

20 Norcross Wildlife Foundation	2,000
21 Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, The	1,810
22 ClearWater Conservancy	1,647
23 Merrill Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy	1,140
24 Centre County Farmland Trust	1,009
25 Lancaster County Conservancy	916
26 Countryside Conservancy	915
27 French Creek Valley Conservancy	862
28 Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Inc.	742
29 Manada Conservancy	741
30 Civil War Trust	696
31 Allegheny Valley Conservancy	632
32 Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association	602
33 Buck Hill Conservation Foundation, The	523
34 Land Conservancy for Southern Chester Cty	458
35 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	453
36 Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association	419
37 Edward L. Rose Conservancy	361
38 Gettysburg Foundation	289
39 Eden Hill Conservancy	217
40 Pennsbury Land Trust	200
41 Allegheny Land Trust	187
42 Wallace Trust, The	174
43 Lake Erie Region Conservancy	144
44 Allegheny Valley Trails Association	130
45 Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	126
46 Lower Merion Conservancy	97
47 Hollow Oak Land Trust	97
48 Open Land Conservancy of Chester County	93
49 Schuylkill County Conservancy	90
50 Chestnut Hill Historical Society	76
51 Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	68
52 Appalachian Trail Conservancy	57
53 Independence Conservancy	46
54 Lackawanna Valley Conservancy	40
55 London Britain Land Trust	37
56 Sandy Creek Conservancy	35
57 Fox Chapel Land Conservation Trust	32
58 West Pikeland Land Trust	25
59 Montour Trail Council	20
60 Radnor Conservancy	13
61 Southern Alleghenies Conservancy	5
62 Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust	1

# Spotlight on Easements

## Total # of Conservation Easements

Organization	#
1 Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	449
2 Lancaster Farmland Trust	433
3 Natural Lands Trust	348
4 Heritage Conservancy	196
5 Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	184
6 French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	155
7 Land Conservancy of Adams County	127
8 Berks Conservancy	118
9 Tinicum Conservancy	109
10 Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy	106
11 Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County	105
12 Wildlands Conservancy	68
13 North American Land Trust	64
14 Willistown Conservation Trust	63
15 Delaware Highlands Conservancy	54
16 Mid-Atlantic Karst Conservancy, Inc.	50
17 North Branch Land Trust	46
18 Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	44
19 Chestnut Hill Historical Society	36
20 Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association	30
21 Nature Conservancy - PA Chapter, The	29
22 Lancaster County Conservancy	27
23 Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, The	21
24 Wallace Trust, The	21
25 Countryside Conservancy	20
26 Lower Merion Conservancy	18
27 Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County	16
28 Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy	15
29 Open Land Conservancy of Chester County	15
30 ClearWater Conservancy	14
31 Manada Conservancy	13
32 Centre County Farmland Trust	11
33 French Creek Valley Conservancy	10
34 Pennsbury Land Trust	10
35 West Vincent Land Trust	10
36 Allegheny Land Trust	9
37 Gettysburg Foundation	9
38 Pocono Heritage Land Trust	9
39 Civil War Trust	8
40 Lake Erie Region Conservancy	8
41 Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Inc.	8
42 Allegheny Valley Conservancy	6

43 Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association	6
44 Edward L. Rose Conservancy	5
45 Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	5
46 Radnor Conservancy	3
47 Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	2
48 Eden Hill Conservancy	2
49 Hollow Oak Land Trust	2
50 Independence Conservancy	2
51 London Britain Land Trust	2
52 West Pikeland Land Trust	2
53 Allegheny Valley Trails Association	1
54 Appalachian Trail Conservancy	1
55 Buck Hill Conservation Foundation, The	1
56 Fox Chapel Land Conservation Trust	1
57 Lackawanna Valley Conservancy	1
58 Montour Trail Council	1
59 Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust	1
60 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	1
61 Sandy Creek Conservancy	1
62 Schuylkill County Conservancy	1

## Total # of Trail Easements


Organization	#
1 French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	10
2 Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association	9
3 Countryside Conservancy	7
4 Lancaster County Conservancy	6
5 ClearWater Conservancy	5
6 Wildlands Conservancy	5
7 Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	2
8 Eden Hill Conservancy	2
9 Pennsbury Land Trust	2
10 Westmoreland Conservancy	2
11 Allegheny Valley Land Trust	1
12 Hollow Oak Land Trust	1
13 Lackawanna Valley Conservancy	1
14 Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County	1
15 Nature Conservancy - PA Chapter, The	1
16 Open Land Conservancy of Chester County	1
17 Somerset County Conservancy	1

# Draft Model Conservation Easement Amendment Policy Available for Public Review

PALTA has released for public review a draft Model Conservation Easement Amendment Policy. The model is intended to assist Pennsylvania land trusts in establishing policies regarding amendments. Suggestions for improvements and other comments are appreciated. Please forward your comments to Andy Loza at [aloza@conserveland.org](mailto:aloza@conserveland.org) or 717-230-8560 as soon as possible.

