

Act 13 – The Marcellus Legacy Fund

What is Act 13? Act 13 was passed in April of 2012 an amendment to Title 58, which deals specifically with oil and gas development in Pennsylvania. Act 13 allows counties to pass ordinances to impose an impact fee on unconventional gas well producers. Funds received from these ordinances are allocated through state and county agencies for utilization in communities.

How does my municipality receive funds from Act 13? The Pennsylvania Utilities Commission is responsible for collecting and allocating funds to communities. Local governments are eligible to receive funds if they have a certain number and type of wells within their boundaries. Regarding specific recreation improvement projects, interested parties must contact the appropriate regional DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation office for more information about granting opportunities. For more details see the March 2013 DCNR Funding information sheet, or visit PUC's Frequently asked questions page at http://www.puc.state.pa.us/NaturalGas/pdf/MarcellusShale/12_Act13_FAQs.pdf

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Links to Relevant Sites

Department of Environmental Protection link:

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/act_13/20789

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission link:

http://www.puc.state.pa.us/filing_resources/issues_laws_regulations/act_13_impact_fee.aspx

Department of Environmental Protection FAQ

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/act_13/20789/act_13_faq/1127392

Explanation of ACT 13 Powerpoint, courtesy of Senator Gene Yaw

<http://www.senatorgeneyaw.com/PDF/2012/Act13-of-2012-Summary.pdf>

PA County Commissioners Association analysis and resources:

<http://www.pacounties.org/GovernmentRelations/Pages/Act13.aspx>

PA County Commissioners breakdown of funds distribution:

<http://www.pacounties.org/GovernmentRelations/Documents/Act13FAQ20130117.pdf>