



## 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*

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## Revenue Collected

*2011 - \$204.2M*

*2012 - \$202.5M*



## 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 may 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.

## 40% Statewide Programs Portion - Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund

### **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

2011 - \$7,248,800

2012 - \$7,518,220

2013 - \$9,296,540      (+\$20,000,000 OGLF\* transfer)

2014 - \$11,345,100      (+\$35,000,000 OGLF\* transfer)

2015 - \$12,956,813      (+\$35,000,000 OGLF\* transfer)

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



\*OGLF - Oil & Gas Lease Fund

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### **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



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### 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



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### **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



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### 🍃 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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