

2025 Annual Report



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Committee Members & Mission

Committee

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Regional Recreation Planner

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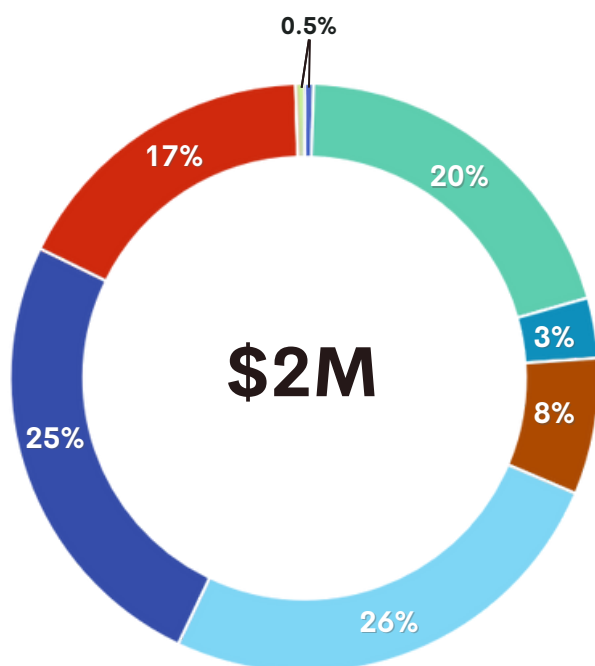
**SCHUYLKILL RIVER
GREENWAYS:**
Elaine Paul Schaefer

Mission

The Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee (PARRC) is comprised of representatives from eight municipalities in the Pottstown Metropolitan Region, the Pottstown Regional Community Foundation (PRCF), the Schuylkill River Greenways and a full-time Regional Recreation Planner and staff committed to improving parks, trails, open spaces and recreational opportunities of the Region. Through its cooperative efforts and the leadership and technical assistance provided by the Regional Recreation Planner and staff, PARRC seeks to promote the development and maintenance of the region's recreational facilities, encourage the preservation of open space and implement better planning for parks and recreation for all.

Awarded Grants

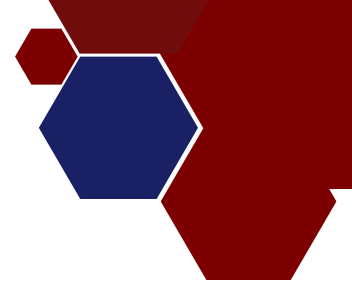
	Municipality	Location	Project	Funder	Amount
1	Douglass Township	Douglass Park	Douglass Park Paving Project	WDYFF	\$ 10,000.00
2	East Coventry Township	Towpath Park	Boat Ramp & Kayak Launch Engineering	PAHWF	\$ 30,000.00
3		Towpath Park	Boat Ramp & Kayak Launch Engineering	WDYFF	\$ 20,000.00
4		Towpath Park	Boat Ramp & Kayak Launch Construction	PFBC	\$ 300,000.00
5		Towpath Park	Entrance Signage	SHMG	\$ 10,000.00
6		Municipal Building	HVAC System & Electrical Upgrades	LSA	\$ 48,076.00
7	Lower Pottsgrove Township	Pleasantview Park	Revised Master Plan	PAHWF	\$ 17,420.00
8		Sanatoga Park	Inclusive Playground Engineering	WDYFF	\$ 15,000.00
9		Bleim Rd & Pruss Hill Rd	Barn Demolition Project	LSA	\$ 34,750.00
10	North Coventry Township	Kenilworth Park	Playground and Access Project	WDYFF	\$ 10,000.00
11		Kenilworth Park	Playground and Access Project	PAHWF	\$ 32,000.00
12		Kenilworth Park	Playground and Access Project	CCPP	\$ 110,000.00
13	Pottstown	Brookside Park	Park Redevelopment	PAHWF	\$ 30,000.00
14		Brookside Park	Park Redevelopment	MontCo 2040	\$ 135,400.00
15		Ricketts Center	Building Repairs & Upgrades	LSA	\$ 350,000.00
16		Borough	Public Arts Project	WDYFF	\$ 5,000.00
17	Upper Pottsgrove Township	Township	Trails Connection Study	PAHWF	\$ 15,000.00
18		Township	Trails Connection Study	WDYFF	\$ 10,000.00
19		Gilbertsville Road	Gilbertsville Road Ped. Improvements	DCED MTF	\$ 301,500.00
20		Township/Region	Powerlift Ambulance Upgrades	LSA	\$ 103,365.00
21		Township	Police Vehicle	LSA	\$ 80,914.00
22	Washington Township	Barto Community Park	Park Amenities	WDYFF	\$ 10,000.00
23		Washington Twp Park	Park Master Plan	Berks Co	\$ 19,210.00
24		Barto Community Park	Trail Connection Project	PAHWF	\$ 4,234.00
25		Washington Twp Park	Guiderail and ADA Improvements	DCED MTF	\$ 116,782.00
26		Washington Twp Park	Playground and Access Project	LSA	\$ 200,000.00
27	West Pottsgrove Township	Murgia Park	Interpretive Signage Project	WDYFF	\$ 10,000.00
Total					\$ 2,028,651.00



