GROWING GREENER COALITION

Brief Coalition History

- 2008 The state's leading conservation, recreation and environmental organizations develop plan to advocate for continued and increased investments in conservation, recreation and preservation funding
- 19 organizations invest significant resources, both financially and in-kind, to fund the Renew Growing Greener Coalition
- State's leading Foundations contribute to the Coalition
- 2010 Executive Director hired



Coalition Mission (2013)

To enhance the health and economic well-being of communities across the Commonwealth by advocating for funding to conserve, restore and protect land, water and wildlife, to preserve farms and historic places, and to provide well-managed parks and recreational areas throughout the state



Protect and Enhance Sources of Funding

- Growing Greener Environmental Stewardship Fund
- Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund
- Agriculture Preservation
- Historic Preservation
- Heritage Areas Program



Act 13 of 2012

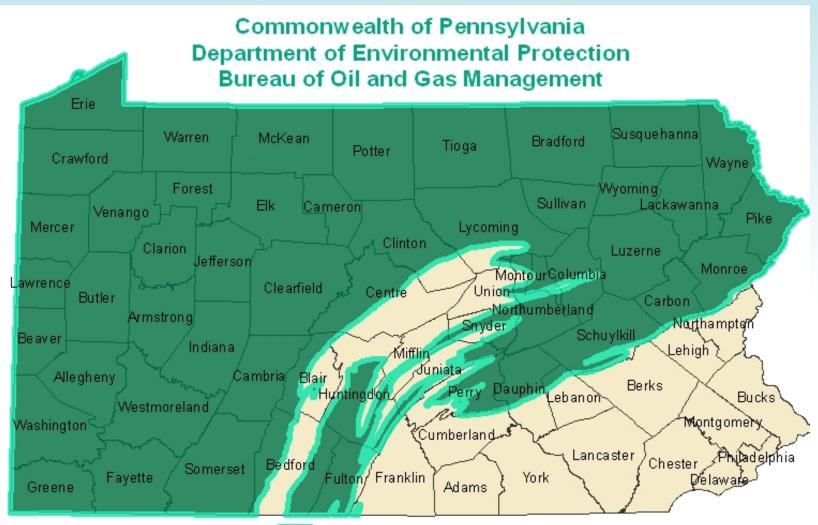
Levies an "impact fee" on the extraction of natural gas using unconventional wells

Act 13 of 2012

Revenue Collected

2011 - \$204.2M

2012 - \$202.5M





Marcellus Shale Formation



Act 13 of 2012 - Basic Distribution

- Off the top:
 - * Conservation Districts (\$2.5M / \$5M / \$7.5M)
 - * Fish & Boat Commission (\$1M)
 - * DEP (\$6M)
- 60% Local Governments
- 40% Statewide Programs Portion Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund



60% Local Communities Portion

Pot #1 - Local governments <u>may</u> use impact fee funds for:

- * Water, storm water and sewer systems, including construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair,
- * Environmental programs, including trails, parks and recreation, open space, flood plain management, conservation districts and agricultural preservation,
- * Preservation and reclamation of surface and subsurface waters and water supplies,
- * Local or regional planning initiatives under the municipalities planning code.



Pot #2 - Growing Greener Environmental Stewardship Fund

* 10% (MSLF) to Environmental Stewardship Fund

* \$25M - \$35M yearly **from Oil & Gas Lease Fund** to Environmental Stewardship Fund



Growing Greener Environmental Stewardship Fund (ESTIMATES)

Environmental Stewardship Fund

More than \$138 million for watershed protection and restoration, acid mine reclamation, open space, outdoor recreation, farmland preservation, abandoned well capping, etc.



Pot #3 - County Environmental Initiative (15% MSLF)

- * Planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreation trails, open space, natural areas, community conservation and beautification projects, community and heritage parks and water resource management.
- * Acquisition of lands for recreation or conservation purposes and land damaged or prone to drainage by storms or flooding.
- * These funds will be distributed to counties based on population with each county receiving a minimum of \$25,000



Pot #3 - County Environmental Initiative (15% MSLF)

Bucks - \$524,925

Chester - \$421,961

Delaware - \$468,518

Montgomery - \$673,442

Philadelphia - \$1,286,635

Total - \$3,375,481



- Pot #4 Commonwealth Financing Authority (20% MSLF)
- * Planning acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreation trails, open space, parks and beautification projects.
 - * Watershed programs and related projects.
- *Programs to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies.
 - * Acid mine abatement and cleanup and mine reclamation.
 - * Orphan or abandoned oil and gas well plugging.
 - * Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act



- * Up to 25% of funds may be utilized for flood-control projects
- *ESTIMATE: \$95M over 5 years

Additional "Pots" of money allocated for:

Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund

* 5% of the Oil & Gas Lease Fund

Water & Sewer Projects

* 25% of the 40% Statewide portion



Other Sources of Funds

- Growing Greener Environmental Stewardship Fund
 - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - Department of Environmental Protection
 - PennVest
 - Department of Agriculture



Other Sources of Funds

- Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund
 - Conservation
 - Recreation
 - State Parks & Forests
 - Libraries
 - Historic Preservation
 - Higher Education





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