



Delaware River Restoration Fund

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Delaware River in New Jersey

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced its seventh round of funding for Delaware River Restoration Fund (DRRF) projects. Ten new restoration grants totaling \$1.84 million were awarded, generating \$1.78 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$3.62 million in 2020.

As part of the broader Delaware River Watershed Initiative, the William Penn Foundation provided \$6 million in grant funding for NFWF to continue to administer competitively through the DRRF in targeted regions across the Delaware River watershed for a three-year period encompassing 2018-2020. These grants also address priorities in NFWF's Delaware River Watershed Business Plan. Delaware River Restoration Fund grants are multistate investments to implement practices and restore habitats that ultimately improve and protect critical sources of drinking water.

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TARGETED WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Riparian Improvements at Overlook Elementary School (PA)

Grantee: Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Matching Funds: \$22,085

Total Project: \$72,085

Install green stormwater infrastructure to better manage stormwater volume and filtration prior to discharge to the Sandy Run. Project will facilitate high-visibility improvements on school district properties to concurrently implement water quality improvements and allow for hands on environmental education at the schools.

Implementing Agricultural Best Management Practices in the Kirkwood Cohansey Aquifer IV (NJ)

Grantee: New Jersey Audubon Society

Grant Amount: \$159,108

Matching Funds: \$160,000

Total Project: \$319,108

Minimize agricultural impacts to water resources in the Kirkwood Cohansey Cluster geography of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative by targeting preserved farms and those with a diversity of crop types through the Healthy Land and Waters Grant program. Project will address key stressors to the Kirkwood Cohansey aquifer from agricultural and forested landscapes by implementing 250 acres of best management practices and 5 acres of wetland restoration.

Implementing Data-Driven Agriculture Conservation Practices in the Lower-Middle Musconetcong (NJ)

Grantee: North Jersey RC&D Area Inc.

Grant Amount: \$243,110

Matching Funds: \$435,500

Total Project: \$678,610

Increase implementation of agricultural best management practices in the Lower-Middle Musconetcong watershed in the New Jersey Highlands Cluster geography of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative. Project will utilize environmental data to target technical and financial assistance toward conservation practice implementation on over 1,000 acres, achieving the greatest positive impact on water quality.

Agricultural Best Management Practices and Buffers in Chester County Focus Areas (PA)

Grantee: Stroud Water Research Center

Grant Amount: \$242,906

Matching Funds: \$198,462

Total Project: \$441,368

Implement agricultural best management practices and forested buffers in the Brandywine-Christina Cluster of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative. Project will treat at least 1,516 acres with agricultural best management practices, including stormwater runoff controls for barnyards, mushroom compost processing areas, and grassed waterways on five to seven farms.



Hermit thrush

Push Back the Lawn - Incentivizing Landowners to Protect their Streams (NJ)

Grantee: Musconetcong Watershed Association

Grant Amount: \$175,000

Matching Funds: \$103,940

Total Project: \$278,940

Simplify and incentivize riparian buffers by conducting a community-based initiative within the Lower-Middle Musconetcong Watershed. Project will establish new or improved riparian buffers along 2 miles of the Musconetcong River through targeted outreach and planning with public and private river and tributary front landowners in the watershed.

Pocket Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure in the Cohansey Watershed (NJ)

Grantee: American Littoral Society

Grant Amount: \$95,632

Matching Funds: \$37,000

Total Project: \$132,632

Improve stormwater retention potential of a stormwater "pocket park" by installing tree trenches and increase the permeability of the park's compacted soils with the use of deep rooted, native grasses. Project will reduce paved impervious surfaces and improve management of 30 pounds per year of total suspended solids in runoff that flows directly into Indian Field Branch.

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Riparian farmland in Pennsylvania

Implementing Agricultural Best Management Practices in the Middle Schuylkill Cluster (PA)

Grantee: Berks Nature
 Grant Amount:\$250,000
 Matching Funds:\$450,000
 Total Project:\$600,000

Install whole-farm agricultural best management practices on farms located in priority focus areas within the Middle Schuylkill Cluster geography of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative. Project will play a role in a larger watershed approach addressing a critical mass of agriculture restoration initiatives by managing 614 acres with best management practices, resulting in an estimated 24,210 pounds of nitrogen reduced annually.

Fulmor Heights Green Stormwater Infrastructure Phase 1 (PA)

Grantee: Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust
 Grant Amount: \$183,199
 Matching Funds: \$109,681
 Total Project: \$292,880

Facilitate a phased plan to manage stormwater runoff, eroded creek-side slopes, and re-purpose a degraded stream corridor into a biodiverse and sustainable landscape that will re-establish the Pennypack Creek strategic geography as the community's "green spine" and central recreational amenity. Project will connect the three largest landowners in the focus area through water quality improvement projects, reducing sediment load by nearly 2,400 pounds per year.

Water Quality Interventions in the Brandywine-Christina Watershed (PA)

Grantee: Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art
 Grant Amount:..... \$100,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$140,000
 Total Project: \$240,000

Restore water quality in the Delaware River Watershed by implementing water quality improvement projects that include agricultural best management practices, innovative nutrient reduction practices, and watershed-scale water quality interventions. Project will build on prior success to implement traditional and innovative best management practices known to improve water quality resulting in improved management.

CORNERSTONE GRANTS

Chester County Agricultural Best Management Practice Operation and Maintenance Initiative (PA)

Grantee: Chester County Conservation District
 Grant Amount:..... \$324,450
 Matching Funds:..... \$115,868
 Total Project: \$440,318

Provide operation and maintenance education, technical assistance, and financial assistance for previously installed agricultural best management practices within the Brandywine-Christina and Schuylkill Highlands focus areas of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative Clusters. Project will implement or repair at least 42 best management practices, including grassed waterways and roof runoff on an estimated 12 farms.