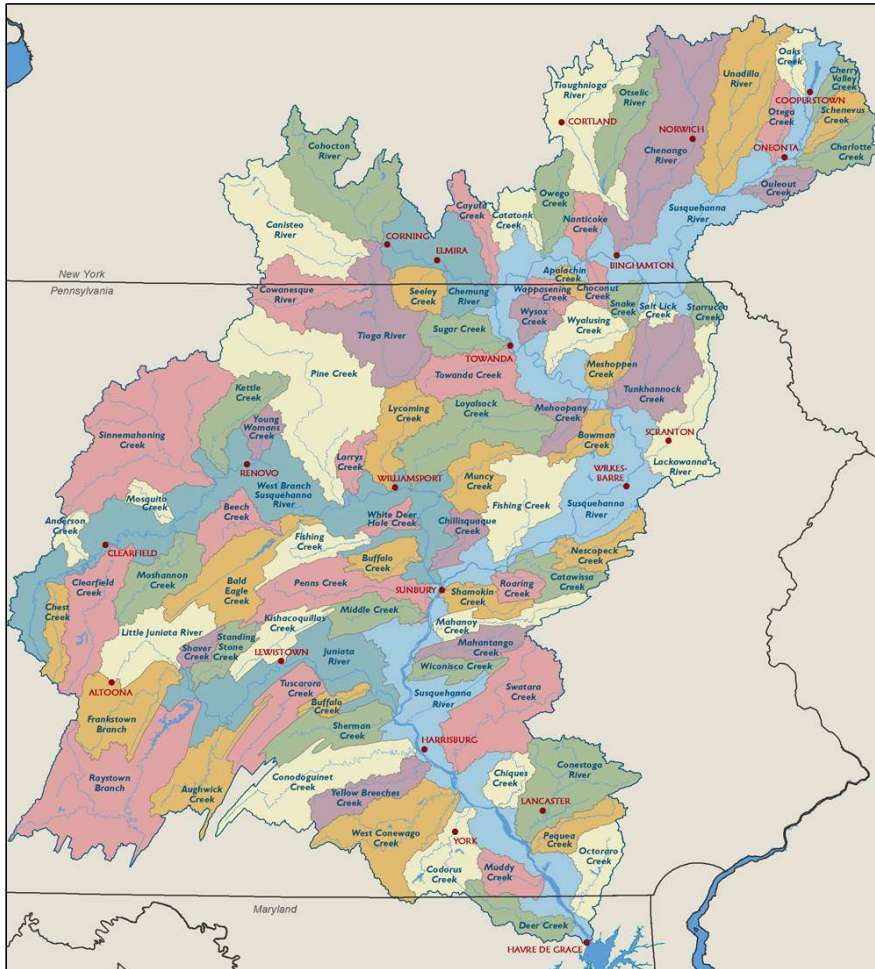


Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant



Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant

1. Offers support to local organizations whose work is in keeping with SRBC's mission by offering funding for community-based environmental & water resources projects or events that improve, restore or protect our local watersheds.
2. Individual Grant Award = \$5K
3. Total Grant Fund ~\$150K



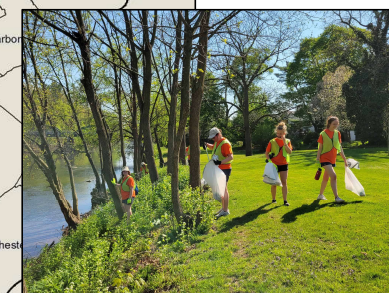
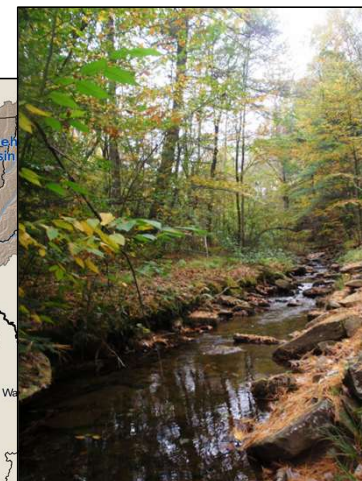
Photo: USFWS; SRBC

Eligibility

Project Eligibility

1. All projects must be within the Susquehanna River Basin and have:
 - Significant ties to the water resources of the Basin; and/or
 - The lands that protect the Basin's waters; and/or
 - The communities tied to both.
2. All projects must successfully propose:
 - Reasonable activities and outcomes focused on efforts to improve, restore or protect watersheds within the Susquehanna River Basin; **and/or**
 - Operational or financial support for watershed volunteer, membership, or outreach events in the Basin.

