



# Coldwater Heritage Partnership

## An Initiative to Protect and Conserve Pennsylvania's Coldwater Resources

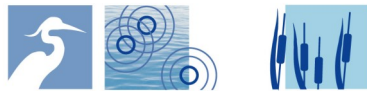
### Purpose

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.
- ◆ 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  
<https://coldwaterheritage.org/index.php/grant-application-guidelines/>

## TYPES OF GRANTS AVAILABLE:

**Planning 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 or proposed conservation and protection strategies;
- ◆ Builds community awareness and support for the conservation of our coldwater streams.

**Implementation Grant**—Funds should be used 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 habitat improvement structures
- ◆ Riparian buffer installation or improvement
- ◆ Acid deposition or abandoned mine drainage abatement
- ◆ Obtaining land development rights and property easements for conservation
- ◆ Education and outreach initiatives

To view completed plans and access the current grant application, please visit:  
**[www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://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.

## Priority Streams

Grants are targeted toward watersheds that contain reproducing populations of trout, are classified as exceptional value or high quality coldwater fisheries (or have the potential to be upgraded), and are generally open to public use.