

Sustainable Happy Valley

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For some years there has been a dialog in our region about the effect of growth on quality of life. There is general agreement by most that we want both prosperity and quality of life, and the accomplishments along this line over the last few years have been impressive by any standard. Clearly Happy Valley is a very attractive place to live. This document is a listing of programs, projects and organizations that support the quality of life in our region.

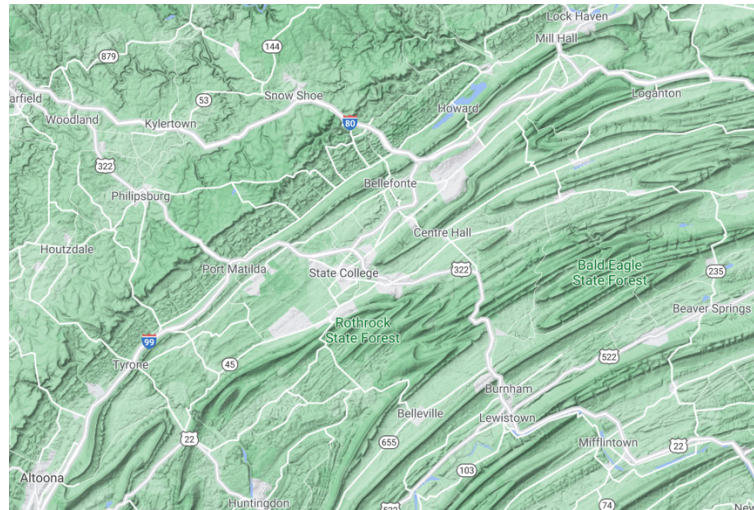
In late 2014, Transition Centre completed the Centre Sustainability Master Plan (CSMP) and were gratified to find that our region had an emerging sustainability culture. At that time, in partnership with others, we developed a list of organizations, programs and projects with an influence on livability in our region. Since then, a great deal of progress has been made by a large number of organizations to increase our capacity to meet the needs of our community in the future.

In 2020 Transition Centre undertook an update of the CSMP, titled *Resilient Communities Blueprint* ([link](#))¹, and began to update the list of organizations located or having a footprint, in the region. This directory is our report.

Please note that this document is a draft. All entries may be updated by listed organizations, and those not listed added. (See below.) Editorial assistance for this document and for future updates is greatly appreciated.

Happy Valley

Happy Valley is the name given to a place in Central Penn-sylvania more or less defined as State College, the site of the main campus of The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State), and home for approximately 130,000 people. It is part of a long valley in the Appalachian Ridge and Valley formation that runs along the edge of the Appalachian Plateau.



Happy Valley is a beautiful place to live and the home of a thriving economy. In fact, the name “Happy Valley” came out of the 1930s during the Great Depression; the region has over the years been less affected by economic hardship due in large part to students attending Penn State.

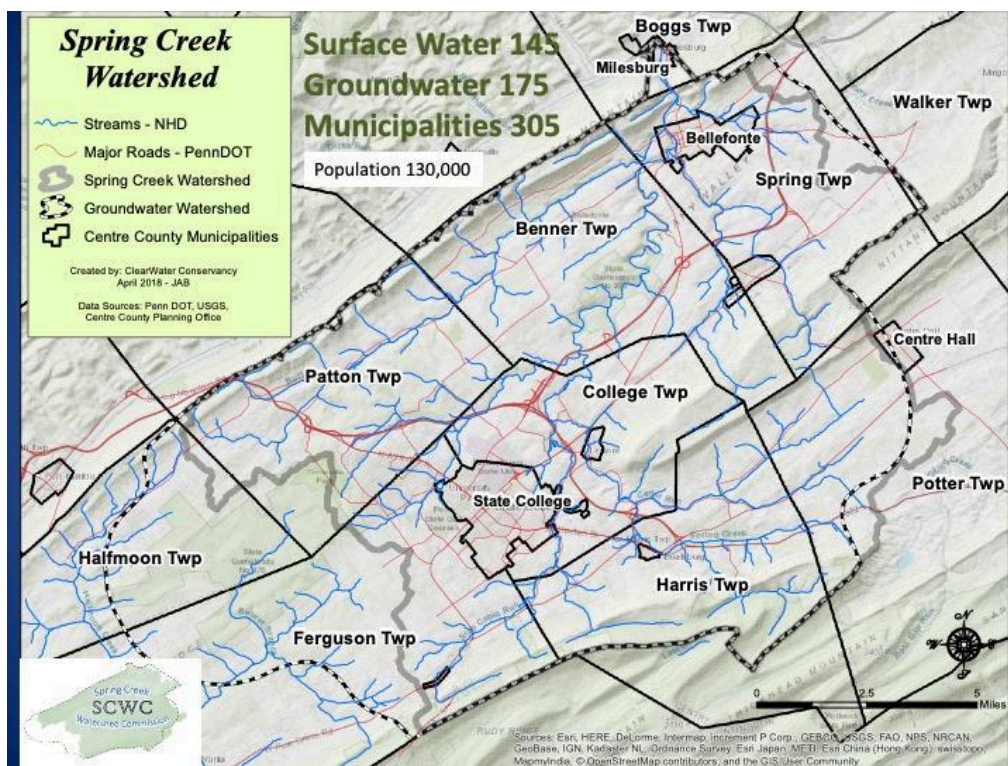
Happy Valley is largely defined by a natural geological feature, the Spring Creek watershed. The Spring Creek Watershed Commission ([link](#))² has sought to give further

¹ Transition Centre Resilient Communities Blueprint: : <https://transitioncentre.blogspot.com/2020/07/transition-centre-resilient-communities.html>

² Spring Creek Watershed Commission: <https://www.springcreekwatershedcommission.org>

definition to this region. Happy Valley can also be extended into Nittany Valley and Penns Creek to bring the total population to about 140,000³ over approximately 600 square miles.

The Spring Creek watershed is characterized by a karst geological formation that holds a lot of water and the fact that all of our water comes from the sky above. It is topographically distinguished by the hills that surround the watershed. This feature requires our attention to keep our water pure.



Edits:

If you wish to change what we have reported about your organization, project or program, cut and paste your form with edits and mail to transitioncentrep@gmail.com.

Add your organization, project or program:

If you are not listed and are located in the Happy Valley region or have a significant footprint here and a local contact, at the end of this document you will find blank forms. Cut and paste, fill in, and send to transitioncentrep@gmail.com

Transition Centre reserves the right to edit all submissions.

³ Nearly one-third of the total population are resident students at Penn State.

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Way Fruit Farm	Business	Food
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Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	Nonprofit	Conservation
Wildlife for Everyone	Nonprofit	Conservation

Acres Project Aquaponics

Contact Information:

<https://acresproject.org/aquaponics>

About:

Our innovative Community Supported Agriculture program will provide horticultural therapy, employment, and community integration for adults with autism and intellectual disabilities.

Services:

January-February 2021: Construction on the greenhouse's foundation was completed! The process provided plenty of opportunities for education and community connection, as bricklayers Steve and Eric kindly demonstrated their work and answered questions for participants in our job skills development programs. Huge thanks to the Fernsler family, Centre Foundation, and the hardworking contractors for making this milestone possible! The next step is for the greenhouse structure itself. Stay tuned to this website and follow us on [Facebook](#) for the latest updates as this exciting project takes shape!

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food

Ahimsa Village

Contact Information:

<https://www.ahimsavillage.org>

About:

Ahimsa is an evolving vegan homestead and education center located near State College, PA. We seek to build a more peaceful and sustainable world through our living example and through education about the importance of a vegan diet, the benefits of veganic gardening, and empowering others along the path to making the transition. Our current activities focus on home-based food production including vegetables, fruits, nuts, mushrooms, and maple syrup. We are happy to host visitors, give tours, and work with small groups to host educational workshops centered on vegan living and eating.

Services:

Our educational philosophy is based on the following principles:

- Nurturing seeds of compassion
- Offering subject-centered and group learning experiences
- Using world as an educational resource
- Valuing and encouraging the manifestation of unique gifts

- Giving youth the responsibility for their own learning
- Encouraging youth to be curious about their world and to strive for deep understanding
- Teaching problem-solving skills
- Enhancing connections of all kinds
- Offering educational programs that are specifically designed to guide youth toward living more compassionate, harmonious, engaged, and empowered lives
- Helping youth develop into whole human beings and find meaning in their lives

Other eco-business ideas:

- Develop several [agroforestry](#) products into small business enterprises.
- Develop an organic fruit (blueberries and raspberries) business either selling wholesale to TOG (Tuscarora Organic Growers), retail (local stores or CSA) or a combination of both.
- Become a part of Garden Harvest program (based in MD). This organization grows organic food for urban poor.
- Medicinal Herbs and Tinctures
- Healthy foods bakery
- Digitization service - digitizing ephemera, pictures, important documents for local people and organizations.
- Independent Researcher - conducting web-based research.
- Holistic Healing practitioners
- Artisans (e.g. pottery, weaving, soap making, etc)
- Permaculture design consulting
- Green building/healthy house consulting

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Self Sufficient Homestead

Appalachian Food Works

Contact Information:

<http://www.appalachianfoodworks.org>

Mission: Ensure food grown and raised in central PA gets into the stomachs of those who live in central PA, with a focus on creating a more equitable food system starting with the farmer.

Vision: Phase One of this concept will initially focus on restaurants near State College who wish to buy meat and dairy from area farms. Subsequent phases will include a direct-to-consumer component, as well as selling products to schools, hospitals, retirement homes, and other institutions. Expansion of product line will include produce (both fresh and frozen), eggs, and poultry processing and sales.

Services:

Appalachian Food Works (AFW) operates as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in the commonwealth of PA, and brokers, aggregates, packages, stores, and distributes locally grown and raised products to local markets (e.g., restaurants, stores, schools, institutions). For the purposes of our initial phase, we are defining “local” as Centre County and surrounding counties.

This food hub will work to maintain each farm’s brand identity and assist with education and mentorship should a farm choose to diversify. Additionally, an effort will be made to increase food access in central PA to low-income and rural households. Furthermore, an agriculture and food business incubator will eventually be incorporated into the physical home for operations.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food,

Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania

Contact Information:

<https://artallianceofcentralpa.org/who-we-are/>

About:

To promote the visual arts by providing art education for adults and children, offering opportunities for practicing artists to exhibit and teach, presenting the public with quality exhibitions and sales, and cooperating with other organizations to initiate arts outreach programs that serve communities across Central Pennsylvania.

Services:

Instructors <https://artallianceofcentralpa.org/our-instructors/>

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Art

CATA: Bus Service

Contact Information:

<https://catabus.com>

About:

The Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) is a joint municipal authority formed under the "Municipal Authorities Act of 1945." CATA was first incorporated on May 17, 1974, and then reorganized into its current format on February 5, 1982, by five local municipalities: the Borough of State College and the four surrounding townships of Patton, Ferguson, Harris, and College.

Services:

CATA was formed for the purpose of providing public transportation services within the boundaries of its member municipalities. Subsequent agreements with the Borough of Bellefonte, Spring Township, Benner Township, and Halfmoon Township have allowed for service extensions to Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap, and Stormstown.

Key Words:

Government, Transportation

Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology

Contact Information:

<https://cpi.edu>

About:

Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science & Technology (CPI), an educational institution dedicated to enhancing the workforce of today and producing the leaders of tomorrow.

Services:

Founded in 1969, CPI was built to meet the career and technical needs of high school students in the Bald Eagle Area, Bellefonte Area, Penns Valley Area, and State College School Districts. Additionally, over 1,300 adult learners annually receive training to upgrade their current skills, learn new skills, or make a career change to better their quality of life.

Key Words:

Education

Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition

Contact Information:

<http://www.ccaffordablehousingcoalition.org>

About:

The Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition is a diversified group whose mission is to inform the community of the value, need, and availability of housing for all residents.

Services:

The Affordable Housing Coalition's goals are to:

- Provide information and raise awareness about the need for, the benefits of and best practices in affordable housing.
- Forge partnerships to broaden the base of support for affordable housing.
- Coordinate public, private and nonprofit housing programs to better serve the low- and moderate-income residents of Centre County.
- Monitor local, state and federal housing policy and funding, and alert our members and the broader community to opportunities and threats.
- Monitor the countywide housing market to determine changing physical, social and economic conditions and their immediate and future effect on the housing situation.
- Promote decent, safe, affordable and accessible housing for all residents of Centre County, especially those with low- and moderate-incomes, the elderly and persons with special needs.
- Assist community groups, housing partners, developers, funders and policy-makers in the preservation, rehabilitation and development of affordable housing.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Affordable/Workforce Housing

Centre County Agriculture

Contact Information:

<https://centrecountypa.gov/209/Agriculture>

About:

According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, agriculture sales in Centre County account for \$91,478,000 or 1.17 percent of all agricultural sales in Pennsylvania. A Centre County farm sold, on average, \$89,422 of products in 2017. The economic impact of farming in Centre County, coupled with the continued loss of prime farmland, makes protecting and enforcing agricultural land protection essential for future generations.

