



EE Connections

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General News

Free Calendar Features Pennsylvanian 'Habitats in Peril'



A free downloadable 2009 calendar is now available through the Wild Resource Conservation Program. The calendar features photos of "Habitats in Peril" (such as bogs, caves and barrens) and includes tips on how to be a better steward of natural resources. WRCP is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and supports biodiversity research, conservation and education throughout the commonwealth.

For more information: [WRCP Calendar PDF](#)

Helping Kids and their Families be 'Green'



An article in BUCKS LIFE magazine highlights how families can reduce their carbon footprint and conserve resources in little ways everyday. The article includes local resources specific for Bucks County area residents and interviews with Pennsylvanian educators and conservationists.

For more information: [BUCKS LIFE Magazine Green Family Article](#)

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National Audubon Awards Projects and Educators in PA



Three Pennsylvania projects have received [Together Green](#) Conservation Innovation Grants totaling \$1.4 million. Recipients include: Audubon Pennsylvania's "Audubon At Home," Three Rivers Rain Garden Alliance and Kittatinny Ridge Important Bird Area Habitat. Winners were selected from a nationwide pool of applicants for their innovative approaches to "inspiring, equipping and engaging people to tackle environmental problems and take advantage of opportunities in their communities." Additionally, two PA educators received Together Green Fellowships: Keith Russell of Audubon, Fairmont Park and Dan Kunkle of the Lehigh Gap Nature Center were recognized for their conservation work.

For more information: PA Environmental Digest [Together Green Grants Article](#), [Together Green Fellowships Article](#)

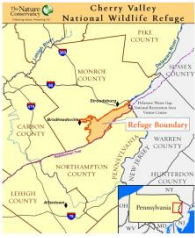
New Guides Help Communities Create Sustainable Parks



Two downloadable guides are now available from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Recreation & Conservation to help municipal recreational planners. "Municipal Recreation Programming: A Resource Guide for Recreation, Parks and Conservation" and "Creating Sustainable Community Parks: A Guide to Improving Quality of Life by Protecting Natural Resources" are designed to help communities meet recreation needs while incorporating a more naturalistic setting into park design and programming.

For more information: [DCNR Resource Newsletter webpage](#)

New National Wildlife Refuge Established in Poconos Region



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nature Conservancy have announced the creation of a \$76 million, 20,466-acre national wildlife refuge in Cherry Valley, the first in the Northeast in more than 10 years. The refuge will help counter future development in the area by improving water quality and preserving habitat for numerous species.

For more information: [Nature Conservancy, Cherry Valley Article](#)

General News Events

Many more events are taking place this month that may be of interest to you. Here are just a few:

[Herbal Medicines, Raccoon Creek State Park – Feb. 7 \(Hookstown\)](#)

[Patagonia Presents: The Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival, Stroud Water Research Center – Feb. 12 \(Avondale\)](#)

[Don't Trash that TV! Event, PA Resources Council – Feb. 21 \(Pittsburgh\)](#)

Check out these and other events on [PCEE's Events Calendar](#).

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