The present draft was revised in response to helpful comments provided by members of PALTA's Policy Committee. A guide to Legal Considerations for Amending Conservation Easements in Pennsylvania is being developed as a companion piece to the model. The model is informed by the preliminary findings of the guide but may be refined to reflect the final findings.

As noted in the introduction to the model, a land trust would

want to adapt the model to match its organizational culture. For some, the model may contain too much detail and a land trust may want to delete all or parts of some sections before adopting it as official policy. (The deleted material may still serve as a useful guide to the land trust, just not as official policy.) For others, the level of detail may be entirely appropriate and desirable. An organization also may want to customize particular provisions of the model to better reflect its views on various amendment matters. Alternatively, it may want to incorporate elements of the model into an already existing policy. 



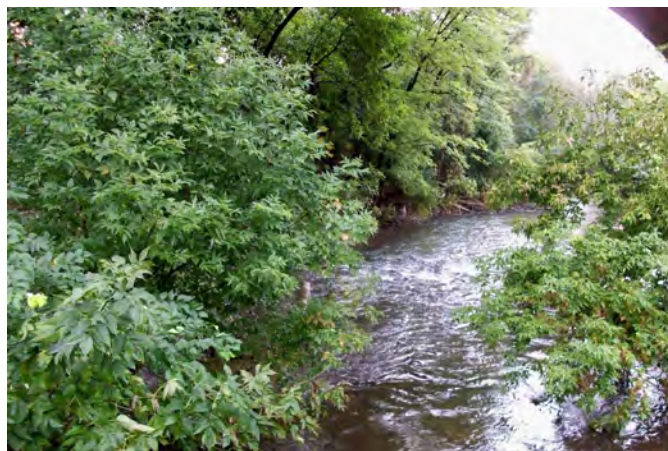
## New Guidance on Riparian Buffer Protection at ConservationTools.org *Three Guides and a Model Land Use Ordinance*

### Riparian Buffer Protection Via Local Regulation: A Guide and Model Ordinance

PALTA developed this guide in partnership with the Brandywine Conservancy. Pennsylvania municipalities may ensure the protection and restoration of riparian buffers with their land use regulations. This guide reviews the legal context for regulation, the regulatory options for local governments and the key elements to include in any regulation.

### Model Riparian Buffer Protection Overlay District: Proposed Regulations For Use In A Municipal Zoning Ordinance

Included in the guide above is a model ordinance for local governments to adapt to their particular circumstances. It is accompanied by a letter, commissioned




by PALTA, from attorney Frone Crawford attesting to the model's legal defensibility and reasonableness vis-a-vis private property rights.

### A Scientific Foundation for Shaping Riparian Buffer Protection Regulations.

This guide, developed in partnership with the Brandywine Conservancy, re-

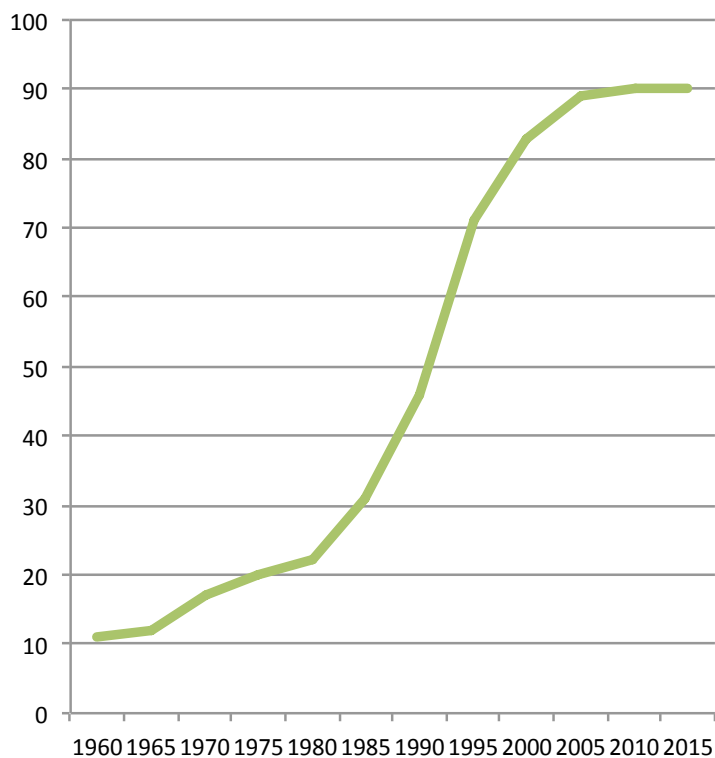
views the key ecological matters any riparian protection ordinance should address and how.