Services:

Agricultural Land Preservation, Agricultural Security Areas, Farmland Preservation, Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program

Key Words:

Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board

Contact Information:

<https://centrecountypa.gov/281/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Board>

About:

The creation of the Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board in August 1989 signified the County's full-scale commitment to Pennsylvania's farmland preservation program. The Centre County Commissioners appointed nine members to the Board in accordance with the provisions contained within Agricultural Area Security Law, PA Act 43 as amended. Since that time, the Commissioners have continued to support the program by providing staff support and matching funds for the purchase of agricultural land conservation easements. To date, the county's agricultural land preservation program has preserved 56 farms in seven townships—bringing its total acreage for preserved farms to 8,300 acres.

Services:

- Administer a program for purchasing agricultural conservation easements in accordance with Act 43 of 1981 as amended and 7 Pa Code 138.
- Preserve the prime agricultural soils of Centre County by purchasing, in the name of the County, or jointly with a Local Government Unit and/or the Commonwealth, agricultural conservation easements within Agricultural Security Areas.
- Promote efforts to support the agricultural community in Centre County.
- Encourage the use of additional farmland preservation techniques through public and private organizations in Centre County.

Key Words:

Government, Food

Centre County Farmland Trust

Contact Information:

<https://www.centrecountyfarmlandtrust.org>

About:

We work with local families to protect their farms so that they can remain a valuable part of our beautiful landscape forever.

The Centre County Farmland Trust was founded in 1994 as a public, non-profit land trust dedicated to protecting farmland and open space in Central Pennsylvania.

Services:

Download:

[Map of Centre County Agricultural Conservation Easements](#)
[About Agricultural Conservation Easements](#) |
[Tax Incentives for Farmland Conservation](#)

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food

Centre County Government

Contact Information:

<https://www.centrecountypa.gov>

About:

Centre County is located in the center of Pennsylvania. Population was 153,990 in the 2010 census. The county seat is Bellefonte. The major population is in the State College region. It is three elected County Commissioner.

Services:

General Government, planning, conversation, sheriff and corrections, courts, human services.

Key Words:

Government, Health, Safety and Welfare

Centre County Government Conservation District

Contact Information:

<https://www.centrecountypa.gov/200/Conservation-District>

About:

The Centre County Conservation District (CCCD) is a committed, professional agency functioning as the primary local source of assistance to all individuals and organizations who benefit from the county's natural resources that we collectively strive to sustain and improve.

Services:

- Agriculture
- Erosion and Sediment Control
- Watershed and Education

- Countywide Action Plan
- Farmland Preservation

Key Words:

Government, Environmental Conservation

Centre County Government Planning and Community Development

Contact Information:

<https://www.centrecountypa.gov/207/Planning-Community-Development>

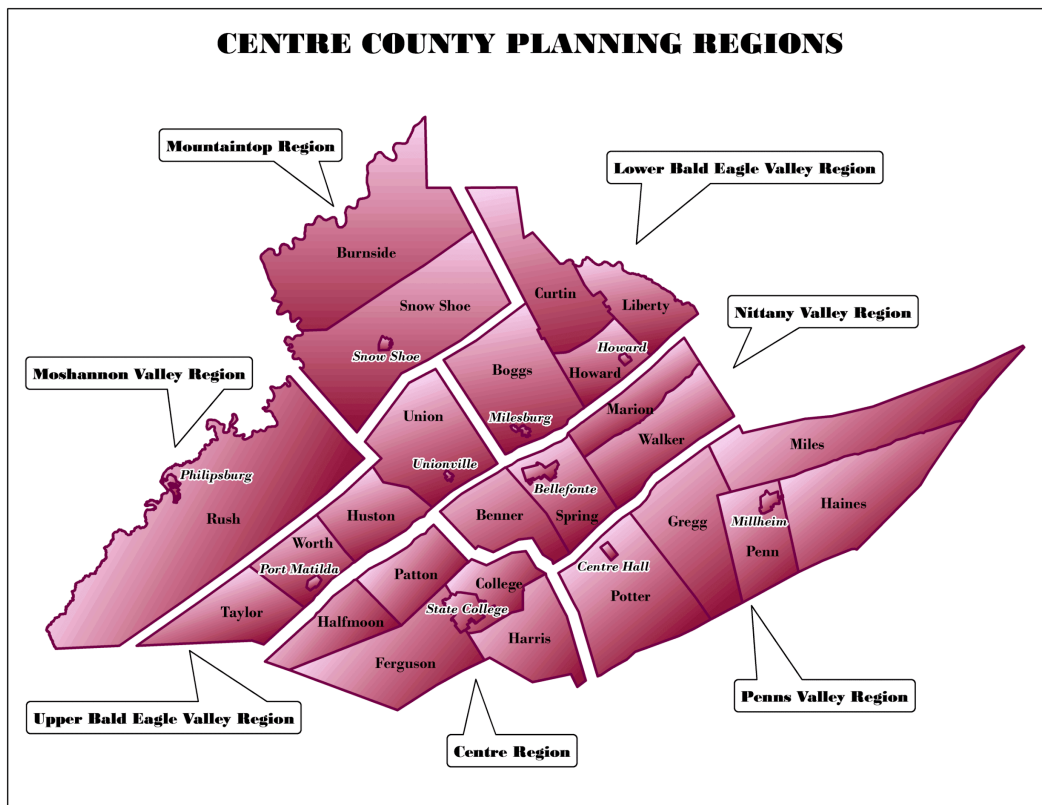
About:

The Centre County Planning and Community Development Office provides professional planning services to the citizens, communities and municipalities of Centre County.

We follow and manage a coordinated, cost effective and comprehensive approach to the planned growth and development of Centre County communities.

Services:

- Preparing and updating the Centre County Comprehensive Plan, which includes information about the county's population; economy; housing; emergency medical services; land use, agricultural and historical preservation; transportation; utilities, broadband communications; government facilities; the community development and block plan program; infrastructure development; recreation, and environmental resources;
- Administering the County's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance;
- Administering the Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board's PA Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) program;
- Assisting the County's 35 municipalities with preparing, modifying or reviewing comprehensive plans, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision ordinances, GIS mapping, the National Flood Insurance Program and other ordinances or services;
- Giving technical planning assistance to the County's seven regional planning areas;



- In collaboration with other economic development partners throughout Centre County, promoting and assisting efforts that include recruitment, expansion, rehabilitation, and improving business and industry;
- Administering the County's First Time Home Buyer's Program as a path to home ownership;
- Representing the County on various committees, boards, and organizations, either through appointment by the Centre County Board of Commissioners or by virtue of being a County Planning Agency;
- Coordinating with the County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) office to create and maintain planning datasets published on the County's websites;
- Offering a variety of technical assistance to various public agencies and organizations including grant writing and administration.;
- Providing staff support to Centre County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO), the lead agency responsible for federally funded transportation projects.

Key Words:

Government, Public Planning

Centre County Green Business Partners

Contact Information:

https://www.crcog.net/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BD05EF320-DB3D-4997-AE47-12A07622FCEF%7D

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About:

The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority, the Centre Region Council of Governments & State College Borough have partnered to recognize Centre County businesses, institutions, organizations and schools as "Green Business Partners" who take pride in their recycling programs.

In 2018 there were 58 businesses, schools and organizations honored as Green Business Partners. You will know them by the green "Recycling Works for My Business" window cling displayed on their windows or doors. This cling serves as a visual indicator that our local entities are committed to the well-being of the county by following proper waste management and recycling practices.

We hope you will consider becoming a Green Business Partner. In 2020, we will be refreshing the program. Please visit our website again in mid-2020 for the latest information.

Services:

2016 Green Business Partners:

[https://www.crcog.net/vertical/sites/%7B6AD7E2DC-ECE4-41CD-B8E1-BAC6A6336348%7D/uploads/2016 Centre County Green Business Partners.pdf](https://www.crcog.net/vertical/sites/%7B6AD7E2DC-ECE4-41CD-B8E1-BAC6A6336348%7D/uploads/2016%20Centre%20County%20Green%20Business%20Partners.pdf)

Key Words:

Government, Waste Management

Centre County Historical Society

Contact Information:

<https://www.centrehistory.org>

About:

Founded in 1904, the Centre County Historical Society (CCHS) is the oldest and largest history organization in the county, serving as the official historical society of Centre County. It is a membership and volunteer based educational non-profit organization that works collaboratively with local, regional, county and state organizations to preserve and promote the area's historic, cultural, and natural resources through programs and exhibitions, archival and artifact collections, and publications.

CCHS owns and manages the historic Centre Furnace Mansion and grounds and the Boogersburg One-room School.

Services:

OUR MISSION: Centre County Historical Society helps people understand, experience, appreciate and preserve our county's cultural and natural heritage.

OUR VISION: Centre County Historical Society aspires to enrich the lives of the public by telling the story of the county's unique past. Through our programs, collections, and facilities, we promote a strong sense of place for a diverse Centre County. We see to build a critical understanding of our past for both engaging the issues of the present and guaranteeing a future which preserves our heritage.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Local History

Centre County PAWS

Contact Information:

<https://www.centrecountypaws.org>

About:

Centre County PAWS was established in 1980. For over 40 years our Mission has been to Promote Animal Welfare and Safety with compassion through adoption, sheltering, education, and community assistance. PAWS is leading the way in building a compassionate Centre Region where animals thrive.

Services:

We enthusiastically embody our four core values, which are compassion, generosity, open communication, and responsible practices.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Animal Welfare

Centre County Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corps (CCPaSEC)

Contact Information:

<https://www.ccpasec.org>

About:

The mission of the Centre County Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corps (CCPaSEC) is to develop and to support teams of senior citizens who gather and publish data on the quality of water in the streams of Centre County. Through public outreach, with the assistance of the ClearWater Conservancy, the Centre County Conservation District, Nature Abounds, and other environmentally concerned organizations, CCPaSEC seeks to keep the public informed of the importance of clean water and how the management of our civil and natural resources affects the quality of streams in the county.

Services:

The study design covers the why, where, who, how, and quality assurance program for CCPaSEC operations in water monitoring and other activities.

[View the 2012 CCPaSEC Centre County Watersheds Study Design.](#)

Key Words:

Citizen Group, Watershed

Centre County Recreation and Greenway Plan

Contact Information:

<https://centrecountypa.gov/540/Centre-County-Recreation-Greenway-Plan>

About:

The Centre County Office of Planning and Community Development is proud to announce the completion of the Centre County Recreation and Greenway Plan.

This Plan was funded in part by a grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and matching funding from the Centre County Board of Commissioners. It was completed by the staff of the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office with the assistance of a Greenway Steering Committee, municipal officials, and representatives from school districts, public agencies, conservation groups, and individuals/agencies from adjoining counties.

- [Centre County Greenway Plan \[24MB PDF\]](#)
- [Greenway Plan Executive Summary \[650KB PDF\]](#)

Services:

Maps

- [Centre Region \(PDF\)](#)
- [Conservation Corridors \(PDF\)](#)
- [All County Corridors \(PDF\)](#)
- [Lower Bald Eagle Valley Region \(PDF\)](#)
- [Moshannon Valley Region \(PDF\)](#)

- [Mountaintop Region \(PDF\)](#)
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- [Transportation Corridors \(PDF\)](#)
- [Upper Bald Eagle Valley Region \(PDF\)](#)

Key Words:

Government, Recreation

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

Contact Information:

<https://www.centrecountyrecycles.org>

About:

It is the mission of the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority to provide environmentally sound and economically efficient integrated waste management, reduction and recycling services, to work cooperatively with the private sector and to provide educational services with the intent of enhancing the quality of life in Centre County.

Services:

Annual Report:

<https://www.flipbookpdf.net/web/files/uploads/06a962ae3b4c8aa8f683c8b0a5dc417d39c3e8d4202003.pdf>

Key Words:

Government, Waste Management

Centre Foundation

Contact Information:

<https://centre-foundation.org>

About:

Centre Foundation has over \$45 million in Foundation assets and has invested over \$24 million back into our community.