No cash match required!



Eligibility



Applicant Eligibility

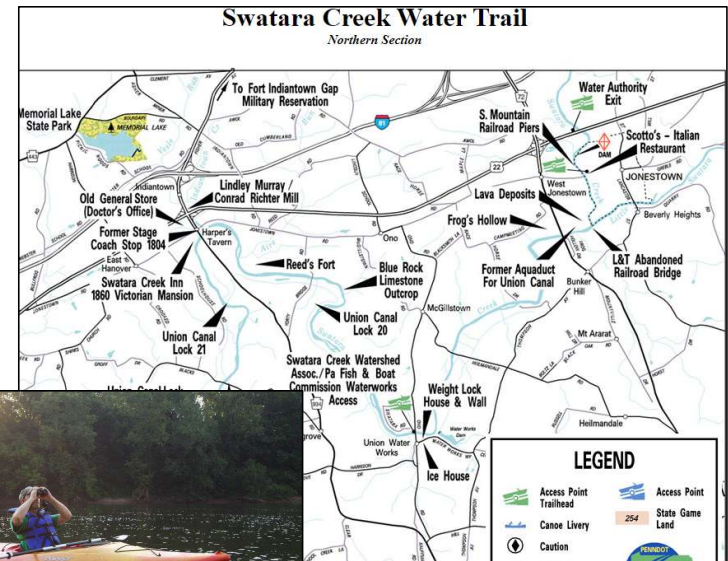
1. Watershed group – if unincorporated, must be organized with officers and bylaws
2. Educational program or school district
3. Non-profit/501c(3) or equivalent
4. Municipal or County Governments, including Conservation Districts

Grant Criteria Scoring

1. A project summary **(20 points)**:
 - Project purpose;
 - Projected watershed improvement, restoration or protection; and
 - Project design or effort.
2. Collaborative efforts with local partners or community engagement **(10 points)**
3. A reasonable and cost-efficient budget **(10 points)**
4. There are **10 extra points** available to applicants who have not received a Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant previously. Innovative projects proposed by any applicant may also receive extra points.

Example Projects

- Watershed education, outreach, or support for youth or communities
- Instream and streamside debris management & collection
- Restoration of overgrazed streamside lands or degraded streams
- Water-based recreation opportunities
- Headwater stream protection efforts
- Riparian buffer enhancement
- Tree plantings on cleared or impacted lands
- Rain gardens/community gardens to reduce impervious surfaces



Grant Award Funds

Eligible Costs

1. Direct project implementation costs
2. Select indirect costs:
 - Contracting services;
 - Expansion of partnerships;
 - Equipment rentals/purchase;
 - Food purchasing for volunteer outreach events.



Photos: USFWS,
Loyalhanna
Watershed Assoc

Applications Summary

Year 1

- 39 submitted
- 34 eligible
 - 6 in New York
 - 33 in PA
- Total requested amount = ~179K

Year 2

- 49 submitted (+10)
- 49 eligible (+15)
 - 9 in New York (+3)
 - 39 in PA (+6)
 - 1 in MD (+1)
- Total requested amount = ~228K (+\$49Ks)

