

Join the...

Appalachian Trail Community Conservation Collaborative!



A new network and workshop series, hosted by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, for local municipal governments, conservation organizations, elected official, NGO & business leaders, and residents to help develop and implement community driven conservation projects in your area!

Why Conservation & Recreation?

- Strengthen Community Pride
- Create Economic Assets
- Enhance Community Health & Well Being
- Build A Resilient Future
- Embrace Nature & Heritage

Informational Webinar: October 1, 2025
Applications Due October 31, 2025
Apply Early! Acceptance on a rolling basis.

Why join the Collaborative?

- Free & provides travel stipends
- Customized professional support & resources
- Peer-to-peer learning
- Funding access & navigation
- Networking & increased visibility
- Build a bigger conservation toolbox for your community

Together, we do better.

Learn More Here:



And Join
Today!

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Step 1 - Consider the commitment:

This is a one-year commitment and requires travel to one workshop and one summit, along with sustained work on the chosen project.

Step 2 - Form a team:

A community team made up of community leaders representing a diverse expertise (such as conservation, agriculture, tourism, humanities, etc.) needs to be confirmed to participate and commit to the Collaborative. Each team is required to have one elected official, one government staff member, and one conservation organization representative.

Step 3 - Apply:

Each community team is required to submit an application to join the Collaborative. Community eligibility, application instructions, and frequently asked questions can be found at appalachiantrail.org/atccollab

Is my community too far from the A.T. to participate?

If you are asking this question,
chances are you are not too far
away!

The Appalachian Trail (A.T.) landscape connects resilient forests, clean water, and vibrant communities across Pennsylvania and beyond. The A.T. Community Conservation Collaborative is an open invitation to communities fully or partially within the A.T. Landscape of Pennsylvania to form community teams and apply.



Follow this QR code to find
eligibility guidelines

Community teams are required to apply to join the Collaborative. This opportunity is limited to 15 communities, and community teams will be accepted on a rolling basis.

We recommend forming your team and applying as early as possible.



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies for LV Candy Shop, Freedom High School Auditorium

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

We had the opportunity to celebrate two ribbon-cutting ceremonies last week.

The first ceremony was for the grand opening of the LV Candy Shop Gifts and More at 118 S. Main St. in Nazareth. What began as a unique gift shop has blossomed into a vibrant destination filled with lollipops, nostalgic candies, specialty treats, gifts and more. Shop owners Heather Doll and Rachel Causa say their shop's mission is to spark joy by helping customers relive cherished childhood memories while also creating new ones for families today.

The second ceremony celebrated the opening of the new auditorium at Bethlehem Area School District's Freedom High School. The renovated space offers updated seating and flooring, improved lighting and a more modern, comfortable environment for performances, assemblies and events. The auditorium represents a significant investment in and commitment to the arts, education and the school community.

Raising Cancer Awareness

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

Among many designations, the month of September is recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, Blood Cancer Awareness Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month, and Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month.

It is an important reminder for all Pennsylvanians, regardless of age, to be aware of changes in their health that may indicate the development of cancer or other illness or disease. The American Cancer Society offers valuable resources to help people educate themselves on cancer risks and symptoms at cancer.org. Of course, you are encouraged to consult with a doctor for a specific diagnosis.

