About the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

A private nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1932, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has permanently protected more than 255,000 acres of natural land in Western Pennsylvania, restored 3,000 miles of rivers and streams, and saved the rich diversity of wildlife that call Western Pennsylvania home. As Pennsylvania’s first conservancy, we’ve protected nearly 50% of all the land conserved by land trusts in the state.

The work of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is accomplished through the support and generosity of more than 10,000 members. As a membership-based organization, we rely on those who care about the quality of our region. WPC has played an important role in protecting the region’s natural resources and maintaining Western Pennsylvania’s quality of life for future generations.

- Protecting more than a quarter million acres of natural lands through land conservation and stewardship.

- Conserving and improving freshwater resources through streambank restorations, in-stream habitat work and riparian plantings.

- Developing science-based inventories of species, natural communities, habitats and ecosystems.

- Helping to establish ten state parks, including Ohiopyle, Laurel Ridge, McConnells Mill, Moraine, Oil Creek and Erie Bluffs.

- Preserving and caring for Fallingwater®, the house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for Edgar J. Kaufmann in Mill Run, Pa. More than five million visitors from across the United States and world have visited Fallingwater since WPC opened the house to the public in 1964.

- Helping communities invest in quality of life and the environment with community gardens and green spaces, tree plantings and school grounds greening projects.