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Voting Member Organizations

Allegheny Land Trust
Armstrong Trails
Allegheny Valley Trails Association
Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Armstrong County Conservancy
Berks Nature
Brandywine Conservancy
The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation
Central Pennsylvania Conservancy
Centre County Farmland Trust
Chesapeake Conservancy
Chestnut Hill Conservancy
ClearWater Conservancy
The Conservation Fund, Pennsylvania Office
Countryside Conservancy
Delaware Highlands Conservancy
Earth Conservancy
Edward L. Rose Conservancy
Evergreen Conservancy
Farm and Natural Land Trust of York County
Foundation for Sustainable Forests
Fox Chapel Area Land Trust
French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust
French Creek Valley Conservancy
Glade Run Lake Conservancy
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association
Heritage Conservancy
Hollow Oak Land Trust
Independence Conservancy
Lackawanna Valley Conservancy
Lancaster Conservancy
Lancaster Farmland Trust
The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County
Land Conservancy of Adams County
Land Trust of Bucks County
Lebanon Valley Conservancy
London Britain Land Trust
Manada Conservancy
Merrill Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy
Mid-Atlantic Karst Conservancy
Mokoma Conservancy
Montour Trail Council
Natural Lands
Neighborhood Gardens Trust
North American Land Trust
North Branch Land Trust
Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy
Open Land Conservancy of Chester County
Pensbury Land Trust
Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society
Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust
Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust
Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association
Pocono Heritage Land Trust
The Radnor Conservancy
Regional Trail Corporation
Schuylkill County Conservancy
Schuylkill River Greenways
Somerset County Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
The Wallace Trust
Tinicum Conservancy
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Westmoreland Conservancy
Westmoreland Land Trust
Wild Waterways Conservancy Inc.
Wildlands Conservancy
Willistown Conservation Trust
Wissahickon Trails

May 3, 2021

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Re: Support Amendment #A00860 to House Bill 859
Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Trust Fund

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 70 member organizations of WeConservePA (formerly the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association) and their more than 100,000 Pennsylvania members, I write to request your support for Amendment #A00860 to House Bill 859.

Amendment #A00860 converts the incredibly productive Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund into a trust fund at the State Treasury. The amendment guarantees that state funding commitments to Keystone projects will be honored and not pulled back by the General Assembly for other uses. This provides important assurance to the thousands of municipalities, nonprofits, and private contractors engaged in recreation, park, and conservation projects supported by the Keystone Fund. They make serious financial and employment commitments upon being awarded Keystone grants and should not be at risk that the state won't honor its obligations.

To view a sampling of the thousands of long-lasting improvements made to Pennsylvania's communities, thanks to Keystone Fund investments, please visit the informational website <https://keystonefund.org>.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy".

Andrew M. Loza
Executive Director

cc: member organizations