

Motorized Recreation in Pennsylvania

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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



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



ATV and Snowmobile Grant Program - Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit organizations

Required Match

- None

Eligible Project Types

- Land Acquisition
- Planning
- Development
 - Rehabilitation / Maintenance
- Equipment Purchase
- Educational Programs

Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program - Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit organizations
- State and Federal agencies

Required Match

- 20%

Eligible Project Types

- Development
 - Rehabilitation / Maintenance
- Educational Programs

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

