

SCHUYLKILL RIVER RESTORATION FUND

2018 Grant Awards & Project Summaries



**Berks County Conservation District
Chavous Equestrian Ag Project
\$47,250**

This project will implement Best Management Practices on an equestrian boarding operation to aid in the reduction of accelerated erosion, sedimentation, and nutrient runoff, caused by overgrazed pastures and insufficient storm water management.

**Berks Nature
Brown Farm
\$90,000**

Installation of agricultural best management practices on a steer and sheep farm in the Maiden Creek watershed. This project will remediate excessive nutrient concerns and address local and regional drinking water issues. BMP's will include manure storage and transfer system, stormwater controls as well as streambank and wetland exclusion fencing.

**Berks Nature
Burkholder Farm
\$50,000**

The Burkholder Farm is located in the Saucony Creek watershed and will complete similar agricultural BMP's as the Brown farm. The installation of a manure storage facility will assist the farmer in safely storing manure produced from farm production and will reduce excessive nutrient levels in the watershed.

**Berks Nature
Meister Property Conservation
\$4,000**

Grant funding will be used to assist in the permanent protection and conservation easement of the 32+ acre Meister property in the Hay Creek watershed located in Berks County.

Green Valleys Association
Graham Property Conservation
\$4,000

Grant funding will be used to assist in the permanent protection and conservation easement of the 22 acre Graham property on the Welkenweir Preserve in Chester County. This property is located along the Exceptional Value Beaver Run, a tributary of French Creek.

Fairmount Park Conservancy
Concourse Lake
\$23,393

The Conservancy will undertake enhancements of the Concourse Lake and surrounding wetlands by improving stormwater runoff and capturing over 2.5 acres of additional stormwater flow. This project will also improve the riparian buffer by planting native trees and shrubs around the lake.

Natural Lands
Terada Property Conservation
\$4,000

Grant funding will be used to assist in the permanent protection and conservation easement of the 100+ acre Terada property. This property will be added to the existing publicly accessible Buck Hollow Preserve that contains several exceptional value streams.

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy
Jacob Reiff Park
\$98,000

This project will work to complete stream bank improvements along the West Branch of the Skippack Creek in Lower Salford Township. BMP's will include streambank restoration and riparian buffer plantings. This project will also highlight one of the first restoration projects completed at the recently created Skippack Watershed Coalition.

Schuylkill Headwaters Association
Porter Floodplain
\$59,325

The Porter Floodplain project will remove coal refuse from a previous settling basin in West Brunswick Township, and will restore the project area to its natural floodplain. Currently, during high water events, the coal silt on this property gets washed into the Schuylkill River through breached basin walls.