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Cumberland County Commissioners Approve \$266K Funding for Conservation and Recreation Projects

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners approved \$266,607 in land partnership grants for projects across the county. The funding will be used for nine projects including eight municipalities and one non-profit organization.

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.

Projects were evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Eligibility of the proposed project activity
- Consistency with local and county planning documents
- Benefits of the project to community and county as a whole
- Financial feasibility
- Overall quality and completeness of the application

Grant Awards:

- **Mechanicsburg Borough** – Land acquisition for South Mountain Trolley Greenway - \$15,500
- **Dickinson Township** – Trail development/improvements, Lindenwood and Stuart Parks - \$40,000
- **Hampden Township** – Srouji Park Improvements, including a shelter and public restroom - \$40,000
- **Letort Regional Authority** – Invasive plant removal, native plantings, trail development for Letort Greenway, signage and brochures - \$24,107
- **Penn Township** – Community Park improvements, including pavilion and shaded picnic grove - \$40,000

- **Silver Spring Township** – Paul Walters Park improvements including pickleball courts, paved walking trails and benches - \$40,000
- **Lemoyne Borough** – Memorial Park improvements including basketball court rehab, installation of gaga pit and signage upgrade - \$29,000
- **Lower Frankford Township** – Opossum Lake improvements including, installation of additional playground equipment - \$18,000
- **Upper Allen Township** – Winding Hill Park North improvements including lighting for parking area and basketball courts - \$20,000

The Land Partnerships grant program has been in existence since 2006. To date, over \$3.2M in county grants has funded 137 individual projects. The grant program has leveraged significant state and local funding amounting to a total community investment of approximately \$13.2 million for conservation and recreation initiatives.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing County in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the state, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.

