

APPENDIX D: Resource Conservation Organizations in Pike County: Information and Volunteer Opportunities

Alliance to Keep Pike Green

The Alliance to Keep Pike Green is a coalition of conservationists, business people, builders, landowners, local officials and community residents who are committed to preserving Pike County's high quality of life through effective, long-term planning and active conservation. The goal of the Alliance is to find balanced solutions to the population pressures that are threatening the high quality water resources, the forested landscapes and rural way of life that make Pike County unique.

The Alliance recognizes the importance of and supports residents in publicly expressing their support for wise and balanced planning – through Smart Growth strategies – that strives to accommodate increasing levels of commercial and residential development while conserving Pike County's highly valued natural resources.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Staffing a booth at events, answering questions and handing out flyers on upcoming programs
- Hosting a meeting with neighbors or with a community group
- Providing general office support, scheduling meetings, stuffing envelopes for mailings and sending email notifications
- Writing articles on innovative growth and land development options
- Making updates to the Alliance website

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Delaware Highlands Conservancy

The Delaware Highlands Conservancy is dedicated to conserving the natural and cultural heritage of the Upper Delaware River region. Since its creation in 1994, the Conservancy has helped to protect over 5,500 acres of land providing ecological, recreational and economic benefit to residents of the region. The majority of land conserved through the Conservancy's efforts is protected through land preservation agreements between landowners and the Conservancy.

The Delaware Highlands Conservancy provides technical and, when available, financial assistance to landowners interested in protecting all or a portion of their property. In addition to working with individual landowners, the Conservancy runs a variety of educational events from environmental education programs for children to workshops for adults on protecting the land and water resources of their communities.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Supporting the Conservancy's public relations and outreach by promoting and organizing education programs and outings and fundraising events
- Conducting field work on protected properties to collect information on existing cultural and natural resources
- Participating in annual field monitoring of protected sites
- Assisting with the annual Meadow Party
- Staffing informational displays at public events
- Crafting grant proposals to generate funding to support the Conservancy's activities
- Contributing to the Conservancy's quarterly newsletter including writing articles
- Providing office support including preparing mailings and website updates

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The Eagle Institute

The Eagle Institute is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to protecting the bald eagle in the Upper Delaware River watershed in New York and Pennsylvania and the lower Hudson River Valley of New York. To achieve this, the Institute promotes a stewardship ethic for bald eagle conservation through education, research and public awareness programs.

During the winter months, when approximately 150 eagles migrate to the region, the Institute assists visitors to find, identify and view bald eagles by posting volunteers at public viewing locations and providing guided eagle viewing trips. The Institute is also involved in the collection of scientific data on both the wintering and, in recent years, the growing breeding population of bald eagles in the region.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Assisting at public events and programs, including the annual EagleFest
- Collecting data and monitoring habitat conditions
- Locating and identifying eagles
- Assisting visitors and answering questions about eagles and their habitat needs
- Providing clerical and administrative help including mailings and publicity
- Staffing the Institute's winter field office in Lackawaxen, PA



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Grey Towers National Historic Site

Grey Towers National Historic Site is the ancestral home of the eminent conservationist Gifford Pinchot, first chief of the U.S. Forest Service and former two-term governor of Pennsylvania. The Grey Towers mission is to perpetuate the Pinchot conservation legacy.

The stone mansion and manicured gardens of the 100 acre estate are



managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Public interpretive tours and conservation education programs are available for school students, educators and visitors. Grey Towers also maintains a heritage resource program and functions as an active conference center for conservation and natural resource issues.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Working with the Grey Towers horticulture team on maintaining garden areas
- Assisting the trails team with pedestrian trail upkeep
- Participating in conservation education youth programs
- Assisting with cultural events
- Supporting curatorial staff with historical research
- Providing guided tours

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Pocono Environmental Education Center

The Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) strives to enhance environmental awareness, knowledge and appreciation through hands-on experience in a natural outdoor classroom. PEEC provides educational and recreational programs on a year-round basis to a widespread audience of school students, educators, families, scout and youth groups, individuals and local community members throughout the region.

PEEC uses a one-of-a-kind, 70,000-acre classroom, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area, in which the complexities of nature and natural systems are available to every visitor to study. “Volunteers in PEEC” (VIP) share their skills and knowledge in managing the Center’s library, performing clerical duties, maintaining buildings and grounds and leading programs.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Providing general office support including data entry
- Assisting with general grounds maintenance
- Providing support for special events
- Maintaining grounds and trails
- Providing instruction and presentations to a

- variety of audiences
- Leading interpretive hikes
- Assisting at the Center's library
- Helping with mailings and marketing
- Patrolling the Center's trail system

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**Promised Land State Park and Varden Conservation Area,
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

Promised Land State Park provides educational and recreational opportunities for park visitors and the general public including families and various youth and adult groups. Programs focus on fostering an awareness and understanding of natural, cultural and historical resources found locally and regionally both within and outside of park boundaries.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Staffing the museum located at Promised Land State Park
- Assisting with educational programs
- Maintaining trails and lake shorelines
- Providing educational programs for park visitors
- Conducting historical research and surveying of natural resources
- Participating in work parties for annual community events

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