

PCEE Director Contributes to Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA – November 19, 2009 – Kathleen Paul, Director of the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education, was a member of the technical advisory committee that developed the Pennsylvania's 2009-2013 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan released this week. Titled "Pennsylvania Outdoors: The Keystone for Healthy Living," the plan includes recommendations and action steps developed from original research findings and from public and stakeholder input.

The PA SCORP is prepared periodically by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide statewide policy direction and to fulfill the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' recreation and preservation mandate. The plan is required for continued funding under the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, but will also serve as a status report and overall guideline for recreation resource preservation, planning and development in Pennsylvania through the year 2013.

"This plan was developed by a task force representing a wide range of interests," Paul commented. "But we were all focused on ways to support Pennsylvanians in experiencing and enjoying the outdoors. This SCORP is truly a comprehensive plan that will guide us in these efforts over the next five years."

The 2009 PA SCORP draft document is ready for public review and comment. For more information visit www.paoutdoorrecplan.com or contact DCNR at (717) 787-2316.

About PCEE: The Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) was created by Executive Order of the Governor in 1997 to "provide increased public and private access to quality environmental education," and was established in statute by Act 71 of 2008. Administered by the PA State System of Higher Education, PCEE is housed at Slippery Rock University.

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