

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) Keyword: Small Business Advantage

717-772-5160

# Especially for Churches

## **Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light**

[www.paipl.org](http://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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