Mission: To inspire and facilitate a culture of giving which creates a vibrant community.

Values

- Integrity – We are honest, attentive, and accountable in all of our work.
- Impact – We are effective and accomplished in achieving results.

- Expertise – We possess a deep understanding of our community’s needs and philanthropic goals.
- Collaboration – We convene effective partnerships to meet community needs and goals.
- Leadership – We have the vision and courage to inspire a vibrant future for our community.

Services:

Grant Distribution by Interest Area:

- Health & Social Services: **55%**
- Education & Lifelong Learning: **18%**
- Culture, Community and the Arts: **17%**
- Environmental Conservation & Awareness: **10%**

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Philanthropy

Centre Region Bicycle Association

Contact Information:

<https://centrebike.org>

About:

We are the voice for slow and fast bicyclists in the Centre Region.

CentreBike is a 501(c) organization, founded in 2000, to help facilitate the vision of a more cycle-friendly community in the greater State College area. We are a coalition of cyclists working for cyclists, with the goal of promoting bicycling as a means of recreation and transportation.

Our interests include bicycling advocacy, rider education, bicycling safety & awareness, riding opportunities for all ages, and encouraging more bicycling in the area.

The common thread is that we love to ride, whether it be on the way to work, on singletrack through the forest, or on rolling back country roads.

Services:

The long term goals of CentreBike currently include:

- Provide regular public events that educate, celebrate and/or encourage more bicycling in our community.
- Educate bikers and the community about bike safety issues.
- Increase the miles of commuter biking in the Centre Region.

- Assist the Centre Region Bicycle Advisory Committee (CRBAC) with efforts to improve the Centre Region's "Bicycle Friendly Community" status from the League of American Cyclists from Bronze (current status) to Silver and Gold.
- Continue to work with local municipalities to improve bicycling infrastructure in the Centre Region:
 - Advocate for the construction of bike lanes or paved shoulders on arterial roads, whenever they are upgraded or constructed.
 - Make recommendations to increase the safety, signage, connectedness & maintenance of paths for cyclists and pedestrians.
 - Encourage the installation of bike-friendly facilities at municipal, campus and other community locations (including bike racks, showers for commuters, and other amenities)

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Bicycling

Centre Region Council of Governments (COG)

Contact Information:

<https://www.crcog.net>

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Pam Adams, Sustainability Planner, padams@crcog.net

About:

The Centre Region Council of Governments, formed in 1969, consists of six municipalities and home of Penn State University. The General Forum is comprised of the 32 elected supervisors of the member townships.

Services:

- Regional Planning (including sustainability)
- Parks and Recreation
- Code Administration
- Emergency Management
- Fire Protection
- Transportation and Land Use
- Refuse and Recycling
- Regional Library

Key Words:

Health, Safety and Welfare

Centre Region Council of Governments

Comprehensive Plan/Sustainability

Contact Information:

2013 Update of the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan [Link](#)

Sustainability Chapter:

<https://www.crcog.net/vertical/sites/%7B6AD7E2DC-ECE4-41CD-B8E1-BAC6A6336348%7D/uploads/8 - Sustainability.pdf>

Jim May, Planning Director, jmay@crcog.net

About:

The primary purpose of any regional comprehensive planning activity is to develop a plan for the physical growth of the region; to prepare goals, objectives, and policies; and to set forth a program to implement those goals, objectives, and policies.

The Sustainability Element is organized into the following sections:

Goals, Objectives and Policies:

- Water and Sewer Services
- Transportation
- Energy Efficiency
- Municipal Resources
- Communications

Services:

- Land use, Transportation,
- Open Space and Recreation,
- Housing,
- Community Services and Facilities,
- Sustainability,
- Natural Environment, Cultural and Historic Resources
- Community and University Relationship
- Economy

Key Words:

Government, Public Planning

Centre Region Council of Governments

Organic Recycling

Contact Information:

<https://www.crcog.net/index.asp?SEC=958F4FE4-C2F4-44A6-8629-FC3B8D40E8E7>

About:

Keeping organic waste out of the landfill. Each category of organic waste requires different handling, preparation and conditions for composting which results in different collection and composting methods. There are also different regulations for composting leaf, brush and tree trimmings, grass clippings and garden residues than there are for composting food waste.

Services:

Yard, Garden, and Food Waste, categories of organics:

- Leaves
- Brush and tree trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Garden residue
- Food waste.

Key Words:

Government, Waste Management

Centre Region Council of Governments

Sustainable Centre Region

Contact Information:

<https://www.crcog.net/sustainablecr>

About:

We strive to collaborate with municipal governing bodies to develop strategic direction, build partnerships within the community and government agencies, and establish region wide programs that inspire the community to embrace sustainable practices. The United Nations definition of sustainability is “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”. It should consider human, social, economic and environmental aspects.

Services:

- Climate Action Adaptation
- Solar Energy
- Bicycling in Centre Region
- Sustainable PA

Key Words:

Government, Sustainability

Centre Region Council of Governments

Sustainable PA Regional Certification

Contact Information:

<https://www.crcog.net/index.asp?SEC={38404D85-5DA8-4C86-9407-B8822B4543B6}>

About:

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification, a project of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and Sustainable Pittsburgh, is a voluntary performance recognition program to help municipalities achieve their sustainability goals to save money, conserve resources, and encourage innovation.

Services:

State College Borough is one of 7 municipalities in Pennsylvania that has achieved Platinum Certification. Platinum certification means the municipality achieved 203 - 300 points and provide web links to 90% of their 'yes responses'. Click on the link to view their certification assessment.

College Township, Ferguson Township, Halfmoon Township, Harris Township and Patton Township have all achieved Gold Certification. Gold certification means the municipality achieved 136 - 202 points and provide web links to 70% of their 'yes responses'. Click on their link to view the certification assessment.

Key Words:

Government, Sustainable Certification

Centre Region Council of Governments

Centre Region Bike Plan

Contact Information:

https://www.crcog.net/vertical/sites/%7B6AD7E2DC-ECE4-41CD-B8E1-BAC6A6336348%7D/uploads/Centre_Region_Bike_Plan_Amended_05-23-16_with_Appendices_for_Web.pdf

About:

The Centre Region was designated a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists in May 2012. Since that time, the Region has continued its efforts to provide a safe, convenient, and efficient environment for bicycle travel. In 2014, the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) began preparing a regional Bike Plan on behalf of the six Centre Region municipalities. The Centre Region Bike Plan:

- Identifies critical gaps in the Centre Region Bicycle Network.
- Increases the recognition that bicycles are a form of transportation.
- Identifies recommendations to make bicycling a more viable transportation option.

The Bike Plan also provides a framework for partnerships between the Centre Region municipalities and organizations such as the State College Area School District (SCASD), the Centre Region Bicycle Advisory Committee (CRBAC), and CentreBike to advance non-infrastructure programs.

Services:

BENEFITS OF CYCLING

There are numerous environmental, health, and economic benefits related to bicycling, especially as a substitute for driving a vehicle.

Environmental Benefits

The conversion of vehicular trips to cycling trips is an opportunity to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds. The conversion of vehicular trips also reduces the pollutants and irritants that cause asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, and decreased resistance to respiratory infections.

Health Benefits

Cycling also has the potential to positively impact personal health. Regular exercise reduces the risk of high blood pressure, heart attacks, and strokes and can help prevent other health problems such as non-insulin dependent diabetes, osteoarthritis, and osteoporosis. Exercise has also been shown to improve health by relieving symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress.

Economic Benefits

Bike infrastructure and programs have been shown to deliver economic benefits to individuals and communities. Cycling can offer cost savings to individuals when used in place of private automobiles, and the increased physical activity from cycling can translate into health-related savings. Replacing even a small number of automobile trips with bicycle trips can create significant transportation related savings as a result of reduced vehicle traffic congestion, and increased cycling has also been tied to increases in commercial and residential property values and retail sales.

Key Words:

Centre Region Council of Governments: Solar Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA)

Contact Information:

<https://www.crcog.net/sppa>

Pam Adams – COG's Sustainability Planner, padams@crocg.net

About:

Fifteen public entities are exploring the viability of investing in a joint SPPA – purchasing a percentage of our electricity through a solar installation.

The Centre Region Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2013 and includes the objective of working to reduce barriers to alternative energy uses to help decrease dependence on finite natural resources. One of the fastest growing forms of alternative energy is the use of solar energy.

Services:

The Centre Region is working to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our local government time and money.

- [PA Solar Center List of Solar Installers.](#) Visit this resource to find a solar installer serving Centre County.
- [Tracking Renewable Energy in the Centre Region.](#) The CRPA has begun to track the installations of renewable energy installations as a way to measure progress along the way.
- [Supporting Solar Energy Reports.](#) These documents are intended serve municipalities within the Centre Region with tools, documentation, and recommendations of bringing solar energy to local home and businesses.
- [C-PACE: Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy](#) is a financial tool available for property owners to obtain low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficient equipment, renewable energy, and water conservation projects.
- [Solar Power Purchase Agreement.](#) A working group of 15 entities in Centre County, including COG, has been formed to explore the viability of investing in a joint solar power purchase agreement.
- [SolSmart Participation & Solar Statement.](#) The Centre Region is committed to working with SolSmart, a U.S. Department of Energy funded program that recognizes cities, counties, and regional organizations for making it faster, easier, and more affordable to go solar. Their national team of experts provides no-cost

technical assistance to help communities foster the development of local solar markets.

Key Words:

Government, Renewable Energy

Centre Region Council of Governments: Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

Contact Information:

<https://www.crcog.net/climateaction>

Pam Adams – COG’s Sustainability Planner, padams@crcog.net

About:

The Centre Region Council of Governments (COG), in collaboration with the six member municipalities, is currently developing a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) to make the Centre Region a more healthy, equitable, resilient, and sustainable community.

Services:

- Completed a community GHG inventory
- Adopted goals and targets
- Conducted a survey and held a public forum
- Drafting plan May – July
- Goal to adopt CAAP

Key Words:

Government, Climate Action

Centre Region Council of Governments: Schlow Biking and Sustainability Podcast

Contact Information:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-113-biking-and-sustainability-in-the-centre-region/id1420184563?i=1000519010703>

Trish Meek – COG’s Transportation Planner, tmeek@crcog.net

Pam Adams – COG’s Sustainability Planner, padams@crcog.net

About:

We are talking Biking and Sustainability in the Centre Region with Trish Meek and Pam Adams.

Services:

After you listen, check out these resources for great information.?

- [A great portal of all things biking in our area](#), with many *many* resources.
- [Learn how to get involved](#) with the Centre Region's sustainability work.

Key Words:

Government, Public Library

Centre Region Council of Governments:

Ferguson Township Silver Bicycle Friendly Community

Contact Information:

<https://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/home/news/state-college-%E2%80%93-centre-region-named-silver-level-bicycle-friendly-community-league>

<https://www.crcog.net/index.asp?SEC=669309BB-E644-4929-9E0B-3CFFC7D11E79>

Trish Meek – COG's Transportation Planner, tmeek@crcog.net

About:

The Centre Region (formerly bronze) was moved up to a silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community designation in December 2020 by the League of American Bicyclists (LAB).

Services:**Key Words:**

Government, Bicycling

Centre Region Council of Governments:

State College Borough Silver Bicycle Friendly Business

Contact Information:

<https://www.crcog.net/index.asp?SEC=669309BB-E644-4929-9E0B-3CFFC7D11E79>

Trish Meek – COG's Transportation Planner, tmeek@crcog.net

Jasmine Fields – SCB's Sustainability Coordinator, jfields@statecollegepa.us

About:

In Jan 2021, the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) recognized the Centre Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) with a silver Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) award and State College Borough formerly silver was moved up to a gold designation.

