



Delaware River Restoration Fund

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Green Heron, Delaware River

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the William Penn Foundation announced a 2021-year round of funding for Delaware River Restoration Fund projects. Nine new restoration grants totaling \$1.96 million were awarded. The nine awards announced generated \$1.54 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$3.5 million.

As part of the broader Delaware River Watershed Initiative, the William Penn Foundation has provided more than \$16 million in grant funding since 2014 for NFWF to administer competitively through its Delaware River Restoration Fund. The goal of these grants is to improve water quality in targeted regions throughout the Delaware River watershed. These projects also address habitat restoration and conservation priorities in NFWF's Delaware River Watershed Business Plan.

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TARGETED WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

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

Grantee: Berks Nature

Grant Amount:\$255,200

Matching Funds:\$423,700

Total Project:\$678,900

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 612 acres with best management practices, resulting in an estimated 41,210 pounds of nitrogen reduced annually.

Farmstead Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure Phase 1 (PA)

Grantee: Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust

Grant Amount:\$345,917

Matching Funds:\$506,392

Total Project:\$852,309

Improve green stormwater infrastructure and restore habitat at Farmstead Park, transforming a little used and inaccessible park space into a showcase for several types of green stormwater infrastructure that are appropriate to the unique soils, hydrology, and riparian conditions of the area. Project will utilize a cost-effective and targeted approach to improve water quality, flood resilience, and enable utilization



Wood thrush

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of the park while also serving to connect the community to the waterway.

Accelerating Water Quality Improvement in the Brandywine-Christina (PA)

Grantee: Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art

Grant Amount:\$289,845

Matching Funds:\$159,000

Total Project:\$448,845

Restore water quality in Delaware River headwaters by implementing agricultural best management practices and conducting an assessment and feasibility study to identify additional landscape scale opportunities to improve water quality. Project will build on prior success to implement traditional and innovative best management practices, resulting in improved management.

Targeted Implementation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure in the Upper Salem River Watershed (NJ)

Grantee: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Grant Amount:\$220,000

Matching Funds:\$73,334

Total Project:\$293,334

Maximize pollutant reduction in the Upper Salem River Watershed through implementation of green stormwater infrastructure in climate-vulnerable urban and suburban landscapes. Project will significantly reduce non-point source pollution in stormwater runoff including nitrogen, phosphorus, and total suspended solids as well as improve groundwater recharge.

Water Quality Restoration in the East Branch of the Red Clay Creek Headwaters (PA)

Grantee: Brandywine Red Clay Alliance

Grant Amount:\$184,200

Matching Funds:\$65,738

Total Project:\$249,938

Enhance riparian habitat, promote conservation farming, and improve water quality in the headwaters of the East Branch of Red Clay Creek in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Project will utilize a holistic approach to complete agricultural conservation plans and install upland best management practices on three farms.

Installation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure at Schools in Salem (NJ)

Grantee: Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc.

Grant Amount:\$98,039

Matching Funds:\$39,880

Total Project:\$137,919

Facilitate the development and installation of green infrastructure projects at schools and other public property in Salem, New Jersey. Project will address critical upstream stormwater management issues, reduce the amount of polluted runoff directly entering the Salem River, and benefit overall water quality in the Salem River Watershed and the Delaware Estuary.



Saltmarsh along Delaware coast

Aggregating Green Stormwater Infrastructure in the Alloway and Muddy Run Watersheds (NJ)

Grantee: South Jersey Land & Water Trust
 Grant Amount:\$275,000
 Matching Funds:\$144,889
 Total Project:\$419,889

Implement a concentrated approach of stormwater management practices and habitat restoration at three sites within the Alloway and Muddy Run focus areas within the Delaware River Watershed Initiative’s Kirkwood-Cohansey Cluster. Project will build on prior success and restore water quality through installation of rainwater harvesting cisterns and wetland habitat restoration.

Providing Technical Assistance for Agricultural Operations in the French Creek Watershed (PA) - II

Grantee: Green Valleys Association of Southeastern PA Inc
 Grant Amount:..... \$123,297
 Matching Funds:..... \$37,919
 Total Project: \$161,216

Install best management practices to improve water quality on a small agricultural operation in the French Creek watershed, Pennsylvania. Project will provide planning, technical, and financial assistance to a nonprofit equestrian operation in the Birch Run focus area of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative, reducing sediments, nutrients, organic material, and bacteria which are currently being transported into the streams.

Nature-Based Solutions to Flooding in Giampietro Memorial Park (NJ)

Grantee: American Littoral Society
 Grant Amount:..... \$170,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$91,725
 Total Project: \$261,725

Establish a comprehensive site plan to manage stormwater, restore one acre of wetland habitat, and install a bioswale in Giampietro Memorial Park, Vineland, New Jersey. Project will work to engage community members, municipal officials, and local decision-makers to promote the use of best management practices while reducing sediments and nutrients entering the nearby tributaries.