

## Lower Mount Bethel Township Expands Outdoor Recreation Access

By DCNR

**LOWER MOUNT BETHEL** - Residents of Lower Mount Bethel and Washington Townships in Northampton County have a new place to enjoy the outdoors thanks in part to a DCNR grant.

Lower Mount Bethel Township purchased the 74-acre Meadows at Martins Creek, thanks to a DCNR contribution toward the purchase of 47 of those acres.

Grant funding came from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.

"The Meadows at Martins Creek is the result of cooperative effort on the part of state, county, and local funding sources," says John Mauser, a member of Lower Mount Bethel Township's Board of Supervisors. "Partnerships such as this are crucial for communities like Lower Mount Bethel Township to continue to preserve open space."

The property supports passive recreation such as hiking, birdwatching, and fishing on Martins Creek -- a designated Class A Wild Trout Stream. It also helps implement the vision of the Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape, a partnership to conserve and connect ribbons of green in the Lehigh Valley.

The acquired land provides close-to-home outdoor recreation for a part of Northampton County that lacked it, according to an analysis of recreation need in Pennsylvania done by the Trust for Public



## Pennsylvania Envirothon Launches Free Environmental Education App



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**HARRISBURG** - Pennsylvania Envirothon -- a state-wide competition that educates high school students in natural resources and environmental sciences -- and PSECU have launched a free, educational app.

The Pennsylvania Envirothon app encourages users to learn about topics including soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues; and browse a feed of natural resource information -- all while experiencing Pennsylvania's outdoors.

Features of the app include:

Links to Envirothon station training references, Guides to identifying trees, fish, wildlife, and more

Audio and photo files for identifying birds and their

songs; as well as frog and toad calls, Quizzing options to test lessons learned, Information about digital-first sponsor PSECU

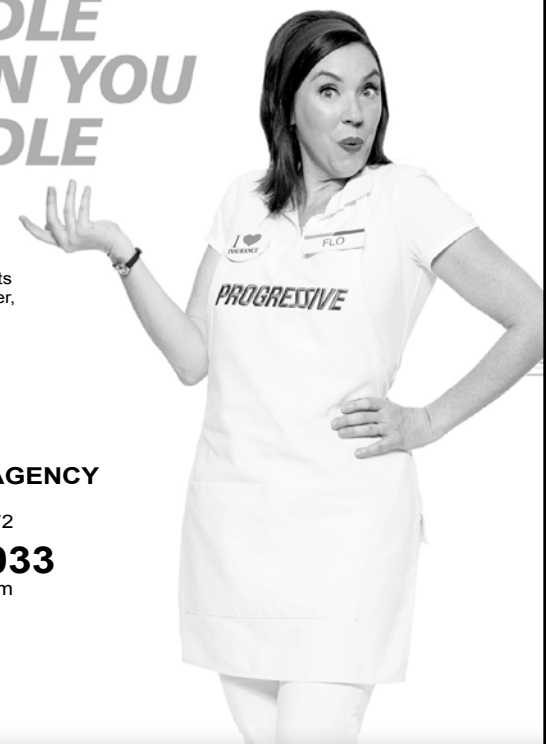
The Pennsylvania Envirothon app is available for download for both Android and Apple devices.

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