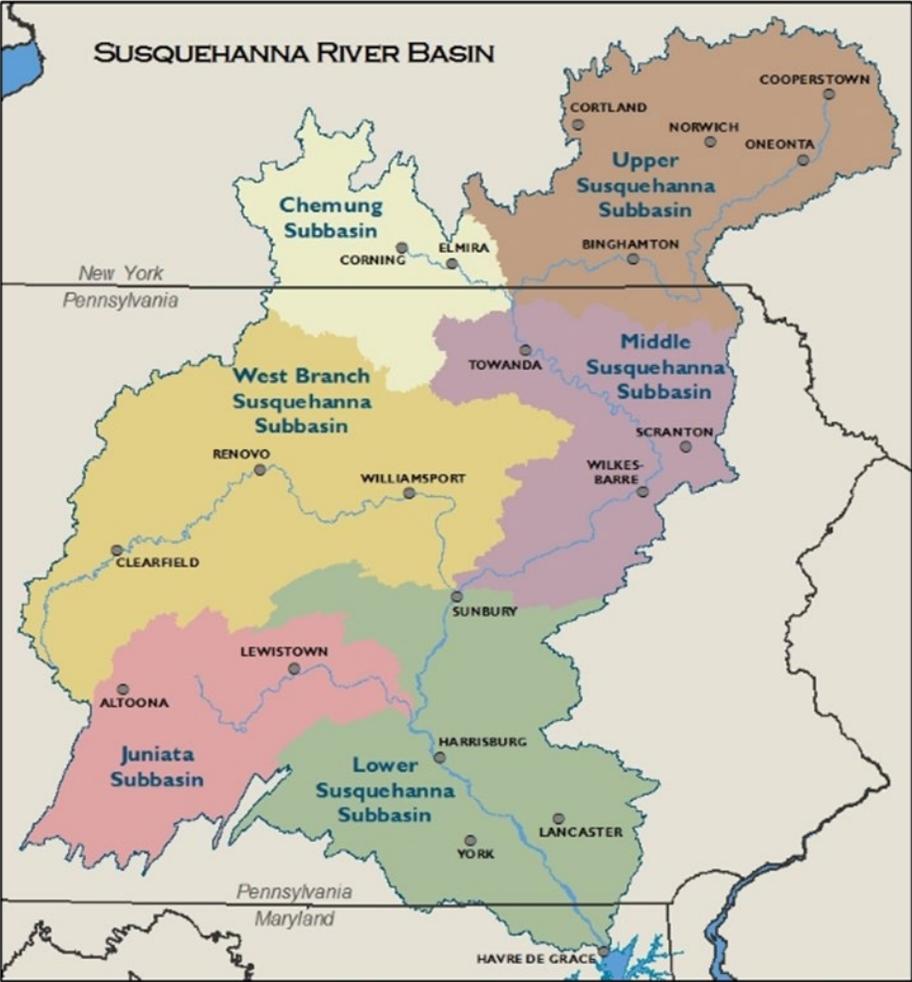


Susquehanna River Basin Commission Grant Opportunities

Endless Mountains Heritage Region Annual Grant Workshop 2/20/26



Susquehanna River Basin Commission



Federal- interstate agency (NY, PA, MD) formed 1971

Interstate Compact Commission that leads the conservation, development, and administration of the Susquehanna River Basin's resources

Mission: Enhance public welfare through comprehensive planning, water supply allocation, and management of the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin



SRBC Programs & Activities

- Water Withdrawal and Use Regulation
- Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Flood and Drought Preparedness
- Planning, Coordination and Outreach
- Legal & Policy
- Grants



1) Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant (SWEAG)

1. Offers support to local organizations whose work is in keeping with SRBC's mission by offering funding for community-based environmental & water resources projects or events that improve, restore or protect our local watersheds.
2. Individual Grant Award = \$5K
3. Total Grant Fund ~\$150K
4. Last round was open August 7th - October 31st, 2024
5. **Hopeful next round opens summer/fall 2026**