Services:
Key Words: Government, Bicycling

Centre Region Council of Governments: Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy
Contact Information: https://www.pacpacecounties.org/county/centre-county/ Ray Stolina – Centre County Planning & Community Development Director, rjstolinas@centrecountypa.gov
About: On Tuesday, July 28, 2020, Centre County Commissioners approved a Resolution to implement <u>Commerical Property Assessed Clean Energy</u> . (C-PACE). The commissioners approved C-PACE to help owners of commercial property with energy and water conservation projects. This program will also allow Centre County property owners to access long term loans to pay for renewable energy systems, energy efficient equipment, and fixtures that reduce water consumption.
Services: Upon approving the C-PACE resolution, the commissioners authorized the County to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Sustainable Energy Fund for the administration of the Program. Through the C-PACE program, Centre County commercial businesses, agriculture interests, and nonprofits can finance clean energy and water efficiency projects with long-term and low-cost financing.
Key Words: Government, Sustainable Certification

Centre Region Council of Governments: Ferguson Township Community Resilience Building Workshop

Contact Information:

<https://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/home/news/ferguson-township-hosted-community-resilience-building-workshop>

Centrice Martin – Ferguson’s Assistant Manager, cmartin@twp.ferguson.pa.us

About:

Over 20 community stakeholders participated in a workshop to identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

Services:**Key Words:**

Government, Sustainability

Centre Region Parks and Recreation

Contact Information:

<https://www.crpr.org>

About:

Centre Region Parks and Recreation, located in State College, PA (Centre County), provides services to five local municipalities: the Borough of State College, College, Ferguson, Harris, and Patton Township. The Agency is part of the **Centre Region Council of Governments**, and provides regional parks and recreation services to the participating municipalities. You'll notice on the map below that the Centre Region actually consists of six municipalities; however, at this time, Halfmoon Township does not participate in the regional parks and recreation services that our Agency provides.

Services:

Centre Region Parks and Recreation through its cooperative agreement with five local municipalities, manages and maintains over 50 local parks from small neighborhood parks to large community parks. The Agency also manages and maintains the large regional parks. Within the park system, you will find a collection of various-sized playground, basketball courts, tennis and pickleball courts, walking trails, rectangular sports fields, baseball and softball diamonds, natural spaces, pavilions, and more!

Key Words:

Government, Recreation

Centre Region Council of Governments:

Solar Planning and Zoning Presentation

Contact Information:

Pam Adams padams@crocg.net and Mark Boeckel mboeckel@crocg.net

About:

Centre Region Planning Commission staff is conducting research and analysis on utility-scale solar uses and is preparing a regulatory toolbox that can be utilized by the Centre Region municipalities. Staff anticipates presenting an overview of findings at the June meetings of the CRPC and TLU/PSE Committees. Staff has completed an initial inventory of zoning districts that already permit utility-scale solar, as well as mapping of farmland soils.

Full Report:

Further information can be found in the June 3, 2021 COG CRPC agenda: [Link](#).

Key Words:

Government, Renewable Energy

Centre Wildlife Care

Contact Information:

<https://centrewildlifecare.org>

About:

Centre Wildlife Care (CWC) is a 501c3, non-profit, tax-exempt, licensed organization dedicated to caring for injured, orphaned, sick and displaced wildlife for the purpose of releasing them back into the wild. Their injuries are usually a result of human influence in some way (e.g. hit by car, construction, landscaping, cat/dog caught, shot, poisoned, etc.).

Services:

Professional care is provided to over 1500 mammals, birds and reptiles per year. Wild animals are not only accepted from Centre County, but also surrounding counties, other areas of the state and other rehabilitators. CWC also provides educational programs with live animals to the public. CWC is an all-volunteer organization, funded only by donations and receives NO funding from local, state or federal agencies.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

Chamber of Business and Industry

of Centre County

Contact Information:

<https://www.cbicc.org>

About:

Centre County's Chamber of Business & Industry represents nearly 1,000 members in the fields of business, education, non-profit, and government.

Services:

- We work collectively and collaboratively on fostering entrepreneurship and strengthening the local economy.
- We aim to improve the quality of life in Centre County making it a great place to live, learn, work, play, and do business.
- Our role is to unify the voice of our diverse membership and bridge relationships between individuals, organizations, and governing officials.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Business Development

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Contact Information:

<https://www.cbf.org/index.html>

About:

Serving as a watchdog, we fight for effective, science-based solutions to the pollution degrading the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams. Our motto, "Save the Bay," is a regional rallying cry for pollution reduction throughout the Chesapeake's six-state, 64,000-square-mile watershed, which is home to more than 18 million people and 3,000 species of plants and animals.

Services:

With offices in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia and 15 field centers, CBF leads the way in restoring the Bay and its rivers and streams. For more than 50 years, we have created broad understanding of the Bay's poor health, engaged public leaders in making commitments to restore the Chesapeake, and fought successfully to create a new approach to cleanup that features real accountability—the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint.

Key Words:

Government, Watershed

Citizens Climate Lobby

Contact Information:

<https://www.facebook.com/Citizens-Climate-Lobby-State-College-261997520802068/pastatecollege@citizensclimatelobby.org>

About:

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan organization empowering citizens to solve the climate crisis by promoting passage of a carbon fee and dividend.

Services:

CCL provides sample dialog and other tips, so this couldn't be easier! Calling your Senators and Representatives helps create the political will needed to solve climate change by demonstrating constituent concern.

Get started - Sign up for Citizens' Climate Lobby's Monthly Calling Campaign to receive a monthly reminder to call. Once a month you'll receive instructions for calling your representative's office along with suggestions for how to express your concerns and respectfully urge climate action.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Climate Action

ClearWater Conservancy

Contact Information:

<https://www.clearwaterconservancy.org>

About:

OUR MISSION: The mission of ClearWater Conservancy is to conserve and restore our natural resources through land conservation, water resources stewardship, and environmental outreach across central Pennsylvania.

Our Vision: Working together for people and place to nurture a healthy environment and thriving communities in the heart of Pennsylvania

Services:

Land Conservation, Water Resource Stewardship, Environmental Outreach

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

College Township

Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan

Contact Information:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c00a365b76724a4c8ff227e96d193194>

About:

College Township staff has begun to update the Township's 2018 Sidewalk Master Plan by further expanding it into a Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan. This plan aims to build upon the foundation laid by the Sidewalk Master Plan, Centre Region Bike Plan and the ongoing Dale Summit Area Plan, to identify and prioritize projects that fill connectivity gaps in the Township's sidewalk and multi-use path network. This work will likely lead to updates to the College Township Official Map, formally acknowledging the Township's intent to develop the highest priority connections at some point in the future.

Services:

The Pedestrian Facilities Plan will also contemplate modifications to Township ordinances to ensure that as development occurs throughout the township, these important pedestrian linkages are established. In instances where the installation of amenities is infeasible for developers, the plan will also propose a new fee-in-lieu of construction to be collected by the Township to further aid in the mission of ensuring a walkable community.

Key Words:

Government, Bicycling, Walking

Community Gardens/Organizations

Contact Information:

Community Gardens:

- Bellefonte Children's Garden, Est. 2007 - 203 North Allegheny St. -
- Corl Street Elementary School Garden - 235 South Corl St. - 231-1185
- Centre Furnace Mansion Garden Committee, Est. 2011 - 1001 E. College Ave. - 234-4779
- Delta Program School Garden - Fairmount School - 154 West Nittany Ave. - 231-1000
- Discovery Space of Central PA Children's Garden - 112 W. Foster Ave. - 234-0200
- Easterly Parkway Elementary School Garden - 234 Easterly Parkway - 231-1170
- Faith Garden at Faith United Methodist Church - 512 Hughes St. Bellefonte - 355-3358
- Garden Starters - Project of Clearwater Conservancy -237-0400 - Demonstration garden at Houserville Community Garden
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Garden - 851 Science Park Road - 234- 1388
- Grays Woods Elementary School Garden, Est. 2013 - 160 Brackenbourne Dr,

- Harris Township Community Garden Est. 2009 – 305 Homestead Lane, Boalsburg - - 21 plots
- Harvest Fields, Calvary Baptist Church 150 Harvest Fields Dr, Boalsburg, PA
- Haugh Community Garden in Circleville Park ,200 Little Lion Drive, Patton Twp 25 plots, 500 square feet
- Houserville Community Garden, 1320 Houserville Rd, 10 plots 150 square feet
- Keller Street Community Garden, Friends Meeting, 611 E. Prospect Ave. 237-0996 12 plots, 100 square ft
- Mazza Community Garden, 418 S. Atherton Street
- Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church Community Giving Garden,1500 E. Branch Road
- Penns Valley Learning Garden, Est. 2009 - American Legion Post, Millheim - 349-8842
- PSU White Course Housing Community Garden, 108 Weston Community Center, University Park
- PSU Community Garden, Est. 2009 - Off Porter Road, below Medlar Field - 865-1906 - 100 plots, 150 square feet each
- Pennsylvania Furnace Food Bank Garden - Route 45 & Tadpole Road, - 238-4439
- Radio Park Elementary School Garden - 800 West Cherry Lane - 231-4115
- Talleyrand Park Edible Garden - 222 W. High St., Bellefonte - 355-1458
- Tudek Park Community Garden, Est. 2005- 425 Park Crest Lane, Ferguson Twp - 231-3071 - 110 plots, 300 square feet each

Organizations:

- Boalsburg Garden Club, Est. 1957 - 420 Loop Road – 466-6121
- Bellefonte Garden Club - 203 North Allegheny St. - 814-353-1102
- Centre Moves Community Garden web site:
<http://www.centremoves.org/community-gardens>
- Half Moon Township Garden Club - Half Moon Valley Road & Municipal Lane - 692-7396
- Healing Ground Permaculture Design - Lemont PA - 237-5569
- Linden Hall Garden Club - 1590 Brush Valley Road, Centre Hall - 466-6459
- Neo-Terra Experts – Gardening Consultants - Lemont - 234-0836
- Master Gardeners, Est. 1982 - Willowbank Building - Bellefonte - 355-4897
- VeggieCommons, Est. 2011 - Neighborhood garden consulting - 360-1165
- Wilson's Home Grown Farms, Est. 2011 - Home & business garden installation & maintenance - Youth Haven Garden - 330 S. Burrowes St. - 234-2100

Key Words:

Citizen Group, Food

Discovery Space

Contact Information:

<https://discoveryspace.org>

About:

The mission of Discovery Space is to provide engaging experiences with science and technology that spark curiosity and creativity.

Services:

- Discovery Space of Central Pennsylvania is an exciting growing science center of interactive exhibits and hands-on programs designed to provide valuable informal science education, especially in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), in a fun learning environment.
- Our proximity to The Pennsylvania State University allows for many valuable collaborations in both program delivery and exhibit development with the students and staff of the Colleges of Arts and Architecture, Education, Engineering, and the Eberly College of Science.
- With support from local government, community organizations, businesses, and individual contributors, Discovery Space has become THE place in central Pennsylvania for fun science experiences.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Recreation

EcoAction of Penn State

Contact Information:

<https://sites.psu.edu/ecoaction/>

About:

We are leaders working to build a sustainable future. We strive to educate ourselves and others about current environmental issues. With this knowledge, we organize meaningful action to generate environmental change in our community.

Services:**Key Words:**

Education, Penn State, Sustainability

Farmers Markets

Contact Information:

Centre County Gazette: www.centrecountygazette.com

See locations and times in Services List

About:

Farmers markets bring local food to convenient locations.

Services:

Downtown State College Outdoor Market, which is open Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. from May to November at Locust Lane between College and Beaver avenues.

Hillside Amish Farmers Market, State College Assembly of God, University Drive, Tues 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.,

North Atherton Farmers Market that is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays from May through November and is located at the Home Depot parking lot off North Atherton Street and has more than 30 vendors

Boalsburg Farmers Market that is open 2-6 p.m. on Tuesdays from the beginning of May to the first week of November and is located outdoors at the PA Military Museum parking lot along Routes 322/45 in Boalsburg. They have about 25 permanent vendors

Millheim Farmers Market is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays from the beginning of May until the end of October and is located at the American Legion pavilion, 112 Legion Lane. It has about a dozen vendors

Bellefonte Farmers Market that is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays from early May through mid-November and is located at the Gamble Mill parking lot, 160 Dunlap St. in Bellefonte.

Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market, ST. Pauls' Lutheran Church parking lot on State Route 45, Thursdays from mid-June through September, 3-7 p.m.

Peachey's Farmacy, North side of Nittany Mall, East College, Ave., Tuesday 8 a.m. to ? and Saturday 8 a.m. - ?

Philipsburg Farmers Market, North Front and Pine streets, Philipsburg, Saturdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Shuey's Market and Greenhouse, 1401 Benner ike, Bellefonte, Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday, None to 5 p.m.

Titan Market, 2042 Axeman Forad, Bellefonte, Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Key Words:

Business, Food

Hamer Foundation

Contact Information:

THE HAMER FOUNDATION

2470 FOX HILL RD

State College, Pennsylvania 16803

Contact: Diane M. Kerly, (814) 355-8004

About:

The Hamer Foundation's purpose is to support education and the environment. Founded in 1989, the State College-based Hamer Foundation provides funding primarily for conservation and educational programs in central Pennsylvania. The foundation has supported activities related to the environment and natural resources, higher education, human services, libraries, museums, the performing and visual arts, and other fields.

