

# Finding Funding For Your Trail Project

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Edward G. Rendell, Governor

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
John Quigley, Secretary

**Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Brenda Barrett, Director** 



### DCNR Funding

- 50/50 match
- 80/20 match: Federal and Snowmobile/ATV
- Over \$6 million in grants to trail-related projects in 2010



#### Statewide Network of Trails

- Is your project a priority of a County or local greenway plan www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/greenways/
- Is your trail part of a Major Greenway Corridor, regional trail, local connector trail, closed loop trail
- How many uses does your trail accommodate
- What types of partnerships does your project enjoy
- Does your trail connect to "places"
- Does your project incorporate "green" principles
- Are you Ready To Go?



# Positioning Your Project For Success

- Document your Project
  - Municipal/Multimunicipal Plans
  - County Plans
  - Regional Plans
  - Metropolitan/Rural Planning Organizations
- Discuss your projects with elected and appointed officials
- Continuously Seek to Partner
- Begin to speak in terms of Economic Development and Active Transportation



### Capturing Funding

#### Public Sources

- Engage Stakeholders Early
- Be Patient but Persistent
- Stay Engaged
- Follow Through

#### Private Sources

- Fundraise
- Court Material Donations
   and Volunteers
- Funding Guide

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/indexgreenres.aspx





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Thank You!

