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Cumberland County Municipalities and Non-Profits Benefit from Land Partnerships Grants

More than \$148,000 in county grants to be distributed for conservation and recreation initiatives.

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners approved \$148,457 for land projects across the county. The funding will be used for seven projects which include parks, pavilions, a pedestrian bridge, and boat launch. The Land Partnerships Grant Program provides financial assistance to municipalities and non-profit organizations for the purpose of agriculture preservation, natural resource protection, creation of parks, trails, and greenways. Funding for the grant program is derived from Act 13 impact fees collected on natural gas drilling.

Grant Awards:

- **Carlisle Borough:** Development of the Fairground Avenue Linear Park to include a skate spot, landscaping, and various park amenities - \$30,000
- **Cumberland County:** Updating the Land Partnerships Plan - \$16,457
- **Cumberland County:** Installation of a boat launch at Conodoguinet Youth Park - \$20,000
- **Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy:** Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge along the Anglers Access Trail at Opossum Lake - \$30,000
- **Hampden Township:** Construction of two new pickleball courts at Hampden Park - \$23,000
- **Mechanicsburg Borough:** Construction of a pavilion at Memorial Park - \$10,000
- **Mount Holly Spring Borough:** Construction of a pavilion at Trine Park - \$19,000

The Land Partnerships grant program has been in existence since 2006. To date, nearly \$3 million in county grants has funded 130 individual projects. The grant program has leveraged significant state and local funding amounting to a total community investment of approximately \$11 million for conservation and recreation initiatives.

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