Services:

The foundation provides funding in the following areas:

- Animal Welfare
- Christian Churches & Organizations
- Environment
- Higher Education
- Social & Human Services
- Libraries
- Museums
- Performing Arts
- Arts & Culture
- Visual Arts
- Religion.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Philanthropy

Happy Valley Adventure Bureau

Contact Information:

<https://happyvalley.com/about-us/>

About:

The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau (HVAB) is a nonprofit, membership-based organization committed to the fundamental principal that meetings and visitors can be more effectively attracted to our area through "coordinated group action" rather than independent action.

Services:

The bureau's mission is to develop, promote, and engage in travel related activities and coordinate visitor services designed to enhance the economic activity and quality of life within Centre County, Pennsylvania.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Tourism

Happy Valley Food Guide

Contact Information:

<https://happyvalley.com/eat/>

About:

State College and the surrounding Happy Valley region have plenty of different options when it comes to restaurants. Whether it is having a sit-down dinner to celebrate an event or can't miss breakfast locations we have you covered.

Services:

Restaurants, Wine and Spirits, Craft Breweries and Pubs, Central PA Tasting Trail, Farmers Markets, Happy Valley Ag Adventures, Happy Valley Takeout Trail

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food

Happy Valley Municipalities

Contact Information:

Please Google your municipality's web site for further information

Spring Creek Watershed	Other
Bellefonte	Marion
Benner	Gregg
College	Millheim
Ferguson	Haines
Halfmoon	Miles
Harris	Centre Hall
Milesburg	
Patton	
Potter	
Spring	
State College	

Services:

Local municipalities include elected boards of supervisors/councils, staff and volunteers who serve in authorities boards and commission. They are responsible for the health, safety and welfare of their citizens. You can look them up on the web, contact the manager and attend public meetings.

Key Words:

Government, Municipal Governments

Juniata Valley Audubon Society

Contact Information:

<https://www.jvas.org>

About:**Services:**

- Find more birds
- Keep track of your bird lists, photos, and sounds
- Explore latest sightings from around the world
- Join the world's largest birding community
- Contribute to science and conservation

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

Keystone Water Resources

Contact Information:

<https://www.keystonewaterresources.org/what-we-do>

About:**OUR MISSION**

1. To collect scientifically useful water quality and quantity data and make that data available to the public.
2. To educate the public on surface and groundwater resources, with a focus on the Spring Creek Watershed within Centre County, Pennsylvania.

Services:

We currently monitor 31 stream, spring and groundwater locations and have published 20 reports on the data we collect.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Watershed

Leadership Centre County

Contact Information:

<https://www.leadershipcentrecounty.org>

About:

Leadership Centre County's vision is for a vibrant community built upon robust servant leadership.

We believe that effective leaders improve the quality of life for their communities. We work to cultivate leadership through the dynamic exchange of information, resources, and networking.

The mission of Leadership Centre County is to increase the community's pool of servant leaders by bringing diverse individuals together for networking, education, and exposure to community issues, opportunities, and needs; encouraging increased participation for leadership in civic service; and creating a support network for present and future leaders.

The LEADERSHIP experience has an immediate, positive effect on the participants, their organizations, and the community. Each person is better informed and more skilled in active community leadership. Leadership Centre County graduates are making a positive difference by actively serving our community everywhere, every day.

Services:

The Community Leadership Program covers the following civic issues:

- Arts and Culture
- Criminal Justice
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environment and Sustainability
- Governance and Politics
- Health and Human Services
- History

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Leadership

League of Women Voters Environmental Committee

Contact Information:

<https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-centre-county>

About:

The preservation of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the earth's ecosystem is essential for maximum protection of public health and the environment. The interrelationships of air, water and land resources should be recognized in designing environmental safeguards.

Services:

Since the 1960s, we have been at the forefront of efforts to protect air, land and water resources. Our approach to environmental protection and pollution control is one of problem solving. The League's environmental goals aim to prevent ecological degradation, and to reduce and control pollutants before they go down the sewer, up the chimney or into the landfill. We support vigorous enforcement mechanism, including sanctions for states and localities that do not comply with federal standards as well as substantial fines for noncompliance.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Leadership

Mount Nittany Conservancy

Contact Information:

<https://nittany.org>

About:

Mission: We conserve Mount Nittany in its natural state as a symbol of Penn State and the Nittany Valley and for the benefit of the public.

Method: We practice conservation, protection, and management of Mount Nittany and surrounding lands and promote related stories, traditions, and cultural experiences as enriching historic, scenic, recreational, and environmental resources.

Motivation: We believe that the conservation of Mount Nittany, and the work of inspiring the natural and cultural landscapes through experience, friendship, and knowledge, are essential for the thriving of all those past, present, and future who dwell near the gentle show of the Mountain.

Services:

We conserve 800+ acres of beautiful Mount Nittany, with more than 8 miles of trails and many scenic views.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

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Municipal Authorities, Boards and Commissions

Contact Information:

<https://centrecountypa.gov/268/Authorities-Boards-Commissions>

About:

Authorities, boards, committees, councils, and commissions (ABC's) are an established feature of municipal government which offers citizens an extraordinary opportunity to participate in a county's government affairs. Their activities have helped to shape or influence public policy in many areas. Centre County Government has ABC's that reflect the varied interests of Centre County citizens. Several of the County's ABC's are required and established by law, while others result from provisions of the County or form local ordinances. Although many ABC's are advisory, their influence and value can be significant. They make recommendations on a wide range of topics that come before the Board of Commissioners.

Services:

Service with authorities, boards and commission is open to residents of a political entity such as your township or the county government. Contact your township or the county for information and an application.

Key Words:

Government, Voluntary Community Service

New Leaf Initiative

Contact Information:

<https://newleafinitiative.org>

About:

DISTRACTIONS, INTERRUPTIONS, PROCRASTINATION, AND LONELINESS.

In our busy world, it's hard to stay focused and at the top of your game. There are so many distractions. Motivation and creative energy get buried in the solitude of a dull and quiet house or trampled by the needs of everyday stresses and obligations. Don't let multitasking your home and work responsibilities keep you down.

The laundry, the dog, the new Netflix binge, the kitchen, the kids, your guitars. We've all done it . . . gone into the kitchen for just one snack, sat down to watch just one episode, only to lose 3-hours to the latest shiny object!

Services:

Coworking, Community, Connection, Collaboration

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Business Hosting

Nittany Mountain Biking Association

Contact Information:

<https://nittanymba.org>

About:

Established in 2001, Nittany Mountain Biking Association (NMBA) is a volunteer-based organization that is dedicated to building and maintaining sustainable mountain bike trails and promoting responsible mountain biking through club activities and community outreach.

Services:

NMBA engages members of the mountain biking and local community through various social events and educational opportunities that include weekly group rides, monthly social gatherings, trail building and mountain bike clinics, etc. NMBA also partners with the local bike shops and organizations in the area to promote and support cycling initiatives that serve the cycling community as well as members in the local community.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Bicycling

Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition:

Contact Information:

<https://www.nittanyvalley-eco.org>

About:

Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition is a registered 501(c)4 nonprofit organization, incorporated in January 2018.

Services:

Our mission is to protect our constitutionally-guaranteed environmental rights as Pennsylvania citizens.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Sustainability

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Nurseries and Greenhouses

Contact Information:

See below

About:

Provide flowering plants, vegetables, shrubs and gardening resources

Services:

- **Fox Hills Gardens** <http://foxhillgardens.com>
- **Sammis Greenhouse** <https://sammisgreenhouse.com>
- **College Gardens** <http://www.collegegardens.com>
- **Wheatfield Nursery** <https://www.wheatfieldnursery.com>
- **Country Side Nursery** <http://countrysidenurserypa.com>
- **Walmart Garden Center**
[https://www.walmart.com/store/2230-state-college-pa/patio-garden?&cn=Tracking local pack 1](https://www.walmart.com/store/2230-state-college-pa/patio-garden?&cn=Tracking+local+pack+1)
- **Shuey's Market** 1401 Benner Pike, Bellefonte, PA 16823
- **Wheatfield Nursery** <https://www.wheatfieldnursery.com>
- **Brush Valley Greenhouse** 239 Shaffertown Rd., Madisonburg,
- **Lowe's Garden Center**, 104 Valley Vista Dr, State College,
[https://www.lowes.com/l/gardencenter.html?cm_mmc=YEXT- -GC](https://www.lowes.com/l/gardencenter.html?cm_mmc=YEXT--GC)
- **Home Depot Garden Center**, 2615 Greentech Drive
State College,
<https://www.homedepot.com/b/Outdoors-Garden-Center/N-5yc1vZbx6k>

Key Words:

Business, Food

PA Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation

Contact Information:

<https://patacf.org>

About:

The mission of The Pennsylvania and New Jersey Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation is to restore the American chestnut tree to its native range within the woodlands of eastern North America through research and education.

Services:

Our goal is to develop blight-resistant American chestnut trees, via backcross method of breeding, for the restoration of locally adapted breeding populations of the species in the forests of the mid-Atlantic. The completion of six backcrossed generations has established that this will not on its own allow us to restore the American chestnut to its natural niche in the forest. Research has shifted toward combining the strategies of breeding, biocontrol, and biotechnology.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

PASA Sustainable Agriculture

Contact Information:

<https://pasafarming.org>

Request Centre County contact information at: info@pasafarming.org

About:

Vision: A world where agriculture nourishes, heals, and empowers.

Services:

Mission: Cultivating environmentally sound, economically viable, community-focused farms and food systems.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food

Penn State Arboretum

Contact Information:

<https://arboretum.psu.edu>

About:

The mission of the Arboretum is to engage the academic strengths of the University in promoting scholarship and education about plants and their history and importance on earth.

Services:

VISION: The Arboretum at Penn State strives to be a place of beauty and renewal, a venue for the arts, and a pathway to discovery and enrichment.

CORE VALUES: We are dedicated to excellence in design, collections, and programming in service to the mission of the University.

Key Words:

Education, Penn State, Recreation

Penn State Office of Physical Plan

Contact Information:

<https://www.opp.psu.edu/sustainability>

About:

Penn State's Office of Physical Plant (OPP) stewards more than 22,000 acres of land and more than 32 million square feet of buildings. We serve more than 82,000 students and 35,000 faculty and staff across the Commonwealth. We provide excellent facilities services for Penn State.

LEADERSHIP TEAM: The OPP Leadership Team is led by [Bill Sitzabee](#), vice president of facilities management and planning & chief facilities officer, and [Mark Miller](#), assistant vice president of OPP, and comprised of OPP Division directors. The team meets bi-weekly in an effort to guide the organization strategically to fulfill its mission of promoting the wise stewardship of the University's physical plant, while providing responsive, quality and cost-effective services.

Services:

[ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL SERVICES](#)

[BUILDINGS & GROUNDS](#)

[COMMONWEALTH SERVICES](#)

[DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION](#)

[ENERGY & ENGINEERING](#)

[ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY](#)

[PLANNING, DESIGN, & PROPERTIES](#)

Key Words:

Penn State, Physical Plant Management

Penn State Office of Physical Plan

Sustainability: Energy

Contact Information:

<https://www.opp.psu.edu/sustainability/energy>

About:

Penn State has developed multiple strategies to reduce its energy usage and Greenhouse Gas emissions. Penn State is on track to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 35% (from its peak in 2005) by 2020. It has an even more ambitious target of an 85% reduction by 2050. [See the complete GHG inventory](#). The University has also committed to a 20% reduction in building energy intensity by 2024 via the Department of Energy's [Better Building Challenge](#).

In 2019, Penn State entered into a 25-year Solar PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) with Lightsource BP. This 70 MW project is a utility-scale ground mounted solar array, using over 150,000 solar panels sited on roughly 500 acres across 3 locations in Franklin County near Penn State's Mont Alto campus. It will provide 25% of Penn State's state-wide electricity requirements. The project is expected to be in service in July 2020.

Services:

[RENEWABLES](#)

[ENERGY CONSERVATION](#)

Key Words:

Penn State, Renewable Energy

Penn State Office of Physical Plan

Sustainability: Recycling and Waste Management

Contact Information:

<https://www.opp.psu.edu/sustainability/recycling-waste-management>

About:

We certainly want you to recycle (and compost!)—but as a last resort. We really want you to reduce what you use and reuse what's left.