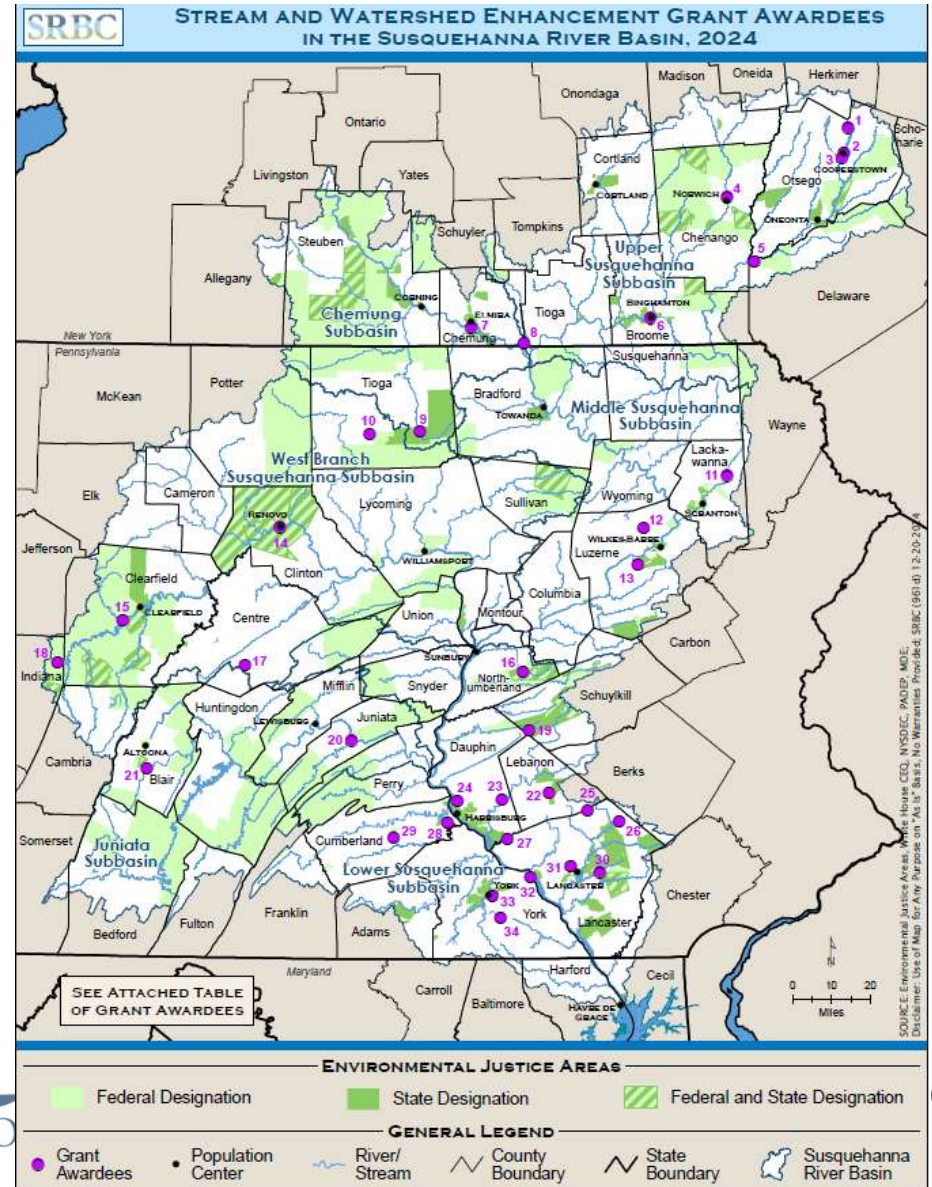