### The Science Behind the Need for Riparian Buffer Protection.

This guide reviews extensive scientific research which documents how vegetated strips of land along waterways provide extensive water quality and other environmental and economic benefits. 

# Land Trusts Operating in Pennsylvania

## # of Active Land Trusts by Year of Incorporation



*This chart indicates the organization's incorporation date, not the date on which it began land conservation efforts; organizations may not have actually protected land until many years after being formed.*

## Land trusts have over 128,500 members/financial supporters

- 63% of Pennsylvania land trusts reported 100 or more members/financial supporters.
- 31% of Pennsylvania land trusts reported 500 or more financial supporters.
- 20% of Pennsylvania land trusts reported 1000 or more financial supporters.
- 10% of Pennsylvania land trusts reported 2000 or more financial supporters.
- Pennsylvania land trusts have a median average of 250 financial supporters.

*Source: Land Trust Census Data (2010), PALTA Research (2012)*

### Notes:

Determining what characteristics define a "land trust" is tricky as was determining what organizations to include and exclude from this analysis. Some level of subjectivity is unavoidable. PALTA endeavored to exclude from the analysis on this page:

- organizations that have not yet acquired a parcel of land or easement;
- organizations for which ownership of one or a few property interests appears to be an aberration -- a situation largely unrelated to present purposes;
- organizations that in the past acquired one or more property interests but do not appear to now have conserving additional lands, if they were to become available, as part of their mission; and
- organizations that appear to own land only to advance a specific purpose and the purpose appears to be satisfied (for example, a private nature center that has no plans to conserve additional lands).

## Model Grant of Purchase Option with Commentary

A purchase option assures the option holder of the right to purchase property at a certain price within a certain time period but without an obligation to do so. In granting an option, the landowner gives up the right to sell freely during the option period.

PALTA recently published the first edition of this model after completing a one-year public review process. Download the model at [ConservationTools.org](http://ConservationTools.org).

### Model Grant of Purchase Option with Commentary

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For those currently working with or interested in establishing an Environmental Advisory Council, the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association invites you to join the *new* EAC Network Listserv and download the EAC Handbook.

**Learn more at [EACnetwork.org](http://EACnetwork.org).**

# Remembering Two Conservation Champions

## Dennis G. Collins

Dennis G. Collins, a founder of the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association, passed away in March.

Dennis had many passions and interests in life, but the one dearest to his heart was land protection. His involvement in this field, as an avocation or a vocation, spanned more than three decades. In that time, he crafted deals for the protection of many thousands of acres of precious open space. Whether partnering with or mentoring various organizations and individuals, or helping found organizations, or navigating government bureaucracy, or helping landowners to find the most advantageous arrangement, Dennis was a proactive, creative agent for the protection of special places.

Dennis first became involved in land management professionally as executive director of the Berks County Conservancy and then as director of land preservation for the Wildlands Conservancy.

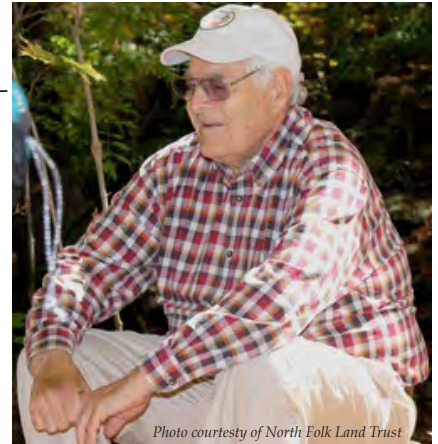
Dennis received the Lifetime Conservation Lead-

ership Award from PALTA in 2005 for his decades of leadership and dedication in conserving our special places and landscapes.

When he retired, Dennis and his wife, Pam, returned to Norfolk CT and he continued his enthusiastic pursuit of land protection, actively engaging with the Norfolk Land Trust and other conservation organizations.

"We can't let an opportunity pass, because it won't come back," Dennis was always fond of saying.

Thank you Dennis for not letting those opportunities pass. 🌍



## Ralph H. Goodno

Ralph Goodno passed away on June 13, 2014 after a hard fought battle with leukemia. He was the former President and CEO of the Lancaster County Conservancy and board member of the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association.

Ralph was raised in the woods of Andover, MA where he discovered his love of the outdoors. In his youth, he was active in the Boy Scouts.

Ralph earned a degree in Environmental Design; after 5 years in professional design work, he made the transition to professional land and river conservation work. He decided he wanted to help protect and save natural lands, not help develop them.

His leadership as President and CEO of the Lancaster County Conservancy can not be understated. Under his leadership, the conservancy increased its protected lands by over 3500 acres, increased its organizational capacity from two to 12 staff members and achieved accreditation. He incorporated a successful educational and stewardship component to the con-

servancy's work. He established a Master Naturalist program in the county, combined efforts with urban stakeholders to increase awareness regarding sustainable living and sought to foster a love of nature in the community's youth.