Services:

WASTE we produced in 2015: 14,950 tons of solid waste

WASTE we diverted from landfill in 2015: 9,214 tons (1,748 elephants) — **62%** of our waste stream

100 different types of waste

Key Words:

Penn State, Waste Management

Penn State Office of Physical Plan

Sustainability: Water

Contact Information:

<https://www.opp.psu.edu/sustainability/water>

About:

Over the last 25 years Penn State has reduced its annual water use by 25%, while adding 10,000 students and 8M sq. ft. of building space. These reductions were achieved through conservation programs that installed low-flow fixture, and the reduction of potable water use in once-through cooling and process applications.

Services:

THE LIVING FILTER

Treated effluent from Penn State's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has been land-applied year-round at sprayfields since 1983 rather than stream-discharged. An estimated 90% of the irrigated water recharges the region's water table—about 1.7 MGD, over 500 million gallons per year. The land application of treated wastewater helps to maintain base flows in streams such as Spring Creek and reduces the impacts of drought conditions. Penn State's WWTP has not discharged to Thompson Run since 1983, and is thought to be one of the many reasons that the water quality of Spring Creek is considered to be better now than any time in the last 100 years. Oversight of the sprayfields operation is managed by the Waste Water Management Committee, a multi-disciplined committee made up of researchers from across the University. Research completed by this committee is transmitted via trade journals and research publications to advance the knowledge base on wastewater treatment plant and sprayfield operation.

WATER RESOURCES PRESERVATION

NET-ZERO DISCHARGE

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

REUSE WATER PLANNING

STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

MILLBROOK MARSH

REDUCING RUNOFF

STREAM BANK RESTORATION

MS4 PARTNERSHIP

Key Words:

Penn State, Water Management

Penn State Office of Physical Plan

Sustainability: Sustainability Resources

Contact Information:

<https://www.opp.psu.edu/sustainability-resources>

About:

A list of resources shared by OPP regarding sustainability.

Services:

All building system designs must conform to the University's [Design & Construction Standards](#).

Key Words:

Penn State, Sustainability

Penn State Office of Physical Plan

Sustainability: The Living Lab

Contact Information:

<https://www.opp.psu.edu/livinglab>

About:

A Penn State education goes far beyond mastering classroom material. The University's 30 million square feet of facilities provide a "living laboratory" for academic enhancement, research partnerships, and student engagement.

The Living Lab is where Finance & Business (F&B) helps Penn State students, faculty, and staff use on-campus buildings, grounds, and expertise as resources for learning. Many departments within Penn State's Office of Physical Plant (OPP) have already identified and developed partnerships with student, academic, and research groups throughout Penn State.

Email livinglab@psu.edu for more information.

Services:

OBJECTIVES OF THE LIVING LAB

- Enhance the student experience.
- Create an educational framework for students and faculty to address University and community challenges.
- Expand current and create new partnerships that align OPP's expertise with the University's teaching, research, and service.
- Leverage existing resources across the University to increase the value of OPP's services and improve operational effectiveness.

- Contribute substantively to the Council on Engaged Scholarship, Sustainable Communities Collaborative, and Reinvention Fund.

Key Words:

Penn State, Sustainability

Penn State Sustainability Institute

Contact Information:

<https://sustainability.psu.edu/about-us/about-the-institute/>

About:

The Sustainability Institute supports the sustainability movement at Penn State as consultants and coaches who guide and bolster sustainability efforts at the University.

Mission/Services

The Sustainability Institute staff has expertise in a number of areas, including student and staff engagement, curriculum development, student-community projects, operations, research, and more. However, for sustainability to grow, the charge of creating sustainability must be adopted by the units and colleges via the establishment of Sustainability Councils at the unit, college and campus level. This way, sustainability grows organically. As it grows it is nurtured by the Sustainability Institute.

Key Words:

Penn State, Sustainability

Penn State Sustainability Institute Strategic Plan

Contact Information:

<https://sustainability.psu.edu/about-us/about-the-institute/strategic-plan/>

About:

The SI's own Strategic Plan has been drafted with an intention to continue supporting the institutionalization of sustainability across the university system. It is also a work in progress, and we welcome the review and comments of those who are also involved in this work.

Mission/Services

Since the release of the 2016-2020 Penn State Strategic Plan, the Sustainability Institute has actively engaged in redefining the way Penn State approaches and advances

sustainability. The concept of sustainability has broadened beyond environmental and climate issues to incorporate the 17 Sustainable Development Goals which address the interconnectedness of issues related to poverty, hunger, gender equity, social justice, energy and climate. Additionally, engagement and participation in advancing sustainability has become more equally dispersed across the university's budgetary units. Today, we see solutions for working, teaching, and operating more sustainably originating more often from within colleges, units and campuses, instead of primarily from the Sustainability Institute. These are all indicators that interest in holistically institutionalizing sustainability at the university is increasing. This progress has been essential for enhancing Penn State's resilience and providing the best possible foundation for continued progress over the next five years.

Key Words:

Penn State, Sustainability

Penn State Sustainable Communities Collaborative

Contact Information:

<https://sustainability.psu.edu/programs/scc/>

About:

The Sustainable Communities Collaborative (SCC) facilitates engaged scholarship projects as part of the outreach mission of the Sustainability Institute.

Mission/Services

The SCC connects Penn State faculty, students, and staff with local communities to address sustainability challenges through an engaged, collaborative effort. Each project is a facilitated and involves faculty expertise and students from across the academic spectrum, co-led by a key community leader and the University's SCC staff, to help develop and support thriving, healthy communities and advance student learning about the scholarship of sustainability.

Key Words:

Penn State, Sustainability

Penns Valley Conservation Association

Contact Information:

<https://pennsvalley.net>

About:

The Penns Valley Conservation Association seeks to foster an engaged community that preserves our rural way of life while protecting our natural environment. PVCA's Mission is to serve as a steward for the natural and cultural communities in the Upper Penns Creek watershed, seeking to preserve and honor the agricultural roots of Penns Valley by protecting and conserving its waters, farmlands, forests and rural heritage. PVCA is a 230 household member organization. We envision an engaged community, where growth is balanced with support for healthy natural systems that foster the local economy. Our valley has dark night skies, clear streams, healthy forests, prosperous farms, and local jobs.

Services:

See [Facebook](#) page.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Sustainability

Penns Valley Peddle and Pints

Contact Information:

<https://pennsvalleypedalsandpints.com>

About:

On a 2015 trip to Kentucky to cheer on his nephew's college baseball team, Roy Rupert visited a local watering hole and noticed a group of cyclists clanking glasses of craft beers in cheers to completing their ride. He thought to himself, "Now that's the right way to workout!" They called themselves 'Pedals & Pints' and met up weekly ending each ride with beer, food and friends.

The Beginning

Upon his return, he gathered a few Elk Creek Cafe pub buddies to brainstorm. None were hard core cyclists, but all enjoyed their trips on two wheels throughout scenic Penns Valley. It was decided – the group ride would be open to anyone of any level with any bike. They would meet weekly (who can't work out once a week?!) on Wednesdays (now Thursdays) in Millheim throughout the summer ending each ride at Elk Creek Cafe to properly gather and celebrate everyone's accomplishment.

Services:

Weekly Rides: <https://pennsvalleypedalsandpints.com/weekly-rides/>

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Recreation

Pennsylvania Certified Organic

Contact Information:

<https://paorganic.org/about/>

About:

PCO is a USDA-accredited organic certifying agency that educates and certifies growers, processors and handlers of organic crops, wild crops, livestock and livestock products in the contiguous United States. PCO is also proud to be an accredited certifying agent for OPT Certified Grass-Fed Organic Certification, which is a separate program that builds upon the organic standards.

Services:

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Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food

Pennsylvania DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)

Bureau of Forestry

Contact Information:

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/about/Pages/Forestry.aspx>

About:

The DCNR Bureau of Forestry's mission is to ensure the long-term health, viability, and productivity of the commonwealth's forests and to conserve native wild plants.

Services:

The bureau will accomplish this mission by:

- Managing state forests under sound ecosystem management, to retain their wild character and maintain biological diversity while providing pure water, opportunities for low-density recreation, habitats for forest plants and animals, sustained yields of quality timber, and environmentally sound utilization of mineral resources.
- Protecting forestlands, public and private, from damage and/or destruction by fires, insects, diseases, and other agents.

- Promoting forestry and the knowledge of forestry by advising and assisting other government agencies, communities, landowners, forest industry, and the general public in the wise stewardship and utilization of forest resources.
- Protecting and managing native wild flora resources by determining status, classifying, and conserving native wild plants.

Key Words:

Government, Recreation

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Contact Information:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

About:

The Department of Environmental Protection's mission is to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water from pollution and to provide for the health and safety of its citizens through a cleaner environment. We will work as partners with individuals, organizations, governments and businesses to prevent pollution and restore our natural resources.

Services:

DCNR Newsroom: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/Pages/DEP-Newsroom.aspx>

Key Words:

Government, Conservation

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

Contact Information:

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx>

About:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is an independent state agency responsible for the regulation of all fishing and boating in the state of Pennsylvania. Unlike many U.S. states, Pennsylvania separates their game commission from the agency which regulates fishing.

Services:

Fish and Boat Newsroom:

<https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/Fish-and-Boat-Commission.aspx>

Key Words:

Government, Recreation

Pennsylvania Game Commission

Contact Information:

<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

About:

MISSION: Manage and protect wildlife and their habitats while promoting hunting and trapping for current and future generations.

Our Mission summarizes the reason we exist as an agency and guides decisions we make.

VISION: Recognized and respected as the leader in innovative and proactive stewardship of wildlife and their habitats.

Our Vision is what we hope to be. We are passionate about being a voice for Pennsylvania wildlife and inspired by the natural world in which we live.

Services:

What We Do:

[Strategic Plan 2020-2023 \(PDF\)](#)

[Vision for the Future \(PDF\)](#); [Vision for our Future Opens In A New Window \(video 7:37\)](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Game Commission Careers & Volunteers](#)

[The Story of Joseph McHugh – Game Protector killed in 1915 \(PDF\)](#)

Key Words:

Government, Recreation

Pennsylvania Growing Green Coalition

Contact Information:

<https://pagrowinggreener.org>

About:

The mission of the Growing Greener Coalition is to ensure the health, prosperity, and security of people everywhere in the Commonwealth by advocating for public investment in cost-effective, nature-based solutions for safeguarding our drinking water, cleaning up our rivers and streams, and reducing floods; conserving the lands necessary for protecting wildlife, sustaining farm economies, and supporting other community needs; and providing for outdoor recreation.

Services:**Goals**

1. Persuade decision-makers to greatly boost the state's investments in cost-effective, nature-based solutions for safeguarding our drinking water, cleaning up our rivers and streams, and preventing floods; conserving the lands necessary for protecting wildlife, sustaining farm economies, and supporting other community needs; and providing for outdoor recreation.
2. Ensure no diminution of the funding streams dedicated by the General Assembly to the Environmental Stewardship Fund, the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, farmland preservation, and the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund, or reductions in state funds that leverage federal, environmental investments in Pennsylvania.
3. Ensure that state agencies efficiently, appropriately, and effectively utilize the dedicated funding streams for making grants and implementing projects and programs.

Objectives

- Advocate for state's investments by guarding against potential reductions in state funding environmental commitments and greatly boosting cost-effective, nature-based projects that help:
- Restore and protect waterways,
- Safeguard drinking water,
- Reduce flooding.
- Develop and maintain public policy revenue and spending proposals.
- Educate the public about existing environmental funding sources and programs.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Sustainability

Pennsylvania Land Trust Alliance

Contact Information:

<https://www.landtrustalliance.org/states/pennsylvania>

About:

The Land Trust Alliance is the voice of the land trust community. As the national leader in policy, standards, education and training, we work passionately to support land trusts so they can save and secure more lands now and for future generations.

Services:

Land is the key to a healthy and secure future for all Americans. It provides pure drinking water, healthy food, clean air and places to reflect and recreate.

Conserved, well-managed land also provides protection from natural disasters, such as floods and drought, while absorbing carbon and keeping it from the earth's atmosphere.

People who are connected to special places energize the land trust movement — be a part of it!
Maybe you own land that you can protect. Maybe you can donate or volunteer. Or maybe your contribution is to spark new ideas, spread the word or inspire children to love nature, too.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

Pennsylvania Native Plant Society

Contact Information:

<http://www.panativeplantsociety.org>

About:

The Pennsylvania Native Plants Society advocates conservation of native plants and their habitats and promotes the increased use of native plants in the landscape.

