Motorized Recreation in Pennsylvania

2018 Eastern PA Trails Summit

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DCNR’s Role

- Motorized recreation is outdoor recreation
- DCNR lands
  - ATV trails (approx. 265 mi)
  - Snowmobile trails (approx. 2,000 mi)
- ATV and Snowmobile Funds
- ATV safety and training
- SAAC, PTAC, CNRAC
- Grants

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Grants for Motorized Recreation

- DCNR Policy – No New ATV trails; will allow connectors.
- Grants:
  - ATV account
    - Registration fees.
    - Approx. $1M annually.
  - Snowmobile account
    - Registration fees
    - Approx. $20,000 annually
  - Recreational Trails
    - Federal OHV gas tax
    - Approx. $550,000 annually for motorized projects

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ATV and Snowmobile Grant Program - Eligibility

**Eligible Applicants**
- Municipalities
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit organizations

**Eligible Project Types**
- Land Acquisition
- Planning
- Development
  - Rehabilitation / Maintenance
- Equipment Purchase
- Educational Programs

**Required Match**
- None

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Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program - Eligibility

Eligible Applicants
• Municipalities
• Nonprofit organizations
• For-profit organizations
• State and Federal agencies

Eligible Project Types
• Development
  ◦ Rehabilitation / Maintenance
• Educational Programs

Required Match
• 20%

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Projects

Rock Run – Cambria & Clearfield
- 6,500 acres
- $6M invested

Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area – Northumberland
- 7,000 acres
- $3M invested

Mines & Meadows – Lawrence
- Study additional 1,700 acres
- 154,600

Indian Creek Valley ATV Club – Fayette
- Acquisition of 93 additional acres
- $111,700

Famous Reading Outdoors – Schuylkill & Northumberland
- Master Plan for 20,000 acres
- $225,000

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A Glimpse at the ATV Community

- Riders want:
  - New Trails
  - Enhancements to existing trails
- Types of facilities riders want:
  - 50+ mile-long trails is #1
- Top feature that PA is missing:
  - Availability of trails
- From 2003 - 2016:
  - Number of ATVs and riders per household has increased
  - Average household incomes increased
- Sound familiar?

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Hatfield McCoy Trails
(West Virginia)

• 8 trails systems over 9 counties
• Over 700 miles of managed trails
• Connections to towns and businesses
• 2014, Marshall University - $22,000,000 annual economic impact on WV

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