He had hoped, before becoming ill, to continue protecting land and streams in Lancaster County as a volunteer well into his retirement.

On June 7, 2014, the Lancaster County Conservancy announced the naming of a scenic trail at Turkey Hill Nature Preserve as the "Ralph H. Goodno Trail" and the naming of the "Ralph H. Goodno Susquehanna Riverlands Endowment Fund." 🌍



## PALTA Honors George ‘Frolic’ Weymouth

The Pennsylvania Land Trust Association has honored George A. ‘Frolic’ Weymouth of Delaware County, with the Lifetime Conservation Leadership Award. Frolic is the 11th recipient of this award.

Artist and conservationist, Frolic has had a tremendous impact on land preservation, cultural and historic resources, and American art. In 1967, he persuaded friends, F.I. du Pont and William Prickett, to help him buy two parcels of land along the Brandywine that were proposed for industrial development. This purchase led to the founding of what is known today as the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art (originally named the Tri-County Conservancy). He became the Chairman of the Board of that new organization, a title he still holds.



A trailblazer, Frolic has advocated and tirelessly raised funds for water and land preservation for nearly five decades. In 1984, he initiated the task of preserving more than 5,300 acres of land near Unionville, Pennsylvania, known as the Buck and Doe Run Valley Farm, part of the renowned King Ranch of Texas.

He continues to promote the preservation of the Brandywine Valley’s natural, historic and artistic heritage. For him, the significant connection between land and water is paramount. The positive impact he has had on the region’s landscape is undeniable and, thankfully, permanent.

The award was presented in conjunction with the 12th Annual Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference held in Wyomissing, PA. Ginny Logan, Executive Director of the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art and Sherri Evans-Stanton, Director of the Brandywine Conservancy accepted the award on behalf of Frolic. Andy Loza, Pennsylvania Land Trust Association Executive Director presented the award. 🌍

## PALTA Honors Lancaster County

The Pennsylvania Land Trust Association honored Lancaster County with the 2014 Government Conservation Leadership Award for demonstrated leadership in the conservation of our special landscapes.

As a result of a long history of leadership, innovation and cooperation, Lancaster County ranks number one in the nation in farmland preservation with over 100,000 acres of protected farmland.

Through the continued leadership of Lancaster County’s Commissioners, farmland preservation has been a priority of the county budget. This dedication to providing county funding has enabled the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board and Lancaster Farmland Trust to leverage their resources with those of the federal government, state, local municipalities and with corporate and individual donors. Through the use of innovative funding and incentives, the County has been able to maximize the use of farmland preservation dollars and further the impact of preservation throughout the County.



From left to right: Matt Knepper, Commissioner Craig Lehman, Chairman Dennis Stuckey and PALTA Executive Director, Andy Loza.

The award was presented Saturday, May 3rd in conjunction with the 12th Annual Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference. Chairman Dennis Stuckey, Commissioner Craig Lehman and Matt Knepper, Director of the County’s Agricultural Preservation Program, accepted the award on behalf of the County. 🌍

# Get Outdoors PA: Go Land Trusts!

The Pennsylvania Land Trust Association is a flagship partner for the Get Outdoors PA initiative, an effort to help people become better connected to the outdoors and to help them grow their appreciation for the protection of our special natural places.



Land trusts are an important partner in getting Pennsylvanians outdoors. The initiative officially launched this spring, and to date, twelve land trusts have become community partners.

Get Outdoors PA can complement your organization's mission. Learn how your organization can become a partner at [Get-OutdoorsPA.org](http://Get-OutdoorsPA.org).

## Get Outdoors PA Land Trust Community Partners:

Allegheny Land Trust  
Appalachian Trail Conservancy  
Berks Conservancy  
Central Pennsylvania Conservancy  
ClearWater Conservancy  
Delaware Highlands Conservancy  
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary  
Manada Conservancy  
Merrill Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy  
Natural Lands Trust  
North Branch Land Trust  
Northcentral PA Conservancy  
Wildlands Conservancy

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### Voting Members

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Allegheny Valley Land Trust  
Allegheny Valley Trails Association  
Armstrong Cty Conservancy Charitable Trust  
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy  
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Chestnut Hill Historical Society  
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Conservancy of Montgomery County  
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Farm and Natural Lands Trust of York Cty  
Foundation for Sustainable Forests  
Fox Chapel Land Conservation Trust  
French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust  
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Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society  
Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust  
Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust  
Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association  
Pocomo Heritage Land Trust  
The Radnor Conservancy  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
Regional Trail Corporation  
Schuylkill County Conservancy  
Somerset County Conservancy  
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