

River Town Green Resource Guide



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A guide to regional resources available to help you live more sustainably.

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County Conservation Districts

Each county in Pennsylvania has a conservation district. These offices provide local assistance and programs to landowners and residents about the diverse conservation issues in their county, including land preservation, water protection, wildlife management, erosion and sedimentation control, and environmental education. They can be a great starting point for learning more about any environmental issues in your county.

Fayette County Conservation District

www.fayettecd.org

10 Nickman Plaza
Lemont Furnace, PA 15456
(724) 438-4497

Greene County Conservation District

www.co.greene.pa.us/secured/gc2/depts/ed/conserv/conserv.htm

Fort Jackson Building, Mezzanine
19 South Washington Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
(724) 852-5278

Washington County Conservation District

<http://pawccd.org>

Suite 105 Courthouse Square
100 W. Beau Street
Washington, PA 15301
(724) 228-6774

Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency

Fayette County Better Buildings Initiative

The residential component of Fayette County's Better Buildings Initiative involves a comprehensive approach, providing assistance to low-moderate- and market-rate homeowners to incentivize energy efficiency improvements. Qualifying homeowners commit to participating in a home energy audit and completing retrofits to achieve at least a 15% reduction in energy use. The amount of assistance is based on household income, but even non-low-income homeowners can receive up to \$1,500 in rebates. For more information, visit <http://www.racfpa.org/BetterBuildings.html> or contact:

Redevelopment Authority of Fayette County
86 West Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-437-1547 ext. 206

Fayette County Weatherization Program

The Weatherization Program assists low-income residents in making energy efficiency improvements to their homes to save energy and money. Measures might include installing insulation; insulating water heaters; replacing broken glass; and weather-stripping doors. For more information, visit <http://www.racfpa.org/weatherization.html> or contact:

Redevelopment Authority of Fayette County
86 West Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-437-1547

Washington and Greene County Weatherization Programs

Weatherization assistance programs in Washington and Greene Counties are implemented by Action Housing. For more information, visit www.actionhousinggreen.org/wap.php or contact:

Action Housing

425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 950
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1819
412-281-2102

Washington County Home Rehabilitation Program

Home rehabilitation loans can be used towards energy efficiency improvements and are available to county residents who meet income requirements. For more information, visit http://www.racw.net/nu_upload/Consumer_Guidelines.pdf or contact:

Redevelopment Authority of Washington County:
100 West Beau Street, Suite 603
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301
724-228-6875

Columbia Gas Home Energy Efficiency Program

The Income Qualified Energy Efficiency Program (IQEEP) offers a free home energy audit, an energy efficiency plan with estimated cost-saving, and, when appropriate, a programmable thermostat and rebates for installation of audit recommended measures. The IQEEP program may be available to customers who do not qualify for other consumption reduction programs. To find out if you qualify for this program, please visit <http://www.columbiagaspa.com/en/your-home/conservation/EnergyEfficiencyProgram.aspx> or contact:

Columbia Gas
1-866-956-0308

Energy Savings Program through your Electricity Utility

Pennsylvania Act 129 of 2008 established requirements for electricity companies to help their customers reduce their electricity use through conservation and efficiency measures, including energy audits; lighting retrofits; appliance rebates; and more.

Watt Watchers (West Penn Power and Allegheny Power customers)

<http://www.alleghenypower.com/EngConserv/PA/WattWatchers/ResEECPA.asp>

1-877-928-8928

Energy Save PA (First Energy customers)

www.energysavePA.com

1-866-498-1409

Keystone HELP (Home Energy Loan Program)

Pennsylvania homeowners who own and are making qualifying improvements to their 1 to 2 unit primary residence located in Pennsylvania and whose combined annual household income is \$150,000 or less are eligible to apply for a loan under the Keystone HELP Energy Efficiency Loan program. For more information, visit <http://www.keystonehelp.com/index.php> or contact:

AFC First

1-888-232-3477

Energy Star®

Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to certify appliances and buildings as energy efficient. This information allows consumers to compare appliances and choose the one that will use the least amount of energy (and save the most money!) over its lifetime. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov, or contact:

Energy Star

1-888-782-7937

West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund is reinvesting in local communities supporting clean energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation; reducing energy usage through technology; and stimulating clean energy generation. See what this non-profit group is doing in your area and how you can save energy and money in your home. For more information, visit www.wppsef.org or contact:

WPPSEF

814-865-4802

Fayette County Recycling

<http://www.co.fayette.pa.us/Recycling/Pages/default.aspx>

Fayette County Courthouse

61 East Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401

724-430-1200

Greene County Recycling

<http://www.co.greene.pa.us/secured/gc2/depts/ed/swr/sw-recy.htm>

49 South Washington Street

Waynesburg, PA 15370

724-852-5234

Washington County Recycling

<http://www.co.washington.pa.us/generalpage.aspx?menuDept=19&genPageID=233>

Courthouse Square

100 West Beau Street, Suite 701

Washington, PA 15301

724-228-6811

Abitibi Paper Retriever

Collects mixed paper (no cardboard, no phonebooks) for recycling and provides a fundraising opportunity for the organizations that host a drop-off dumpster. To find the closest Abitibi Paper Retriever, or to request information on hosting a drop-off dumpster, visit www.paper-retriever.com or call 412-264-1552.