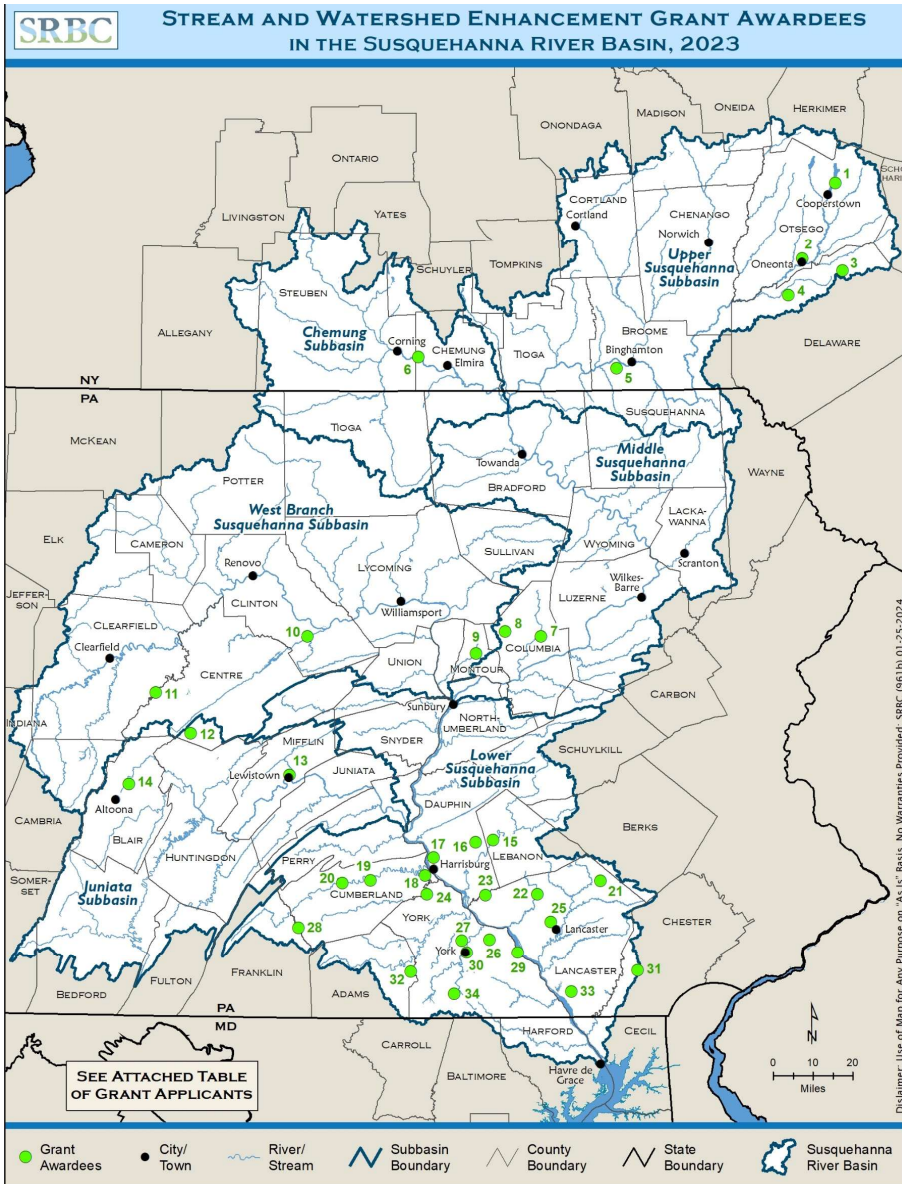
Awards Summary