Services:

What is a Native?

A native plant is one that occurs naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without direct or indirect human intervention. We consider the flora present at the time Europeans arrived in North America as the species native to the eastern United States. Native plants include all kinds of plants from mosses and ferns to wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. [Read more...](#)

Why Natives?

Because native plants are adapted to the growing conditions where you live, they are often easier to grow, and less susceptible to challenging conditions than non-native plants. Many Non-native plants are also invasive, and threaten out our native plant species. [Read More...](#)

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Sustainability

Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Foundation

Contact Information:

<https://www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us>

About:

The Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program (PNHP) is a partnership between the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), the Pennsylvania Game Commission

(PGC), and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Natural heritage refers to the collective biological diversity, including plants, wildlife, ecosystems and geological structures. The Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program gathers and provides information on the location and status of these important ecological resources in Pennsylvania.

Services:

Our Goals

1. Maintain and improve a strong, fully functioning, mutually beneficial Natural Heritage Partnership.
2. To be the most trusted, accurate, up to date, comprehensive source of natural heritage information for Pennsylvania.
3. Provide information and expertise to guide conservation activities.
4. Convey the PNHP mission and promote PNHP work, services, and products to stakeholders.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Sustainability

ReFarm Café/Windswept Farm

Contact Information:

<https://refarmcafe.com/about-re-farm-cafe/>

About:

RE Farm Café, will offer a unique dining experience that serves as a community resource providing educational opportunities while expanding the diversity of agricultural growth opportunity. RE is designed to optimize a healthy community of individuals who value our natural environment, sustainability, have a concern for the future, and a commitment to healthy food, grown with responsible intentions. RE will set new food service industry standards for local sourcing and sustainability. Engaging in the rigorous standards set forth by the [Living Building Challenge \(LBC\)](#), RE will be a model for future endeavors. In addition to providing a community resource for sustainability, RE will provide a living, working lab for the public, university students, farmers, school aged children, and learners of all ages.

The Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zL4e8vkHgU>

Services:

Ultimately, RE will enhance the quality of life for the community by offering an innovative opportunity to learn, participate, and experience true, realistic sustainable practices through a unique dining experience.

We are in partnership with world renowned [7Group](#) for conceptual design and the project has been registered with [Living Building Challenge](#).

“The Living Building Challenge™ is the built environment's most rigorous performance standard. It calls for the creation of building projects at all scales that operate as cleanly,

beautifully and efficiently as nature's architecture. To be certified under the Challenge, projects must meet a series of ambitious performance requirements over a minimum of 12 months of continuous occupancy.”

Key Words:

Business, Food

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center

Contact Information:

<https://www.shaverscreek.org>

About:

Shaver's Creek was founded in 1976 as a resource for the community and as a field laboratory where Penn State students could get hands-on experience teaching about the natural world. The programs at our Environmental Center, Outdoor School, and Team Development Center provide a mix of educational and recreational opportunities for families, schools, corporate groups, and Penn State students.

Services:

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center is committed to extending the University's Outreach mission of instruction, service, and research. Through quality programs, we teach, model, and provide the knowledge, values, skills, experiences, and dedication that enable individuals and communities to achieve and maintain harmony between human activities and the natural systems that support all living species.

Visitor Information: <https://www.shaverscreek.org/about-us/visitor-information/>

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

Sierra Club Moshannon Group

Contact Information:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/pennsylvania/moshannon>

About:

The Sierra Club is a dedicated grassroots environmental organization inspired by and pursuing John Muir's goals: to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the Earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth's ecosystems and resources; and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. The Sierra Club Moshannon Group serves eleven counties in Pennsylvania: Bedford, Blair, Cameron, Center, Clearfield, Elk, Huntington, Jefferson, Juniata, McKean and Mifflin Counties.

Services:

Get Involved: <https://www.sierraclub.org/pennsylvania/moshannon/get-involved>

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Sustainability

Sourcewater Protection

Contact Information:

<https://www.epa.gov/sourcewaterprotection/source-water-protection-planning>

About:

Public water systems and source water protection partners can use source water assessment results to inform development of an action plan and implementation of measures to protect and/or enhance source water, such as public education, watershed conservation, application of best management practices, or land use restrictions. An action plan identifies activities or projects needed to mitigate existing and future threats to source water quality and to improve the resilience of the water supply. It provides a roadmap for coordinating partner actions and may help leverage government and private investment.

Contact your municipality and/or water authority to see if they have a Sourcewater Protection Plan.

Services:

A plan should:

- Characterize the source water protection area and inventory potential sources of contamination,
- Define priorities,
- Identify protection strategies and partners,
- Define implementation tasks and milestones,
- Highlight resource needs (e.g., funding, expertise, staff),
- Set a timetable for achieving the program goals, and
- Outline a process for periodically evaluating progress towards these goals.

Key Words:

Government, Watershed

South Hills School of Business

Contact Information:

<https://www.southhills.edu/shsbt-home-page-2-2/>

About:

South Hills School of Business & Technology prepares people for their first job, professional advancement, or a completely new career through a variety of specialized associate degree, diploma, certificate, continuing education, and professional development programs in business, technology, healthcare, criminal justice, and graphic arts. Established in 1970 to fill a regional need for more specialized skills training in Central Pennsylvania, South Hills has two campuses located in State College and Altoona. Our students range from recent high school graduates to returning adults looking to add skills to their résumés for new opportunities.

Services:

Programs: <https://www.southhills.edu/programs/>

Key Words:

Education, Business

Spring Creek Canyon

Contact Information:

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/AnglerBoater/AnglerBoater2012/MarchApril/Documents/07hidden.pdf>

About:

In 2006, 135 acres of Rockview State Correctional Institution holdings outside the Spring Creek Canyon were transferred from Commonwealth ownership to the Centre County Industrial Development Corporation. This spurred local conservationists, government officials and landowners into action. Concerned with the potential for incompatible development and the loss of habitat and water quality, a coalition formed to advocate for the preservation of the canyon acreage owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. Benner Township, working with the ClearWater Conservancy, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission and The Pennsylvania State University, with funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, produced the Spring Creek Canyon Conservation Strategy, a document intended to guide the future management and public use of the area. The plan proposed options for environmental and cultural preservation and education and for passive recreation. All that was needed to seal the deal was the land itself.

In 2010, House Bill 1890 authorized the conveyance of 1,827 acres of land to the agency partners to be preserved and maintained as the Spring Creek Canyon Cooperative Management Area. On September 30, 2011, about a month before my visit, a formal dedication ceremony opened the area to the public.

Services:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Spring-Creek-Canyon-138445272913513/>

Key Words:

Government, Recreation

Spring Creek Watershed Atlas

Contact Information:

<https://www.springcreekwatershedatlas.org>

About:

This Atlas Project is an on-line public outreach and educational service of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. The Watershed Atlas is a creation of a volunteer group originating with the Spring Creek Watershed Association and adopted by the Spring Creek Watershed Commission.

Mission:

To inform the public about the environment of the Spring Creek Watershed, its waters, its ecosystems, its challenges, and how the human population is both managing the watershed and exploiting it.

Services:

The objectives of the project include:

- Establish a one-stop shop to provide an interactive, accurate, up-to-date, watershed resource
- Engaging the public and aid governments, education, community organizations, developers, local businesses and homeowners
- Providing resources for enabling educated decisions about reducing their impact in the local watershed

Key Words:

Citizen Group, Watershed

Spring Creek Watershed Commission

Contact Information:

<https://www.springcreekwatershedcommission.org>

About:

The Spring Creek Watershed Commission (SCWC) was founded in 1996. The Spring Creek watershed is located in Southern Centre County in the Appalachian Ridge and Valley region. There are fourteen municipalities, twelve municipal water and wastewater authorities and Penn State University in the watershed. This region has a robust economy, and the objective is to accommodate growth and protect the quality of life the environment provides.

Mission Statement:

- To establish a long-range vision for the watershed that represents a consensus of thoughts and ideals that are commonly shared by the people of the Spring Creek Watershed.
- To establish a leadership role within the watershed to advance and coordinate projects and programs that are consistent with the long-range vision of the Spring Creek Watershed.
- To develop a long-range comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and a program of meaningful associated projects to protect and enhance the quality of life within the Spring Creek Watershed.

Key Words:

Government, Watershed

Spring Creek Watershed MS 4 Partners

Contact Information:

<http://www.ms4partners.org/index.html>

About:

The acronym MS4 is short for a "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System." From a practical perspective, it implies that a municipality, or municipal like entity, has a stormwater permit and is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to develop and implement a stormwater management program to reduce the contamination of stormwater runoff and prohibit illicit discharges.

The program must include six minimum control measures (MCMs) related to stormwater runoff; 1) Public Education and Outreach, 2) Public Involvement and Participation, 3) Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, 4) Construction Site Runoff Control, 5) Post Construction Stormwater Management, and 6) Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping. Additional Information on these six MCMs can be found below under "permit requirements".

Services:

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteer: Volunteering for events such as Earth Day or watershed cleanup events is a great way to do your part in helping out environment. If you would like to volunteer for an existing event, or develop a new one, contact your municipality or a group such as ClearWater Conservancy or Trout Unlimited.

Pick up Trash: Sometimes someone will inadvertently drop a piece of trash on the ground. If you see trash that you can safely pick up, collect it up and put it in the nearest garbage or recycling bin. It's that simple. If it's too large, or you think it may be hazardous, contact your municipality. Improperly controlled trash can enter the storm drain system, which then can reach a water body such as Spring Creek.

Never dump down drains: Our storm inlets lead to our creeks or stream carrying any pollutants and are not garbage receptacles. These untreated pollutants can kill fish and other aquatic life. Additionally, because we live in a karst environment, many storm inlets go directly to sinkholes or other recharge areas where pollutants can impair our groundwater.

Educate others: If you hear interesting facts that help our environment, spread the word around. Knowledge should be contagious.

Conserve Water: Enough said!

Car Care: Make sure your vehicle isn't leaking fluids and dispose fluids at a designated recycling point. Use a car wash that treats and recycles its water or wash your car on grass or gravel areas instead of pavement areas.

Lawn Care: Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly as required, and don't forget to pick up pet waste. Lawns should be tested for nutrients to ensure the correct amount is applied, or if fertilizer is even needed.

Salt Usage: While we need to use salts on sidewalks and other impervious surfaces to prevent accidents, limit its use to only what's necessary and clean up excess spills immediately. When runoff occurs, the chlorides from the salts are washed into our waterways.

Giving: Contact your municipality to donate streamside buffer lands or easements to protect water quality for generations.

Key Words:

Government, Watershed

State College Bird Club

Contact Information:

<https://www.scbirdcl.org>

About:

Since its inception in 1941, the State College Bird Club has been a fixture in the local community of Pennsylvania's Happy Valley. Today, we are a diverse group dedicated to the appreciation of wild birds in central Pennsylvania. The Bird Club attracts members from many facets of our community: We are academics, school children, retirees, college students, laborers, and others, all bound by the common thread of our love for wild birds

and the natural world. In a town where the local community often lives in the shadow of a major university, the State College Bird Club is a shining example of an organization that enjoys a mutually beneficial relationship with Penn State.

Services:

The State College Bird Club is responsible for collecting and cataloging important information on bird populations in central Pennsylvania. In addition to year-round record-keeping for PA BIRDS Magazine, Bird Club members participate in the Christmas Bird Count, Breeding Bird Survey, PA Migration Count, the Pennsylvania Special Areas Project, Cornell's various citizen science initiatives and other projects. Bird Club members were also instrumental in the development of the 1st and 2nd Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlases, and Merrill Woods' seminal 1952 publication, *Birds of the State College Region, Pennsylvania*, which was the motivation and basis for the 2010 publication, *Birds of Central Pennsylvania* by Nick Bolgiano and Greg Grove with additional contributors.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

State College Food Bank

Contact Information:

<https://scfoodbank.org>

About:

The State College Food Bank consists of a volunteer Board of Directors, an Executive Director, a Business Manager, an Operations Manager, an Operations Assistant, and more than 115 volunteers.

