



COLDWATER HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP

An Initiative to Protect and Conserve Pennsylvania's Coldwater Resources

Purpose

Provide leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

Why are our coldwater streams important?

Healthy coldwater streams are vital for wild trout populations, providing oxygen, food, habitat, shade, and good water quality.

Wild trout, being sensitive to changes in their surroundings, are good indicators of healthy coldwater streams. A good population of wild trout generally represents a healthy coldwater ecosystem.

Trout set the standard for the overall health of a coldwater ecosystem – A standard that benefits all living things that share it, including humans.

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COLDWATER CONSERVATION GRANTS

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT WWW.COLDWATERHERITAGE.ORG

TYPES OF GRANTS AVAILABLE

Planning Grant

Grant Funds should be used to create a Coldwater Conservation Plan that:

- Gathers existing data
- Identifies potential impacts, threats, problems and opportunities
- Formulates a plan of action for proposed conservation and protection strategies
- Builds community awareness and support for the conservation of our coldwater streams

Implementation Grant: To implement projects that are identified in a completed conservation or watershed plans. Potential projects should protect, conserve or enhance the coldwater streams for which the coldwater conservation plan or document was originally completed.

Examples of Projects:

- Natural stream channel and bank restoration projects
- In-stream aquatic wildlife/fish improvement structures
- Riparian buffer installation or improvement
- Acid deposition abatement
- Obtaining land development right and property easements for conservation
- Education and/or Outreach

For information on completed plans or for grant applications please visit www.coldwaterheritage.org.

Please contact the program director before applying.

Who May Apply?

Eligible applicants include organizations such as watershed associations, TU chapters, sportsmen groups, conservation districts, municipalities, counties and municipal authorities.

Candidate Watersheds

Grants will be targeted toward watersheds that have wild trout reproduction and may be classified as exceptional value or high quality coldwater fisheries. Targeted streams must generally be open to public use.