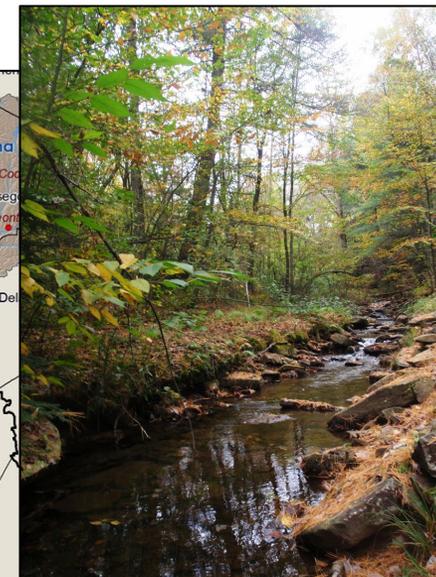
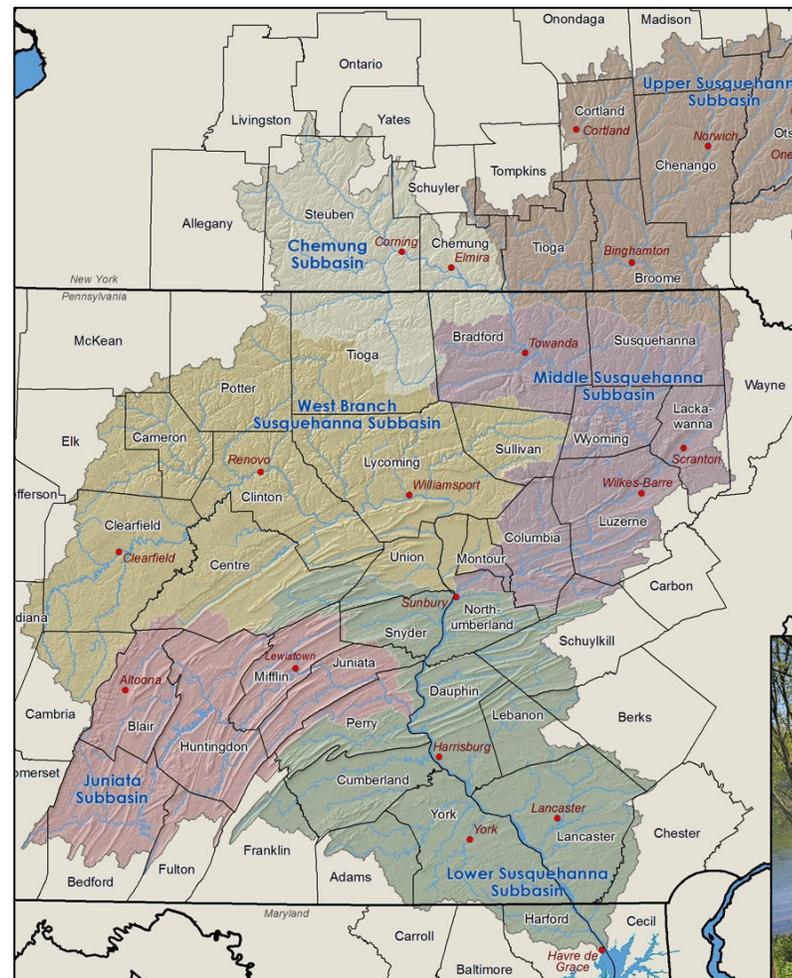
Project Eligibility

All projects must be within the Susquehanna River Basin and have:

- Significant ties to the water resources of the Basin; and/or
- The lands that protect the Basin's waters; and/or
- The communities tied to both.

All projects must successfully propose:

- Reasonable activities and outcomes focused on efforts to improve, restore or protect watersheds within the Susquehanna River Basin; **and/or**
- Operational or financial support for watershed volunteer, membership, or outreach events in the Basin.



Eligibility

Applicant Eligibility

1. Watershed group – if unincorporated, must be organized with officers and bylaws
2. Educational program or school district
3. Non-profit/501c(3) or equivalent
4. Municipal or County Governments



