



## New Eastern Hellbender License Plate Benefits Wild Resources

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director Tim Schaeffer celebrated the recently launched Eastern hellbender license plate, which honors the state amphibian and supports the Wild Resource Conservation Fund.

"Honoring the Eastern hellbender with a license plate is a great way to raise awareness about our state amphibian and the work the Wild Resource Conservation Program does to protect our rare plants and animals," Dunn said.

The Eastern hellbender is the largest salamander in the United States with some reaching a weight of more than two pounds and extending an impressive length of two feet.

It became Pennsylvania's state amphibian in 2019, a designation that promotes the need to restore water quality and preserve habitat for the amphibian.



## State Fop Issues Statement On Shooting Of Philadelphia Police Officers

By Fraternal Order Of Police – Pennsylvania State Lodge

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge President Joseph Regan today issued the following statement regarding the shooting of two Philadelphia police officers, one of them fatally.

"We lost a hero today. Our deepest condolences go out to the officer's loved ones during this difficult time. We stand together with the Philadelphia Police Department and FOP Lodge 5 in honoring this hero's sacrifice and praying for the full recovery of the injured officer."



## \$52.5 Million In Pennsylvania Recreation and Conservation Projects Funded

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BETHLEHEM - Governor Josh Shapiro and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn announced a \$52.5 million investment for more than 225 recreation and conservation projects across Pennsylvania that will create new recreational opportunities, conserve natural resources, and help revitalize local communities.

"Our local parks and natural spaces are hometown treasures in our neighborhoods -- in urban cities and rural towns alike," said Governor Josh Shapiro. Communities across Pennsylvania should know that my Administration is ready to work with you to protect and invest in your local treasures."

The grants will fund a variety of proposals, including trail projects, river conservation, and park rehabilitation. A complete list of grants awarded by county is available on the DCNR website.

Go to [https://www.media.pa.gov/pages/dcnr\\_details.aspx?newsid=1023](https://www.media.pa.gov/pages/dcnr_details.aspx?newsid=1023) for more info.



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