Year 1

- **34 awards** out of 39 eligible
 - New York = 6
 - Pennsylvania = 28
 - ❖ Watershed Group = 15
 - ❖ Education institutions = 4
 - ❖ Non-profits = 6
 - ❖ Local governments = 9
- \$151,000 awarded

Year 2

- **34 awards** out of 49 eligible
 - New York = 8 (+2)
 - Pennsylvania = 26 (-2)
 - ❖ Watershed Group = 5 (-10)
 - ❖ Education institutions = 3 (-1)
 - ❖ Non-profits = 13 (+7)
 - ❖ Local governments = 13 (+4)
- \$155,000 awarded



Award Examples

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

Unique community outreach events in Blossburg, PA, co-sponsored by the Blossburg Library, about the restoration of the Tioga River from AMD impairment. 10 events to engage with community members of varying ages to begin their process of thinking about what a restored Tioga River will look like and how restoration will impact their individual lives and the community

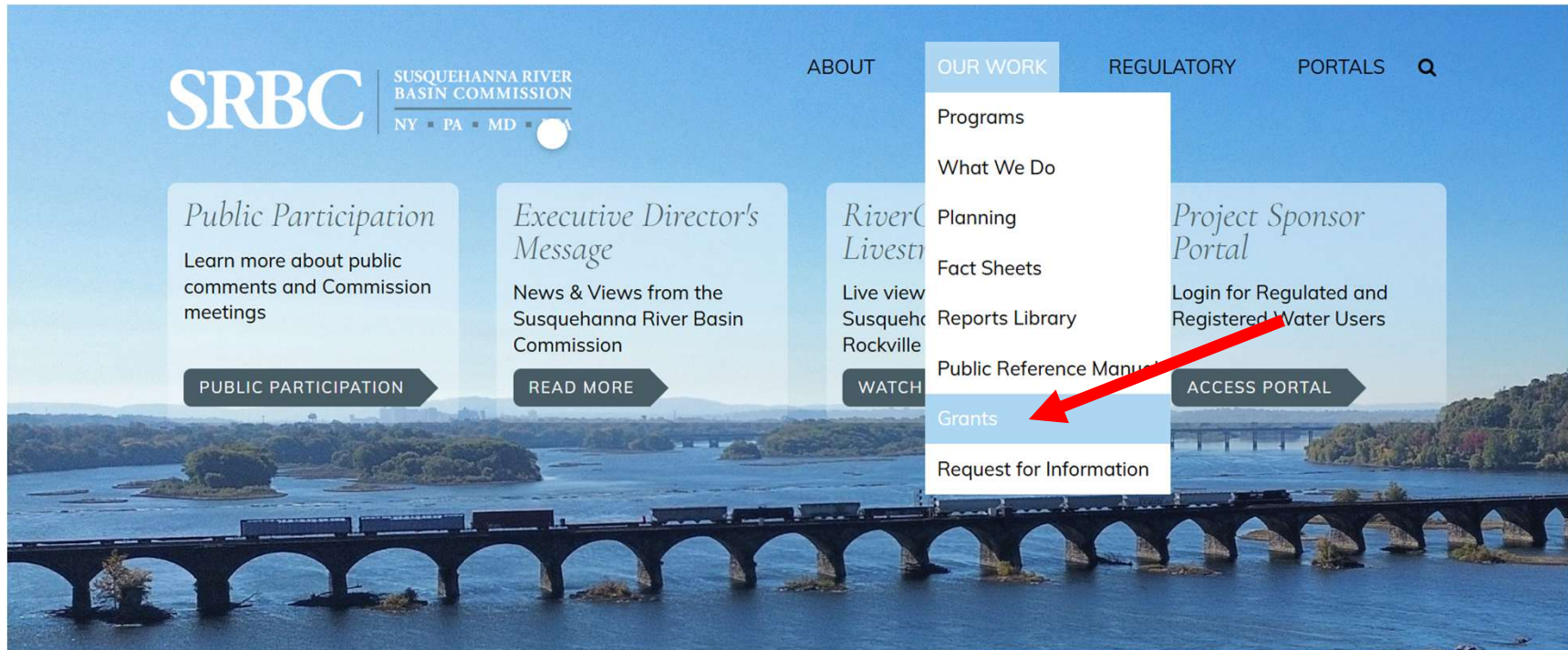
Borough of Archbald

Construct a fishing pier on the Lackawanna River in PA. This project will serve as a community hub, providing a safe and accessible space for students, families, and local residents to engage in fishing and other recreational activities. The design of the pier prioritizes inclusivity, featuring ramps and other accommodations to ensure that individuals with disabilities can fully participate in recreational activities. The pier can also serve as an outdoor educational classroom for student.

Sidney Central School

The Sidney Central School in New York runs a Flood Monitoring Program with 8 remote gage stations in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin. Data goes to the GOES-East weather satellite hourly and is displayed in the National Weather Service's HADS network. Students use models to forecast rainfall and flood potential forecasts to local officials and emergency personnel. This program helped emergency personnel to safely evacuate residents during Tropical Storm Lee (2011)

Important Information



<https://www.srbc.gov/our-work/grants/>

What's New

Important Information

Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Program



Loyalsock Creek

Although this grant is currently closed, over the past two years SRBC has maintained a [Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Program](#) to support local organizations dedicated to the health and wellness of our Basin's waterways. The Grant program has provided funding for community-based environmental and water resources projects or events that improve, restore or protect our local watersheds. In its first two years, the Commission awarded more than **\$300,000 to 68 projects**. SRBC hopes to re-open the grant in 2026.

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Summary

- Grant is open 09/15/26 through 10/30/26.
- Individual Grant Award cap \$5K
- Likely to award up to \$150K in grants

Questions: grants@srbc.gov

Grant Website: <https://www.srbc.net/our-work/grants/stream-watershed-enhancement-grant.html>



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Loyalsock Creek
Near Montoursville, PA