



Black Rock Sanctuary, Chester County, PA

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$175,000; Total Project Cost: \$195,000

Restoring Habitat and Providing Recreation

A new chapter in the Black Rock Sanctuary began with a \$195,000 LWCF grant. The 119-acre sanctuary supports wetlands, woodlands and meadows that are a haven for wildlife and an opportunity to discover the history, geology, wildlife, and plant life along the Schuylkill River. The National Park Service, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, William Penn Foundation, and Chester County all cooperated to construct interpretive stations, improve trail and parking surfaces, and restore traditional landscaping. The project complements the Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor and contributes to riverfront greenway opportunities.



“Good things happen when people get together. Just as a recent HUD grant helped Phoenixville’s historic foundry revitalization, this LWCF grant supports environmental restoration, allowing us to maintain the habitat of the basin and provide public recreation.”

*U.S. Representative
James Gerlach*

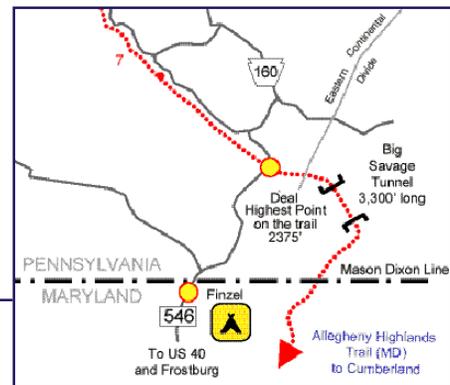
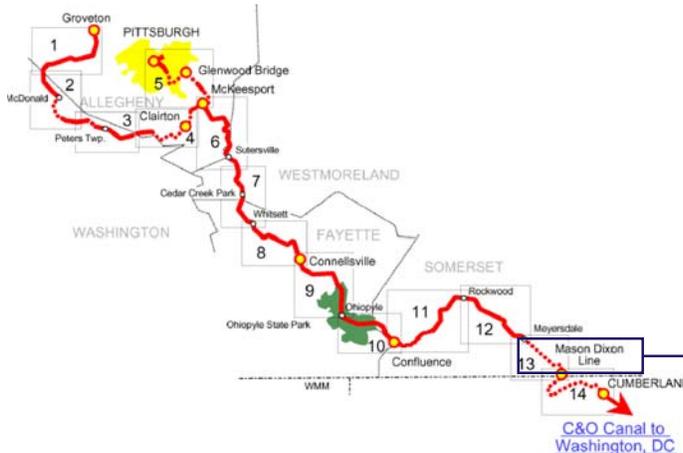
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Project Great Allegheny Passage (Big Savage Tunnel), Pennsylvania LWCF Funding Assistance \$2,000,000

Crown jewel of the Mid-Atlantic recreation trails, the Great Allegheny Passage will connect Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C via the C&O Towpath creating a combined 400 mile route. Rehabilitation of the Big Savage Tunnel, supported by a \$2 million grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund is essential for forging this connection. Built in 1911, the impressive 3,300-foot Big Savage Tunnel is scheduled to open for cyclists and pedestrians in Spring 2004.



"The biggest project by far on the 202 miles of the Great Allegheny Passage, it was potentially a show stopper in completing the link between Pennsylvania and Maryland. We're very grateful to the National Park Service and the Land and Water Conservation Fund."

~Congressman John Murtha, Pennsylvania

