

# Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School Receives \$76,000 Grant

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School (BAVTS) was recently awarded a \$76,000 grant through Pennsylvania's Competitive Equipment Grants program.

The grant program helps school districts and career and technical centers update or purchase equipment used to train students in approved career and technical education (CTE) programs. Equipment purchased through the program must align with employer needs and provide students with hands-on training as part of their coursework.

BAVTS plays a vital role in preparing students for success, whether they choose to enter the workforce, continue their education or pursue additional training after graduation. This grant will help the school continue its important mission of providing student-centered, hands-on career and technical education supported by strong partnerships with families, sending districts, local employers and post-secondary institutions.

This funding is about the future of our students and our communities, ensuring our region and all of Pennsylvania have the skilled workforce they need.



# Rivers Are Trails, Too: Celebrating Pennsylvania's Waterways During National Rivers Month

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - When most people hear the word "trail," they picture dirt under their boots, winding forest paths, and scenic overlooks. But in Pennsylvania, trails also flow. The Commonwealth's more than 80,000 miles of waterways offer adventure, connection, and community just as powerfully as any land-based trail.

June is National Rivers Month, making it the perfect time to rethink what a trail can be. Our rivers and streams are pathways into nature, heritage, and discovery, and they are an essential part of how Pennsylvanians and visitors experience the outdoors.



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