

# Montgomery County Greenway

*seeing the forest through the trees*



## Multi-Regional Greenway and Stewardship Study Comprehensive Stewardship Plan

Montgomery County, PA

The Multi-Regional Greenway and Stewardship Study—a collaborative effort between Natural Lands and the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC)—is one of the largest comprehensive stewardship planning initiatives in Pennsylvania history.

The Study encompassed:

- Analysis and mapping of 2,000 acres of public parks, greenways, and natural areas across 26 municipalities
- Detailed recommendations for issues such as trail alignment, invasive plant control, deer management, and hazardous tree programs—all using expertise gleaned from six decades of caring for Natural Lands' own nature preserves
- Survey of existing greenway corridors and potential connections, including downtown areas

The result is a holistic view of Montgomery County's natural areas with a clear, cohesive plan for future improvements at the many parks within the region.

"Helping municipalities understand and manage their parks' natural resources is a cornerstone of our initiative," said Eric Jarrell, MCPC's assistant section chief of community planning. "That's why we selected Natural Lands as our partner on this project. No one in our area has more direct experience with environmental resource education and land stewardship."



## PROJECT SNAPSHOT

**services:** development of comprehensive stewardship study

**client:** Montgomery County Planning Commission

**key partner:** Montgomery County Planning Commission

**funders:** Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Montgomery County Regional Planning Areas