Eligible Costs

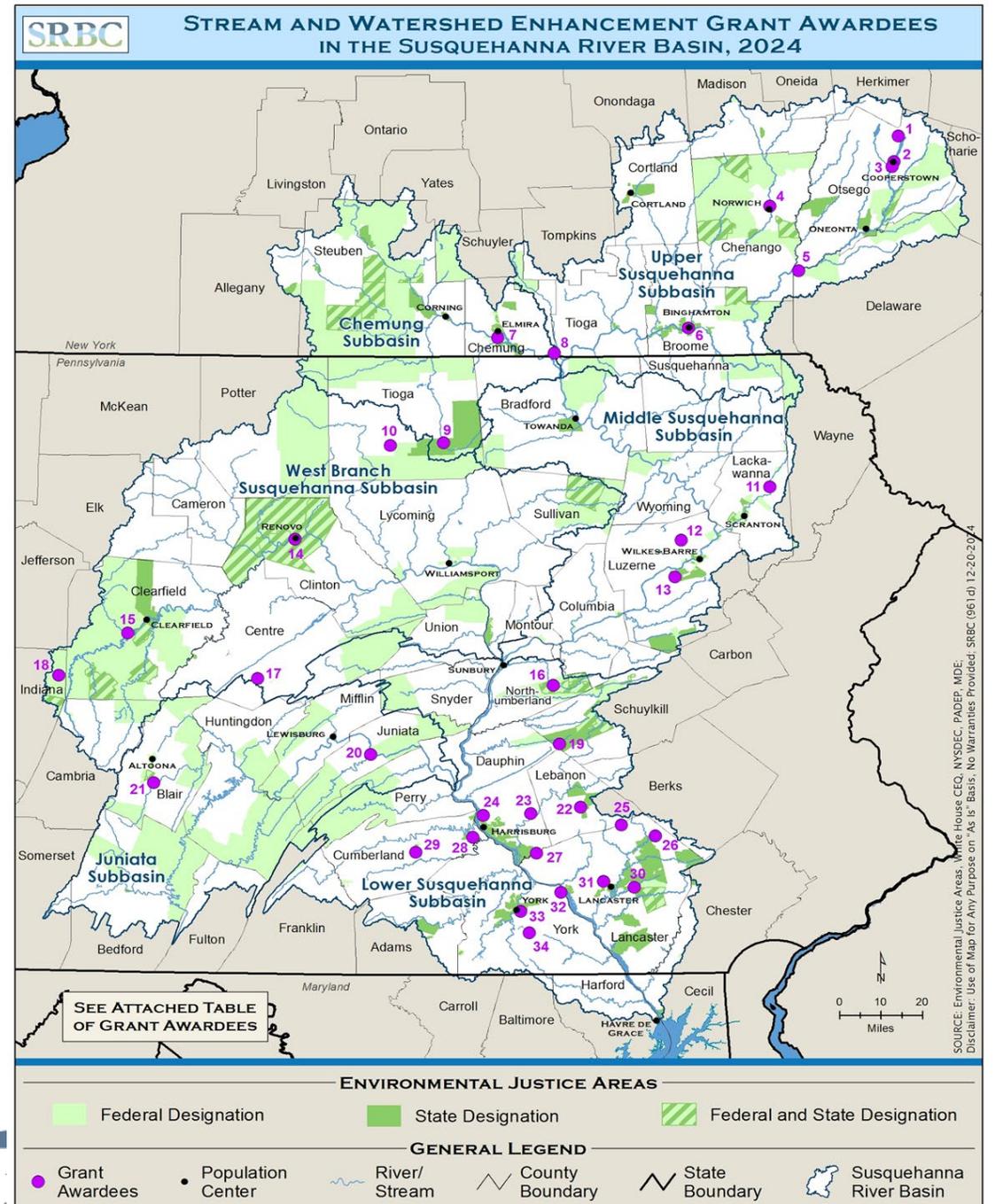
1. Direct project implementation costs
2. Select indirect costs:
 - Contracting services;
 - Expansion of partnerships;
 - Equipment rentals/purchase;
 - Food purchasing for volunteer outreach events.

2024 Award Summary

➤ 34 awards granted

➤ \$155K total

- NY Water **Water Trail Site Selection**
- Upgrades to **water rescue equipment**
- Watershed association **water testing equipment**
- Accessible **Fishing Pier Planning**
- West Branch **ADA & Universal Accessibility Access Study**
- Conference for **Abandoned Mine Pools**
- Tioga River **AMD outreach**
- Township **Kayak Safety and Training**
- Capturing and reusing **rain water**
- **Pet waste clean-up campaign**
- Susquehanna River **clean up**
- Reducing **impervious surfaces and runoff**
- Enhancing **aquatic organisms passage**
- Invasive **species management**
- Riparian **forest buffer**



Grant Criteria Scoring

1. A project summary **(20 points)**:
 - Project purpose;
 - Projected watershed improvement, restoration or protection; and
 - Project design or effort.
1. Collaborative efforts with local partners or community engagement **(10 points)**
1. A reasonable and cost-efficient budget **(10 points)**
1. There are **10 extra points** available for applicants who have not received a Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant previously. Innovative projects proposed by any applicant may also receive extra points.

2) Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant (CU)

Purpose: Fund projects that mitigate consumptive use or otherwise improve drought resilience in the Susquehanna River Basin during critical low flow periods

Eligible Applicants:

- Project Sponsors
- Local, State, and Federal Government Entities
- Tax-Exempt Non-Profit Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education

