

County of Lancaster Request for ARPA Funding

Organization Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation Date 8/23/2022
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Please attach any supporting documentation for consideration. Submission should be in PDF Format.

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| Project/Item Description | PPFF seeks funding to purchase watershed educational materials for Susquehannock State Park. Specifically, we would purchase an Enviroscope model of nonpoint source pollution and agricultural runoff, as well as lumber to construct 20 benches for educational programming to teach students and the community about environmental issues and the Susquehanna River. |
| Clearly state the amount being requested. What is the total cost? How was the cost derived? | The cost of materials to build 20 wooden benches is \$3,382.72. This was derived from HD Design Studio pricing. Another \$899 would cover the cost to purchase an Enviroscope model. Therefore, the total request is \$4,281.72. |
| Which County ARPA Community-wide Benefit(s) does the project meet? | This project meets the "Clean Water / Natural Area Conservation Initiatives" Benefit, as the benches and Enviroscope model would be used to teach students and park visitors about the benefits of public lands for clean water and a healthy Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay. |
| Briefly explain how the project meets the County's guidelines. | In addition to meeting the above Benefit, the project will not require additional ongoing funding, as state funds from DCNR will cover any future maintenance. It includes in-kind funds from Susquehannock State Park staff to construct the benches and in-kind donation of PPFF staff time to manage this grant and administer the project. And funds will be expended within 6 months of grant award. |
| Why should this project be a priority and how will it help the County? Also, if this application is for more than one project, please identify each one, provide information and rank them in order of your priority. | Raising awareness of the water quality issues and solutions within the Susquehanna River watershed in Lancaster County and beyond is important for many reasons. This project will reach thousands of individuals, educating them on how they can help support clean water in the county, thus helping the county reach water quality clean-up milestones related to the Chesapeake Bay. |
| Will this project require ongoing expense (maintenance, updates) or frequent replacement? Are expenses already being incurred, if so, can they be reduced through this project? | This project should not require ongoing maintenance or frequent replacement. However, should any repairs be necessary to the benches in the future, existing park funding from DCNR will be used for that, as part of the park's annual operating budget. |
| Project Timeline – start to finish, and when funding will be needed. | This project can begin immediately upon award of the grant funding, and completed within less than six months, assuming availability of the lumber for the benches. Ideally, the project would be completed in the spring of 2023, to allow for school field trips, and then summer programming. |
| Are other organizations part of this project? If yes, please list them and their role, including funding. If not, explain why. | Park staff will provide in-kind match for this project in the form of constructing the benches. Volunteers from the community may also be involved in bench construction. |
| ARPA Committee Comments | |
| ARPA Committee Recommendation | |
| Funding Amount Recommended (if recommended for approval) | \$ |