Zero Waste Pittsburgh

A project of Pennsylvania Resources Council, Zero Waste Pittsburgh provides workshops and events to help Pennsylvanians live more sustainably, with a focus on recycling and waste reduction.

<http://www.zerowastepgh.org/>
64 S. 14th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
412-488-7490

Earth 911

An online database that allows users to search by zipcode for the closest places to recycle everything from plastic bottles to computers to construction waste.
www.earth911.com

Hard-to-Recycle

Many retailers are beginning to accept “hard-to-recycle” items, such as electronics, cell phones, batteries, and CFLs for recycling, free of charge, regardless of where they were purchased. Always call your local store first to be sure they will accept your item(s) for recycling.

Staples

Accepts empty ink and toner cartridges, cell phones, and select other electronics.

To find a store near you, visit <http://stores.staples-locator.com/staples/> or call 1-800-333-3330.

Lowe's

Accepts compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), rechargeable batteries, and cell phones. To find a store near you, visit www.lowes.com or call 1-800-445-6937.

Best Buy

Accepts ink cartridges, batteries, and electronics, including TVs, DVD players, computer monitors, audio and video cables, cell phones, and more, regardless of where they were purchased. To find a store near you, visit www.bestbuy.com or call 1-888-237-8289.

Keep Washington County Beautiful

An affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, this organization focuses on cleanups of illegal dumps and educating the public on the detriments of illegal dumping and littering.

<http://www.keeppabeautiful.org/AboutUs/AffiliateNetwork/KeepWashingtonCountyBeautiful.aspx>

PO Box 292

Meadow Lands, PA 15347

724-413-5528

PA CleanWays of Fayette County

PA CleanWays of Fayette County, an affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, focuses on cleanups of illegal dumps, special collection events for disposal of hard-to-recycle items, and educating the public on the detriments of illegal dumping and littering.

<http://www.keeppabeautiful.org/AboutUs/AffiliateNetwork/PACleanWaysofFayetteCounty.aspx>

61 East Main Street

Courthouse Lower Level

Uniontown, PA 15401

724-430-1200 ext.212

County DCNR Service Forester

Each county has an assigned forester through the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. These professionals can help residents with many tree issues, including:

- Forest management technical assistance
- Forest Stewardship Plans

- Forestry and Water Best Management Practices advice
- Information and Education programs
- Urban and Community Forestry management
- Tree Planting

Greene and Fayette Counties

Robert McBride

robmcbride@state.pa.us

724-437-7983

Located in Lemont Furnace

Washington County

Michael DiRinaldo

mdirinaldo@state.pa.us

724-238-1200

Located in Laughlintown

PA Community Forests

<http://www.pacommunityforests.com/>

PO Box 15025

Harrisburg, PA 17105-5025

717-599-8650

PA Trees

www.patrees.org

A guide to resources available to learn about the benefits of trees, proper tree care, tree-related volunteer opportunities, and more.

Local Agriculture

Fayette Buy Local Program

<http://www.faypenn.org/economy.jsp?page>

Id=2161392210281272877223395

Fay-Penn Economic Development Council

2 West Main Street

Suite 407

Uniontown, PA 15401

724-437-7913

Buy Local PA

Allows the user to search by zip code for local farms, stores, and restaurants that sell locally produced goods.

<http://www.buylocalpa.org/>

P.O. Box 116

Bakerstown, PA 15007

412-365-2985

Community Gardens

Penn State Cooperative Extension offers practical how-to education and problem-solving assistance based on university research, including the popular Master Gardeners program which provides education and training related to community gardens.

Penn State Cooperative Extension, Fayette County

<http://extension.psu.edu/fayette>

34 West Peter Street

Federal Building

Uniontown, PA 15401-3336

724-438-0111

Penn State Cooperative Extension, Greene County

<http://extension.psu.edu/greene>

26 West High Street, Room 1

Waynesburg, PA 15370-1324

724-627-3745

Penn State Cooperative Extension, Washington County

<http://extension.psu.edu/washington>

100 West Beau Street, Suite 601

Washington, PA 15301

724-228-6881

Especially for Businesses

Small Business Advantage Grant

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection offers a Small Business Advantage Grant to be used for energy saving or pollution reduction project. The grant will fund 50% of project cost, up to \$7,500.

www.dep.state.pa.us Keyword: Small Business Advantage

717-772-5160

Especially for Churches

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light

www.paipl.org

Provides information and assistance to faith-based organizations on how to reduce their environmental footprint.

205 Pasquerilla Spiritual Center

University Park, PA 16802

814-876-2597

Especially for Schools

Pathways to Green Schools

<http://www.pathwaystogreenschools.org/index.html>

Provides information and resources to schools, both public and private, on how to green their facilities and integrate sustainability issues into curriculum.

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