Grantee Funding

- ✱ Washington Township
- ✱ West Pottsgrove Township
- ✱ Douglass Township
- ✱ East Coventry Township
- ✱ Lower Pottsgrove Township
- ✱ North Coventry Township
- ✱ Pottstown Borough
- ✱ Upper Pottsgrove Township

Completed Projects



Borough of Pottstown
South Street Park Redevelopment



East Coventry Township
Towpath Park Improvements



West Pottsgrove Township
Murgia Park Interpretive Signage



Borough of Pottstown
Public Arts Project



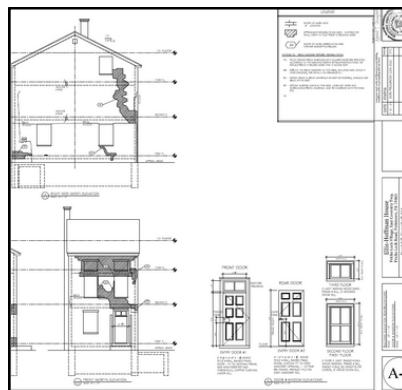
West Pottsgrove Township
Old Timer's Field Improvements



Borough of Pottstown
Public Arts Project



Lower Pottsgrove Township
Ringing Rocks Park Improvements

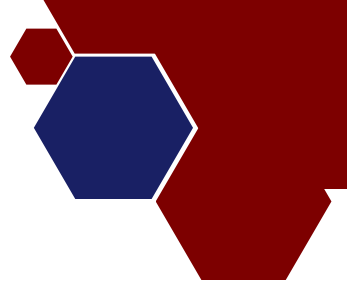


East Coventry Township
Ellis Hoffman House Planning Project



Borough of Pottstown
Riverfront Park Tree Planting

PARRC's Year in Numbers



1

new playset
South Street Park, Pottstown

1/3

mile of new ADA accessible trail
Towpath Park, East Coventry

1

new ADA accessible picnic area
Ringing Rocks Park, Lower Pottsgrove

3

new signal box murals
Pottstown & North Coventry

1

renovated ballfield
Old Timers Field, West Pottsgrove

6

new interpretive signs
Murgía Park, West Pottsgrove

.4

miles of resurfaced trail & park roads
Douglass Park, Douglass

270

trees planted
Riverfront Park, Pottstown

1

new park sign
Ringing Rocks Park, Lower Pottsgrove

27

grants
AWARDED
totaling

\$2,000,000

Strategic Plan Implementation

Offering the Right Array of Services



1. Continue to expand recreational opportunities for all by improving ADA access on trails and in parks
2. Continue to expand recreational opportunities by providing new recreational facilities within parks.

Revenue Sustainability



3. Received \$2M in grants with the assistance of the PARRC Planner, including private donor funding.
4. Held second Annual Putt for Parks Event, resulting in a \$1,700 profit for the PARRC Foundation.

Effective Collaboration



5. Ensure effective communication between the Committee, local officials and municipalities.
 - Monthly project and event updates provided by PARRC representatives.
 - Quarterly newsletters prepared and shared with PARRC members and partners.
 - Work with PA Downtown Center and project stakeholders on Nature Based Placemaking Project

Operational Excellence



6. Continue preparing and presenting quarterly and annual reports.
7. Create awareness through effective marketing strategies.
 - New PARRC logo completed.
8. Research necessary steps to become a non-profit organization.
 - First IRS 990 Form filed for the PARRC Foundation.