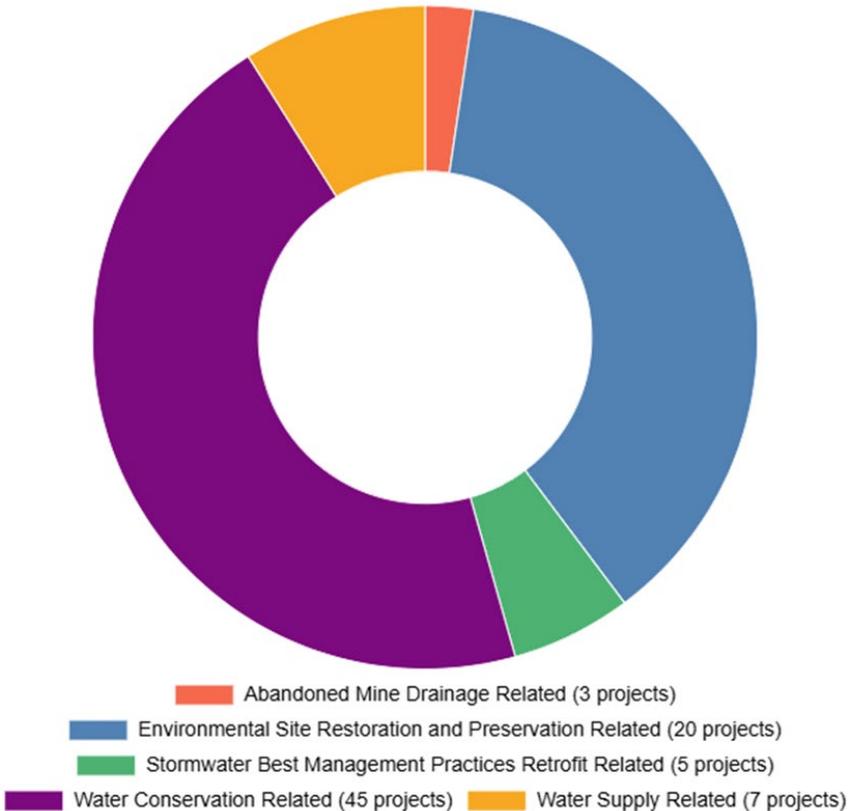


Curwensville Lake Water Storage Project,
Clearfield County, PA

Recent grant application open Nov. 2025-January 2026

Generally awards \$6 million in funding annually 2026- 72 applicants!

Grant Project Types by Dollar Amount



Year	Number of Projects	Money Awarded
2022	13 ¹	\$6,460,212
2023	23	\$6,182,595
2024	26 ²	\$7,780,152
2025	18	\$6,148,374
Total	80	\$26,571,333

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Eligible Projects

- **Water Supply Alternatives.**
 - Impoundments, quarries, mine pools, interconnections.
- **Project Operation Alternatives.**
 - Conservation releases, aquifer storage & recovery, drought response actions.
- **Demand Modification Alternatives.**
 - Water conservation, water reuse, or recycling.
- **Environmental & Water Quality Alternatives.**
 - Wetland & stream restoration, groundwater recharge, mine drainage treatment, stormwater management, floodplain restoration.



Both Grants Have Online Resources Available

<https://www.srbc.gov/our-work/grants/>

The screenshot shows the SRBC website header with navigation links: ABOUT, OUR WORK, REGULATORY, PORTAL. The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Our Work > Grants > Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant Program. The main heading is "Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant Program" with a sub-heading "Updated October 31, 2024". The text states: "The Commission is pleased to announce another funding opportunity through its Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant Program. This grant program aims to fund projects that mitigate consumptive use or otherwise improve drought resilience in the Susquehanna River Basin. (Click here for 10/31/24 Press Release: Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant Program Opens) Interested applicants are encouraged to review the Grant Application." On the right side, there are two buttons: "APPLY FOR GRANT" and "MAILING LIST SIGNUP". Below these are two sections: "Grant Application Resources" with links for Grant Application Preview, Matching Funds Letter, Project Budget By Fiscal Year Spreadsheet, Landowner Consent Letter, Project Location Map, Priority Watersheds Map, Interactive Map, and Coordinate Search; and "Grant Program Resources".

The screenshot shows the SRBC website page for the Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Program. The heading is "Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Program" with a sub-heading "Grant Application". The text states: "Grant window: 08/07/2024 - 10/31/2024" and "VIEW GRANT APPLICATION (Opens external application)". Below this is a section titled "Key Grant Program Documents" with links for Grant Guidelines, Coordinate Search & Map, Application User Guide, Frequently Asked Questions, and Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Funding Agreement. At the bottom, there is a "Webinar" section with a link to "Register for Webinar".

- Grant Guidelines
- Coordinate & EJ Area search
- Application User Guide
- FAQ Document
- Grant Agreement Template

APPLY FOR GRANT

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Summary

Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant (SWEIG)

- Anticipated open dates: **Summer/fall 2026**
- Individual Grant Award cap: **\$5K**
- Total Grant Fund: **\$150K**
- **No** cash match required
- Grant period of performance: **1 year**

Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant (CU)

- Anticipated open dates: **Late Fall 2026**
- Individual Grant Award cap: **\$100k+**
- Total Grant Fund: **\$4-6M**
- Minimum cash match: **20%**
- Grant period of performance: **3 years**



Questions?

For more information visit SRBC's website:

<https://www.srbc.gov/our-work/grants/>

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