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SRG will distribute \$330,000 to water quality improvement projects throughout Schuylkill River region
Showcase & Announcement on Sept. 17 in Philadelphia

The devastating impacts of Hurricane Ida showed the need for restoration projects along local waterways. Towns, homes and businesses near rivers, creeks and streams experienced extreme flooding last week.

The Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area continues to address this need with the distribution of \$337,500 in grants this year to seven projects helping to improve the region's water conditions and natural environment.

Since it was established in 2006, the [Schuylkill River Restoration Fund](#) has supported 121 environmental projects with an investment of \$4.6 million.

"The mission of the fund is to restore natural spaces in order to improve the ecosystem," said Schuylkill River Greenways Education Director Sarah Crothers. "One of the main causes of major flooding, other than increased amounts of precipitation, is the lack of natural absorbent surfaces."

Crothers explained man-made surfaces such as concrete don't soak up water. Natural buffers and landscaping like native trees, shrubs and grasses act as a sponge when it rains.

The Schuylkill River Greenways, Schuylkill Action Network, Exelon Generation, Delaware River Basin Commission, Philadelphia Water Department, Aqua Pennsylvania, the Environmental Protection Agency and the PA Department of Environmental Protection will hold a [showcase on Sept. 17, 2021, in Philadelphia](#) to announce the recipients of this year's fund.

"Limerick Generating Station provides clean energy to more than two million homes in the Philadelphia region, and we are proud to continue our commitment to strengthening the natural beauty and health of our area waterways. We are excited to once again partner with Schuylkill River Greenways to drive local environmental progress," said Limerick Generating Station Site Vice President Frank Sturniolo.

Guests of the showcase will take a tour of agricultural projects at Northwestern Stables including runoff and paddock improvements. After the tour, the 2021 restoration fund grantees will be officially announced. People can register to attend the free project tour, which includes lunch, at <https://bit.ly/2021SRRF>. The event is limited to 50 registrants.

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The seven projects being awarded this year are in Schuylkill, Berks, Montgomery, Chester and Philadelphia Counties. The projects will improve water conditions through activities such as streambank fencing, mine drainage, and native plant installations to improve areas prone to flooding.

"The Schuylkill River Restoration fund is made possible by all of our generous partners who recognize the importance of the awarded projects. Once implemented, projects have an immediate positive impact on the watershed," said Schuylkill River Greenways NHA Deputy Director Tim Fenchel.

Exelon has provided more than \$3.1 million to the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund since it was founded; the Philadelphia Water Department has contributed \$1.2 million over the past twelve years; Aqua PA has donated more than \$225,000; and MOM's Organic Market has donated approximately \$10,000.

The Schuylkill River Greenways and Schuylkill Action Network continue to seek additional contributors to further expand the fund. For more information about the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund, visit schuylkillriver.org/restorationfund.

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ABOUT SCHUYLKILL RIVER GREENWAYS

The Schuylkill River Greenways NHA is a non-profit organization with the mission of connecting residents, visitors and communities to the Schuylkill River and the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) by serving as a catalyst for civic engagement and economic development in order to foster stewardship of the watershed and its heritage.

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