Services:

The State College Food Bank has a mission to provide food security, directly or indirectly, to people in Centre County, thus ensuring that no one in Centre County goes hungry regardless of age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, creed, or disability. We are committed to making our community a better place through our mission and programs, and our primary focus is to ensure access to healthy and nutritious food for anyone who is in need of our support and assistance.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food

Student Farm at Penn State

Contact Information:

<https://www.studentfarm.psu.edu>

About:

The Sustainable Food Systems Program views our own Penn State campus food system as a living laboratory for engagement in sustainable food and agricultural systems. We link classroom education with experiential learning, student-led research and community outreach.

Mission/Services

We grow plants, and so much more... growing student leaders, growing community, and growing food! Core components of the SFSP include a working Dr. Keiko Miwa Ross Student Farm, a highly active Student Farm Club, Community Harvest Project, a Food Systems minor, partnership with the Lion's Pantry and course collaborations across Penn State academics and operations. The SFSP is a launching point for conversations about many issues, including food security, food waste, and other pressing issues of our time.

Key Words:

Penn State, Food

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Contact Information:

<https://www.srbc.net>

About:

In the late 1960s, a broad group of concerned citizens saw the need for a federal-interstate coordinating agency to lead the conservation, development, and administration of the Susquehanna River Basin's resources that would preserve and enhance its value as a scenic and recreational asset for the people who live in the Basin. The need to coordinate these efforts, along with those of three states and the agencies of the federal government, led to the drafting of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact, which was signed on December 24, 1970. The Compact, as adopted by the Congress of the United States and the legislatures of New York State, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, provides the mechanism to guide the water resource management of the Basin. The Compact, which went into effect on January 23, 1971, also established the Susquehanna River Basin Commission as the agency to coordinate these water resource efforts.

Services:

Each member state/jurisdiction is represented by a commissioner who serves as the spokesperson for the government that he or she represents. In the case of the federal government, the commissioner has been identified in legislation as the Division Engineer, North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For the three states, the commissioners are the governors or their designees. The commissioners also appoint alternate commissioners.

The commissioners, or their alternates, meet quarterly to act on a variety of programmatic and administrative matters, including applications for projects using

water; adopting regulations, policies and budgets; and enacting various planning and management activities. Each of the four commissioners has a single vote.

The commissioners, subject to the provisions of the Compact (Section 15.1(b)(3)), establish Commission By-Laws to govern its operation. Under the leadership of the Executive Director, technical and administrative personnel support the daily operations of the Commission.

Key Words:

Government, Conservation

Tait Farm

Contact Information:

<https://www.taitfarmfoods.com>

About:

Tait Farm is located seven miles east of State College and Penn State University. The farm has been in the Tait family since 1950. After a bumper crop of raspberries in the mid 1980's, our first artisan food product was born - [Raspberry Shrub](#)! Since that first bottle of Shrub was made, we have grown our product line to include 70 artisan products.

Services:

Certified organic farm, greenhouse, Christmas trees and more.

Key Words:

Business, Food

Taproot Kitchens

Contact Information:

<https://www.taprootkitchen.org>

About:

Taproot Kitchen is a culinary venture whose main ingredients are people and produce: adults with autism and intellectual disabilities and fresh food gleaned from local farms. We see value and worth in both, engaging and employing people with ID in the culinary arts and gleaning unharvested food. With these unique ingredients, our team creates artisan dishes that highlight the flavors of the season.

Services:

Taproot Kitchen began in 2014, when co-founders Sharon Schafer and Anne Rohan found themselves at a crossroads. Their special-needs children had recently graduated from high school, and Rohan and Schafer had been discussing plans to start a

community-based volunteer organization for years. Their dream became a reality when they took the plunge this past summer to create an inclusive community for young adults with autism and intellectual disabilities, low-income individuals, and local organizations that supports volunteer food preparation.

Since then, Taproot Kitchen has grown from cooking classes to a catering company delivering chef-quality food to events in the Centre Region.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food

The Nature Conservancy

Contact Information:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/>

About:

Conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. Every acre we protect and every river mile we restore begins with you. Your support helps us take on the dual threats of climate change and biodiversity loss across 70+ countries and territories.

Services:

Tackle Climate Change, Protect Land and Water, Provide Food and Water Sustainably, Build Healthy Cities

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation

The Rivet at Discovery Space (Maker Space)

Contact Information:

<https://therivet.org>

About:

Our Mission: To provide engaging experiences with science and technology that spark creativity and curiosity.

Services:

The newest branch of Discovery Space is a 5,000 square foot community workshop. This makerspace is called The Rivet, so named to reflect our intention to connect materials, people, ideas, and the means for anyone to *Make Anything*.

Community members can take advantage of open shop hours and classes that teach technical skills, critical thinking, and iterative learning. Experimenting with machinery at The Rivet is not dependent on a two-year degree, tuition, or industry experience.

Taking modern manufacturing and putting it into an informal learning environment is how The Rivet creates accessibility.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Education

Think We Not Me

Contact Information:

<https://thinkwenotme.org>

About:

VISION: Provide fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruit as part of the effort to eliminate food insecurity within Centre County.

Services:

MISSION

- Expand the amount and type of fruit and produce grown to better meet the needs and preferences of our distribution partners and their clients.
- Increase volunteer support and funding to plant, grow, and deliver sustainable annual harvests to our food distribution partners.
- Recruit a wider range of individuals and corporations within our local communities to support the Mission.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Food

Transition Centre

Contact Information:

www.transitioncentre.org

The Mission of Transition Centre:

Promote and develop an integral design for strong, local, human-scaled, self-sufficient and sustainable economies and communities that have resilience to overcome the inevitable challenges arising from economic uncertainty, climate instability and resource depletion.

Transition Centre has asked two tough questions:

1. Do we know what has to be done to achieve a sustainable future?
2. Do we have the capacity to do that?

There is then a third question we must ask:

If not, then what?

In response to these questions, Transition Centre is offering three programs:

1. Resilient Communities

2.	The Borsodi Legacy
3.	Foodshed Strategy
4.	Integral Leadership
5.	Korzybski Principles and Practices
Services: Awareness building, visioning, community asset mapping, planning, Transition Centre Resiliency Blueprint	
Key Words: Resiliency, Leadership, Visioning, Planning, Organizing, Education, Foodshed, Borsodi, Korzybski	

Trout Unlimited Spring Creek Chapter	
Contact Information: https://springcreektu.org	
About: In 1959, 16 dedicated anglers gathered on the banks of Michigan's Au Sable River. United by a love of fishing and a desire to help wild trout survive, they launched TU with successful campaigns championing catch-and-release fishing and the use of barbless hooks. Today TU has thousands of volunteers working out of more than 400 chapters nationwide to conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries. They donate well over 500,000 hours every year to clean up polluted streams, restore water to dried-up rivers, and teach children about responsible stewardship and good fishing. A professional staff of more than 120 scientists, grassroots organizers, lawyers and policy experts provides a national context for these local efforts. They tackle legal and legislative challenges to the health of our nation's rivers and help TU bring cutting-edge scientific tools, such as infra-red satellite imagery and sophisticated fish tracking devices, to bear on difficult problems like pollution, habitat loss and climate change. From Vermont's Battenkill to Alaska's Bristol Bay, TU's efforts have made a difference on more than 10,000 miles of river nationwide. We have won major victories in court and in Congress, using a non-partisan, action-oriented approach that has earned the support of state and federal agencies, universities, non-profits, landowners and hundreds of partners. Spring Creek Chapter History: https://springcreektu.org/tu_history_spring_creek_chapter.html	
Services: See web site	
Key Words:	

Nonprofit, Conservation

University Area Joint Authority

Solar Energy

Contact Information:

<https://uaja.com>

About:

University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) is the municipal authority providing Wastewater Treatment, or Water Recycling services, to much of State College and the Centre Region. In addition to providing Wastewater Recycling, we are also proud to operate an **Award Winning Biosolids Composting facility**.

Services:

Solar Array: <https://uaja.com/rooftop-solar-project/>

Rooftop Solar Project: <https://uaja.com/rooftop-solar-project/>

Key Words:

Government, Waste Management

Water and Wastewater Authorities

Contact Information:

Google your water authority for contact information

About:

State College Borough Water Authority
University Area Joint Authority
Bellefonte Borough Water and Sewer Authority
College Township Water Authority
Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority
Centre Potter Sewer Authority
Benner Township Water Authority
Penn State (Water and Sewer)
Walker Township Water Association
Milesburg Borough Water Authority
Centre Hall Borough Water Authority

Services:

Key Words:

Government, Watershed

Water Resources Monitoring Project

Contact Information:

Now Keystone Water Resources: <https://www.kestonewaterresources.org/read-me>

About:

The Spring Creek Water Resource Monitoring Project (WRMP) was initiated in 1997 by the Spring Creek Watershed Association and housed at ClearWater Conservancy until 2019. Its goal is to gather baseline information about the quantity and quality of the water resources in the Spring Creek (PA) Watershed that can be used for the long-term protection of these resources as demands on them increase over time. The project has 15 surface water monitoring stations, 3 groundwater monitoring stations, and 8 spring monitoring stations. Over the years, the WRMP has provided a description of the quantity and quality of the surface waters of Spring Creek and its tributaries, provided a description of the quality of storm-water runoff throughout the watershed and monitored ground-water levels in critical areas.

Services:

The WRMP operates twelve stream monitoring stations with one site on the main stem of Spring Creek and twelve tributary sites located throughout the stream's five major sub-basins. The sites are representative of land use practices across the watershed. There are also three USGS-operated stream gages on the main stem of Spring Creek. The stations are equipped with instruments that continuously monitor water level, or stage, of the stream. Stream stage is digitally recorded every 30 minutes for all gaging stations except Lower Thompson Run and two stations on Walnut Run, where stream stage is recorded every 5 minutes due to rapid fluctuations in stage level during storm events. Rating curves are developed and maintained at each of these sites to convert stream stage into discharge rates. ([2019 Discharge Data](#))

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Watershed

Way Fruit Farm

Contact Information:

<https://www.wayfruitfarm.com>

About:

The Way family originally came to Halfmoon Valley in 1792. Jane and Caleb Way bought and lived on a farm in Stormstown, PA. There they had 14 children, one named Robert

Way. Robert married in 1825 and bought his own 90 acres of land, which is now part of Way Fruit Farm, in 1826. Robert expanded his farm by buying mountain ground under the power lines (still there today) in 1867. After his death in 1867, the farmland passed to his son, Robert A. Way.

Services:

Seasonal Fruits, store and restaurant

Key Words:

Business, Food

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition

Contact Information:

<http://www.wbsrc.org>

About:

Abandoned mine drainage (AMD) is the single largest source of pollution to waterways within the West Branch Susquehanna watershed. As a result of the extensive impact that AMD pollution has on the watershed, countless federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, watershed groups, and individuals have accepted the responsibility of addressing this problem. Moreover, there is growing recognition of the direct economic benefits to the region from tourism and recreation giving even greater impetus to restoration projects.

Services:

As part of a grassroots effort, approximately sixty groups consisting of watershed associations, Trout Unlimited chapters, conservation districts, municipalities and local businesses have come together to form the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition (WBSRC).

The WBSRC supports the cleanup of AMD throughout the West Branch Susquehanna watershed through the exchange of information, formulation of educational initiatives, and building of widespread public support.

Key Words:

Nonprofit, Conservation, Regulatory

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Contact Information:

<https://waterlandlife.org>

About: The WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY protects and restores exceptional places to provide our region with CLEAN WATERS and healthy forests, wildlife and NATURAL AREAS for the benefit of present and future generations. The Conservancy creates GREEN SPACES AND GARDENS, contributing to the vitality of our cities and towns, and preserves FALLINGWATER, a symbol of people living in HARMONY WITH NATURE.
Services: Watershed Conservation, Land Conservation, Conservation Science, Community Gardens and Greenspace, Fallingwater
Key Words: Nonprofit, Conservation

Wildlife for Everyone
Contact Information: https://www.wildlifeforeveryone.org
About: Wildlife For Everyone Foundation celebrates the rich heritage of Pennsylvania wildlife, habitat and sportsmen and sportswomen. The foundation provides all wildlife enthusiasts with a way to show their commitment through much needed financial support.
Services: Wildlife For Everyone Foundation funding aids wildlife habitat, scientific wildlife research and education, youth education and land preservation. This 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization provides an avenue of funding for projects and organizations to help enhance Pennsylvania's natural resources as well as promote the rich tradition of hunting and conservation.
Key Words: Nonprofit, Conservation

Add Your Own

Note: This directory is for programs, projects and organizations located in or with a significant footprint in lower Centre County, Pennsylvania.

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NAME
Contact Information:
About:
Services:
Key Words: