Conserving Penn's Woods

Modeling Sustainability Through Partnerships in State Parks and Forests

Michael A. Walsh Deputy Secretary



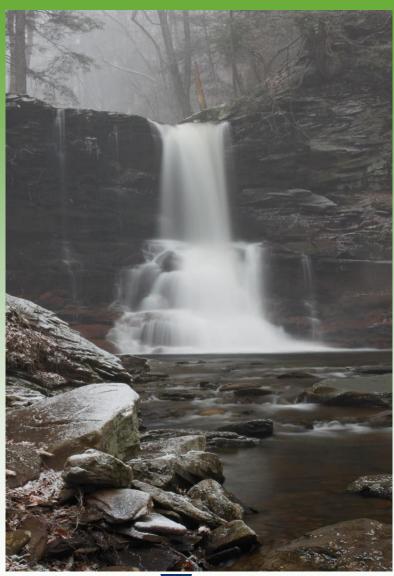
DCNR Infrastructure

- 120 State Parks
- 2.2. Million Acres of Forest Lands
- 4000 Buildings (10 LEED Certified)
- \$3M+ Annual Electricity Bills
- 3000+ Vehicles and Equipment
- 2600 FT/PT Employees















DCNR Sustainability Initiative

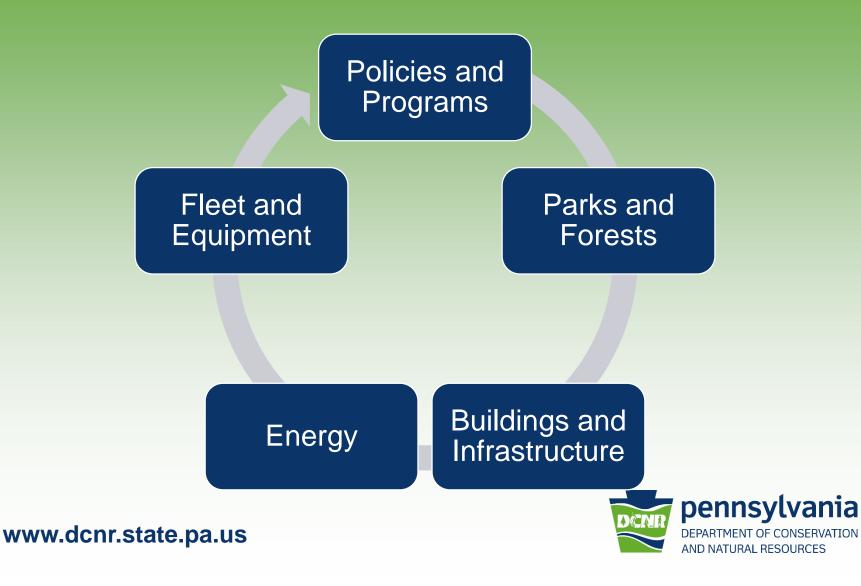
- Increase energy efficiency
- Promote green technologies
- Provide technical assistance
- Reduce impacts of oil and gas
- Implement new policies
- Create partnerships
- Leave a REAL legacy!







Comprehensive Approach to Sustainability



Increase Number of High Performing Buildings

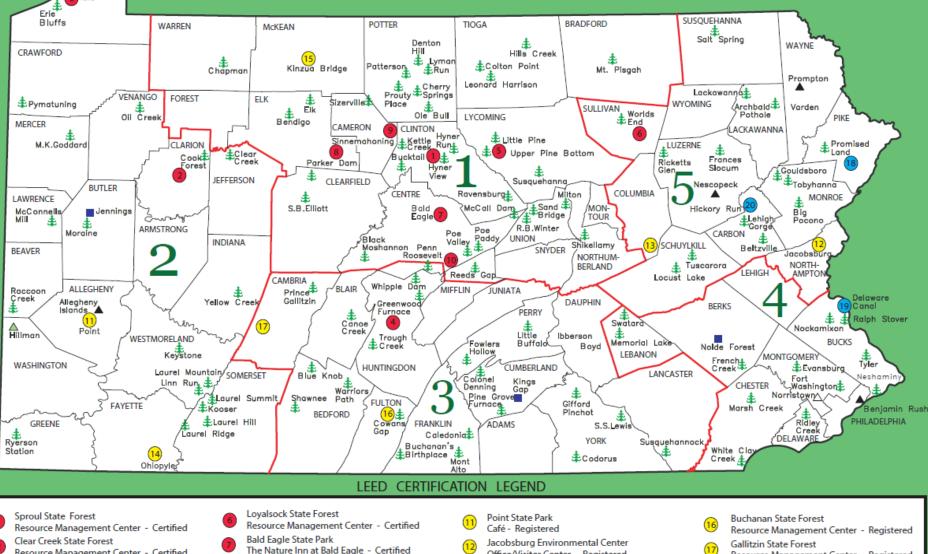
 Increase by 50% the number of LEEDcertified green buildings and landscapes on state parks and forests

 Design at least 5 new green buildings and landscapes for future LEED certification by 2020



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- Resource Management Center Certified
- Presque Isle State Park Tom Ridge Environmental Center - Certified

Elk State Forest

Penn Nursery

Office - Certified

Country Visitor Center - Certified

Office/Visitor Center - Certified

Sinnemahoning State Park

- Rothrock State Forest
- Resource Management Center Certified
- **Tiadaghton State Forest**
- Resource Management Center Certified

- Office/Visitor Center Registered
 - Weiser State Forest
 - Resource Management Center Registered
 - Ohiopyle State Park Office/Visitor Center - Registered
 - Kinzua Bridge State Park (15) Office/Visitor Center - Registered

- Resource Management Center Registered Delaware State Forest Resource Management Center - Planned Delaware Canal State Park Office/Visitor Center - Planned Hickory Run State Park
- Office/Visitor Center Planned

Nature Inn at Bald Eagle State Park







Visitors Center at Ohiopyle State Park























Propane On-Demand Hot Water







Partnering with Higher Education to Create a REAL Legacy

- Engage with local park or forest
- Provide for multi-disciplinary approach
- Create proposals to advance sustainability

- Tentative Timeline:
 - Details in December
 - Proposals due in May
 - Projects commence in Fall 2016



Public Service Internship Program

- Paid Civil Service Internship (\$14.03/hr)
- Current enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited bachelor's degree program and completion of first two years towards degree (65 credits minimum) with at least 12 credits or 4 courses in major field of study
- Six month internship can be scheduled in a variety of ways
- After satisfactorily completing internship and degree they can be placed into a permanent civil service position that aligns with their major and the internship they completed



Public Service Internship Program

- Student will complete application online at <u>scsc.state.pa.us</u>
- Click on JOB SEEKERS tab
- Application will include:
 - A supplement to allow the SCSC to capture the student's major, which will be used in the selective certification process
 - A form that must be completed and returned by the school authorizing the student to participate in the internship



DCNR Career Opportunities

- Park Manager Trainee
- Recreation and Conservation Advisor Trainee
- Information Technology Trainee
- Administration and Management Trainee
- Civil Engineer Trainee



Let's Continue the Conversation

DCNR/Higher Education Conference Call Tuesday, October 27 3:30-4:30

Call In: 717.612.4788 Pin: 369039#

Email RSVP: micwalsh@pa.gov





Three "Pillars" of a Green Ribbon College/University:

- Reduce environmental impact of buildings & grounds
- Improve health & wellness of students & staff
- Provide effective environmental & sustainability education





Applications must be submitted to PDE by **December 7th**!

<u>www.pathwaystogreenschools.org</u> Scheduled ED-GRS "office hours:"

- Wednesday, October 14th from 3-4pm
- Tuesday, November 10th from 3-4pm Phone - <u>(855) 734-4390</u> PIN: 413457

