

# PA DCNR Snowmobile Program



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# PA DCNR Snowmobile Program Presenters

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# PA DCNR Snowmobile Program

## Discussion Agenda

Introductions

Guiding Principles and Legislation

Services Provided

Current Registration and License Data

Current Revenues and Expenditures

Snowmobile Grants

Questions/Answers

# The Pennsylvania Constitution

- *“The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.”*

Article I, Section 27

*The Environmental Rights Amendment was approved by a four-to-one margin of Pennsylvania voters in May, 1971*

# DCNR Vision Statement

*“To conserve and maintain Pennsylvania’s public natural resources for the benefit of all people, including generations yet to come, we will take intentional action to ensure DCNR lands are accessible to all, provide inclusive and equitable programs and services, and recruit and retain a diverse workforce.”*

*DCNR was created by Act 18 and  
established on July 1, 1995*

# Act 97 of 2016

- Act 97 of 2016 required Snowmobile and ATV to have separate restricted accounts
- Fees and fines are deposited respectively
- Other revenues (liquid fuels, sales tax commission, etc) and costs are split 87% ATV and 13% Snowmobile
- DCNR also pays for trail maintenance and grants from this funding



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# DCNR Snowmobile Program

## Services Provided

- **Over 2800 miles of trails on DCNR lands**
  - *2500 miles on private lands*
  - *400 miles on Game Commission land*
  - *300 miles on Federal land (ANF)*
- **Trail Grooming:** 34 full size groomers and 10 groomer attachments owned and operated by DCNR (\$150,000-\$220,000 average cost each)
- **85 staff** who assist with grooming, related maintenance of trails, and outreach with snowmobile/trail groups.

# DCNR Snowmobile Program Services Provided (con't)

- **Public safety** provided by DCNR Rangers
- **Trail maps** printed and distributed
- **Parking areas** and comfort facilities maintained
- **Registration** and Dealer Services

# Snowmobile Registration Data

## Registered Snowmobiles (Active)

2017	34,877
2023	39,433

## Dealers & Agents

2017	793
2023	2140

# Snowmobile Registration Fees

- Title/Duplicate Title \$22.50
- Dealer Registration \$25.00
- Regular Registration \$20.00  
(two year)
- Limited Use Registration Free
- Lien \$ 5.00
- Replacement \$ 5.00  
*(registration certificate, limited registration certificate, decal, plate, or expiration sticker)*

# Snowmobile Revenues

- FY 2023 (Estimated) \$395,000
- FY 2022 (Actual) \$400,547
- FY 2021 (Actual) \$468,624
- FY 2020 (Actual) \$598,976
- FY 2019 (Actual) \$554,179

# Snowmobile Program Expenditures (FY 2023 Estimated)

Equipment costs & supplies	\$304,000
Grants	\$191,000
PennDOT/admin costs	\$200,000

# Snowmobile Program Expenditures by Bureau (FY 2023 Estimated)

• Forestry	\$189,500
• Rec & Con	\$191,000
• Admin. Services	\$200,000
• Parks	\$116,500

# Snowmobile Financial Statements

Financial reports and bi-annual audits are provided on the DCNR website

Link to annual financial and audit reports

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/SnowmobileATVAdvisoryCommittee/>





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# Grants for Snowmobile Projects

## Funding Types

- PA Recreational Trails Grants (“motorized”)
  - Federally funded program
- Snowmobile Grants
  - Funded with snowmobile registrations

# Recreational Trail or “Motorized” Grants (federal source)

- Eligible Applicants: municipalities, non-profits, for-profits, state and federal agencies
- Eligible Project Types: development, rehab and maintenance; educational programs; and equipment purchases (\*new\*)
- 30% dedicated to “motorized” projects – Approximately \$550,000 annually
- 80/20 match requirement and additional federal review and approval

# Recreational Trail or “Motorized” Grants (federal source)

- Equipment purchase grants are now allowed through a new Buy America waiver
- Projects receiving less than \$500,000 in federal financial assistance are waived from the federal Buy America requirements.

# Snowmobile Grants

(from snowmobile registrations)

- Eligible Applicants: municipalities, non-profits and for-profits
- Eligible Project Types: land acquisition, planning, development (rehab and maintenance), equipment purchases, educational programs

# Snowmobile Grants

(from snowmobile registrations)

- No match required, but encouraged
- Two grant rounds per year (spring and fall):
  - Spring grant round is Feb. 1 – Mar. 29, 2024
  - Fall grant round is Aug. 1 – Sept. 30, 2024
- Very limited funding available. Average amount of total annual funding over last 5 years was only \$135,000.

# How to apply for a grant



## DCNR Grant Tutorials

*Pennsylvania DCNR YouTube Channel*  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) - Search: *Pennsylvania DCNR*



*DCNR Grants Portal*  
[www.apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants](http://www.apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants)

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## DCNR Grant Opportunities

Grant Program	Program Area			Description
<a href="#">All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile</a>	Community Conservation Partnership Program	<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Get started</a>	All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile projects include the planning, acquisition of land, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, purchase of equipment for maintenance and construction, and development of educational programs related to ATV and/or snowmobile trails and facilities. <b>ONLY ATV or snowmobile projects should be submitted in this category.</b> Funding comes from the ATV Management Restricted Account and the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account as authorized by <a href="#">Act 97 of 2016</a> . There is no match requirement for this funding; however, applications that provide match funding will be given additional consideration.
Community and Watershed Forestry	Community Conservation Partnership Program	<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Get started</a>	The DCNR Community and Watershed Forestry Program provides financial assistance to identify locations in need of riparian forest buffers, lawn conversion, and community tree planting and to design, implement, and establish those practices. Eligible applicants requesting TreeVitalize funding should apply here.
Community Recreation and Conservation Planning	Community Conservation Partnership Program	<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Get started</a>	Planning projects "lay the groundwork" for future land acquisition, development and/or management of parks, recreational facilities, critical habitat, open space, natural areas, greenways, and river/watershed corridors.
Land Acquisition and Conservation	Community Conservation Partnership Program	<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Get started</a>	These projects involve the purchase and/or donation of land for park and recreation areas, greenways, critical habitat areas and/or open space.
<a href="#">Motorized Trails</a>	Community Conservation Partnership Program	<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Get started</a>	Pennsylvania Recreational Trails (PRT) motorized projects. PRT motorized projects include the development, rehabilitation or maintenance of designated routes on land for all types of motorized recreation activities, as well as the purchase or lease of equipment to be used exclusively for the maintenance or construction of land and water trails and trail-related facilities. Funding for projects in this category comes from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and DCNR is the designated state agency to administer this federal program in Pennsylvania. <b>ONLY</b> motorized trail projects applying for PRT funding should be submitted in this category. Match requirements are established at a minimum of 20%.
Non-motorized Trails	Community Conservation Partnership Program	<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Get started</a>	Trail projects include the acquisition, planning, development, rehabilitation, or maintenance of designated routes on land or water for non-motorized recreation activities, as well as the purchase or lease of equipment to be used exclusively for the maintenance or construction of non-motorized land and water trails and non-motorized trail-related facilities.

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The DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) provides grants and technical assistance for community projects related to park and recreation facilities, trails, rivers, and open space.  
Regional advisors are a first point of contact for technical, funding, and partnership-building assistance to advance these types of projects.

Scan or click this QR code to learn more about BRC grants and programs.

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# 2024 Grant Round Dates

Recreational Trail  
("Motorized") Grants:

January 16 – April 3, 2024

Snowmobile Grants:

Spring (Feb. 1 – March 29, 2024)

Fall (Aug. 1 – Sept. 30, 2024)

# Thank you!



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