

Q. What Can You Do to Help?

A. There are many things you can do to help keep greenways clean and preserve the natural beauty of Pennsylvania.

- **Do your part** to dispose of litter and trash properly when visiting or traveling the greenways network.
- **Organize or take part in a cleanup** through PA CleanWays. Complete a



Volunteer Interest form on the PA CleanWays website or call to request a form.

- **Adopt a local area** you care about. All it takes is a commitment to clean the area at least twice a year. As the greenways network grows, it

will be important for volunteers living in nearby neighborhoods and communities to help ensure that the greenways they care about will stay clean and beautiful. You can find an Adoption Application on the PA CleanWays website or call to request one.

- **Report the locations of illegal dumps** by filling out a PA CleanWays illegal dump survey form. An electronic version is available on the PA CleanWays website or call to request a form.

- **Consider a donation** to PA CleanWays to support the mission of empowering people to clean up illegal dumps and litter throughout Pennsylvania. If you have a company or business, consider providing in-kind donations for services like trash hauling or disposal, trash bags, gloves, or volunteer lunches.

We hope you'll join us!

PA CleanWays and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources are partnering on a project to remove illegal dumps and litter from Pennsylvania's greenways and help caring people "adopt" them so they stay clean.

Your help is important!

Read inside for details about how you can be involved.



For more information, visit us on the web or call:



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Pennsylvania Greenways Program

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Clean, Beautiful Greenways!

The Pennsylvania Greenways Program is working to develop an outstanding network of greenways across our state.

You can play an important part in making sure those Greenways stay clean and beautiful.

Q. What Are Greenways?

A. Simply put, a greenway is a linear corridor of open space. Some greenways are land trails for hiking, biking, and other forms of recreation. Others are water trails. Still others serve to protect the environment and are not designed for people to use. A riparian buffer corridor – a protective zone of vegetation along the banks of rivers, streams, and lakes – is an example of that type of greenway.

You might think of greenways as “connections” that link our parks and open spaces to each other and to the places where we live. These greenways create entirely new ways of accessing and enjoying our land and water resources. The goal in Pennsylvania is to develop a distinguishable system of greenways that connects open spaces across the state, similar to our interstate highway system. The Pennsylvania Greenways Program website at www.pagreenways.org is a great resource for learning more about Pennsylvania’s greenways.



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Q. What Makes Greenways So Valuable?

A. Greenways contribute greatly to our quality of life and are increasingly seen as a focal point for community design and land use strategies.



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Greenways also help to:

- Emphasize the scenic beauty of Pennsylvania.
- Protect our state’s water resources.
- Provide opportunities to protect and manage wildlife, forests and ecological systems.
- Provide recreational opportunities to foster health and wellness for all individuals.
- Create educational opportunities to inform the public about natural or historic features. For example, schools and civic groups often use greenways as “outdoor classrooms” for field trips and special events.
- Provide alternatives to automotive transportation, reducing traffic congestion.
- Enhance the “sense of community,” which often brings about the formation of broad-based partnerships, joining together civic groups, regional planners, community leaders, educators, business owners and residents.
- Add to our economic climate by attracting tourism dollars to the fast-growing outdoor/ adventure tourism industry.
- Provide conservation of historic and cultural resources.
- Provide stewardship of Pennsylvania’s rural and farmland legacy.

Q. Are There Many Greenways in Pennsylvania?

A. Yes, and the network is growing all the time. It includes greenways of varying sizes, from walking trails in local communities to county-wide recreation or conservation corridors that cross municipal boundaries.

Pennsylvania established its greenways program in 2001. Already, nearly half of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties are developing their own county plans for greenways and open spaces.

The PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is the lead agency for Pennsylvania’s Greenways Program.



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Q. How is PA CleanWays Connected with the PA Greenways Program?

A. PA CleanWays is partnering with DCNR’s Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Community Conservation Partnerships Program to carry out illegal dumpsite cleanups in greenways recreation and conservation areas.

PA CleanWays brings together local volunteers and resources to clean and adopt these places.