

Pa. Wild Resource Conservation Fund Supports 1996-1997 Projects

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Wild Resource Conservation Board recently met for its annual meeting and approved funding for 56 projects in the amount of \$707,081.

A total of 84 applications were received requesting \$1,308,863.31 in funding. The money allocated was received from taxpayers donating their tax refunds to the Wild Resource Conservation Fund and wildlife license plate sales.

The following projects were approved for support to protect and help manage the commonwealth's non-game and wild plant species.

- Ecology & Distribution of Endangered Sedge, *Scirpus ancistrochaetus*; Penn State — Dr. William Dunson, \$7,464.
- Production of Outreach Tools; Rodale Institute — Cyane Gresham, \$9,950.
- Herbarium & Field Studies of PA Plants of Special Concern; Carnegie Museum — Sue Thompson, \$17,310.
- Development of Educational Materials of PA Native Wild Plants; Carnegie Museum — Sue Thompson, \$23,000.
- Field, Herbarium & Literature Surveys, Work on the Field Manual of Pa. Plants and Environmental Review; Morris Arboretum — Ann Rhoads, \$35,000.
- Herbarium Studies of Plant Species of Concern in Eastern Pa.; The Nature Conservancy — John Kunsman, \$20,000.
- Investigation into the historic

and extant distribution of *Ame-lanchier canadensis*; Carnegie Mellon — W. Ann Robinson, \$928.

- Field Studies of PA Plants of Special Concern; Shippensburg Univ. — Larry Klotz, \$4,500.
- Field Surveys for *Aster radula*, *Solidago speciosa* and other rare *Aster* and *Solidago* species; Dickinson College — Carol Loeffler, \$1,044.
- Rare Plant and Natural Community Inventories of Northwestern Pa.; Cleveland Museum of Natural History — Kathy Fouts, \$15,000.
- An allozymal study laurentian bladder fern from Centre Co., PA; Millersville Univ. — James C. Parks, \$550.
- Public Wild Plant Sanctuary Network; Western PA Conservancy, \$42,000.
- Continuation of Field Surveys of Plants of Special Concern; Western PA Conservancy, \$22,385.
- Herpetological Educational Curriculum; Carnegie Museum of Natural History/Powdermill Nature Reserve — Terri Kromel, \$6,100.
- Writing of Publication of the Freshwater Bivalves of PA; Athur Bogan, \$15,000.
- Status survey of Rare Fishes of Special Concern in the Delaware River Drainage of PA; Robert Criswell, \$1,595.
- Aquatic craneflies of PA: A preliminary checklist & database development; Carnegie Museum/Academy of Natural Science —

Chen W. Young/Jon Gelhaus, \$17,050.

- Status of Indigenous Lampreys in PA; Penn State — Jay Stauffer, \$40,705.
- Conservation and management of fish, herptiles and aquatic species special projects; PA Fish & Boat Commission/The Nature Conservancy — Andy Shiels, \$40,000.
- PA Herpetological Atlas Project; Indiana Univ. — Arthur E. Hulse, \$13,000.
- In Situ Video of PA's Fresh Water Fish Fauna; Penn State — Jay Stauffer, \$17,607.
- GIS Mapping of Trichoptera (caddisfly) and Plecoptera (stonefly) distribution in PA; Behrend College — E C Masteller, \$5,670.
- Application of Geographical Information System Technology to Fish Conservation in PA; Penn State — Robert Carline, \$24,723.
- Wild Action Grant; PA Game Commission — Theresa Alberici, \$2,500.
- Status and Distribution Study of the Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher; Ecology III — Douglas Gross, \$4,000.
- Monitor Populations of Louisiana Waterthrush in acidified and unpolluted stream habitats; Carnegie Museum of Natural History/Powdermill Nature Reserve — Robert S. Mulvihill, \$9,000.
- Protection of significant bat maternal site and restoration of adjacent farm fields; Allegheny National Forest — Brad Nelson, \$10,000.

• Small mammal community structure and dynamics in old growth forests: A long term ecological study; Shippensburg University — Dr. Gordon Kirkland, \$7,000.

- Endangered Mammal Species Research and Management; The Nature Conservancy — Jim Hart, \$20,000.
- Survey of bats at Canoe Creek State Park with Special Emphasis on the "Little Brown Bat;" Penn State — Dr. Michael Gannon, \$4,500.
- Northern flying squirrels and northern water shrews as indicators of habitat quality in sensitive ecosystems of northeast PA; Wilkes Univ. — Michael Steele, \$8,500.
- Long-term ecological research: Small mammals as indicators of the health of PA Forest Ecosystems; Powdermill Environmental Station — Dr. Joseph Merritt, \$7,000.
- Maintenance of the Official List of the Birds of PA; PA Ornithological Records Committee — Paul Schwalbe, \$1,500.
- Young Ornithologists — research that educates; Academy of Natural Sciences — Dr. Robert Ridgeley/Sally Conyne, \$10,000.
- An adopt-a-kestrel-nestbox of PA school children; Hawk Mtn — Keith Bildstein, Bill Hilton, \$14,000.
- Preparation and Curation of special concern mammals and bird

specimens generated by PA Game Commission & Wild Resource Conservation Fund research; Shippensburg Univ., — Dr. Gordon Kirkland, \$2,000.

- Stabilization of bat nursery church; Canoe Creek State Park — Terry Wentz, \$4,000.
- Wildlife Biodiversity associated with a new forestry practice in PA; Penn State — Richard Yahner, \$19,000.
- Radiotelemetry study of experimental recolonization of an allegheny woodrat; Dickison College — Janet Wright, \$3,500.
- Biodiversity Conservation of Butterflies & Skippers in PA; Richard Yahner, \$5,000.
- Avian nesting success, species, diversity, and guild composition in fenced and unfenced riparian habitats in southwest PA; California Univ. — Gary Popotnik, \$8,000.
- Status and Distribution of Reintroduced River Otter and Fisher Populations in PA; Penn State — Tom Serfass, \$13,000.
- Reintroduction of Fishers to the Allegheny National Forest in Northwestern PA; Penn State — Tom Serfass, \$20,000.
- PA Important Bird Areas; Mid-Atlantic Region National Audubon Society — Walter Pomeroy, \$19,000.
- Landscaping for Wildlife in PA; Sweet Arrow Communications — Marcus Schneck, (Turn to Page A21)

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