

Help Guide for Map Of Our Work

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Welcome & Contact

Welcome to the help guide for the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's project map. The data represented on the map is from the Conservancy's extensive Geographic Information System (GIS). The application will allow you to see WPC's work throughout Western Pennsylvania and customize a map for your use. This application is constantly updated with new WPC projects. By connecting to the data in this manner, you will always have the most recent data. If you have technical difficulties, please contact the GIS Manager at qis@paconserve.org

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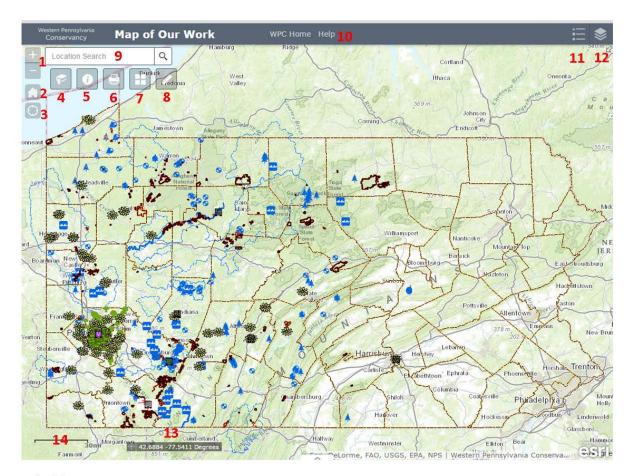
WPC strives to have this map available twenty-four hours a day, however due to server maintenance, the Conservancy does not guarantee their availability.

Instructions

 In an internet browser on you computer, tablet, or smart phone (Chrome, Internet Explorer, Safari, etc), go to the WPC Maps of Our Work page http://www.waterlandlife.org/map



- 2. Click on the Map of Our Work
- 3. Read and agree to the Terms of Use; the application will then launch.
- 4. The map application allows you many options to view Conservancy projects. The graphic below shows the various functions available to you.



- 1. Zoom
- 2. Zoom To Pennsylvania
- 3. Turn on GPS
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- 5. Information
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- 7. Choose Basemap
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Task	How-To
Zoom	+ - buttons in top left OR
	Scroll mouse wheel OR
	Pinch motion with finger
Pan	Click and hold and drag OR
	Tap & hold, then move finger
Identify	Click/tap on a WPC feature;
	use the arrow to scan through
	multiple features
Print a Map	Click the print icon at the top; tap Print; a PDF map link will be displayed tap to open/save
Change Basemap	Click the basemap icon in the
	upper left, choose
Bookmark	Click the bookmark icon at the
	top, choose a defined
	bookmark or make your own
Measure	Click/tap Measure tool, click
	area or length or location, click
	on the map to measure

Dataset Descriptions & Terminology

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy protects and restores exceptional places to provide our region with clean waters and healthy forests, wildlife and natural areas for the benefit of present and future generations. The Conservancy creates green spaces and gardens, contributing to the vitality of our cities and towns, and preserves Fallingwater, a symbol of people living in harmony with nature. These conservation efforts are displayed spatially on the mapping application. Here is a brief description of the datasets you are viewing.

WPC Information

- Offices: WPC currently has seven offices. This point layer shows where they are located and how to contact them.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Looking to give back? WPC has many chances to work on trails, plant gardens and a variety of other projects. This point layer shows where, when and who.
- Fallingwater: Location of Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece Fallingwater.

Community Gardens & Greenspace

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Community Gardens and Greenspace Program implements a variety of greening strategies throughout the region, partnering with neighbors, funders and volunteers to ensure healthier environments for all to enjoy.

- Gardens: Planted each spring, WPC's community gardens have become a signature feature of our region, captivating residents and visitors throughout the growing season. Corporate and organizational sponsorships and the work of more than 13,000 volunteers from neighborhoods, schools, businesses and organizations have made it possible for communities in 20 counties to more than 130 gardens. This point represents the location of the garden.
- <u>Planters</u>: Initially planned as a birthday gift to the city of Pittsburgh for its 250th celebration, more than 600 large planters accent main pedestrian corridors downtown. The Colcom Foundation first proposed this "bouquet of flowers" for the city in 2008; since then, the foundation has renewed the project to enhance the experience for everyone who lives, works or visits downtown. Additional organizations provide support for planters throughout downtown as well.
- School Grounds Greening: The School Grounds Greening Project brings children closer to nature by enhancing the grounds of Pittsburgh Public Schools with plantings and outdoor green spaces.
- TreeVitalize: Working in partnership with community groups, non-profits and municipal agencies, TreeVitalize Pittsburgh accomplished an initial goal to plant 20,000

trees in an effort to improve the quality of life and the environment in the Pittsburgh region. The points on the map represent a tree planted as part of the Tree Vitalize partnership.

Land Conservation & Stewardship

The beautiful and varied landscapes of Western Pennsylvania range from high plateaus and mountain ridges to vast forests and rich river valleys. These lands and waterways provide bountiful recreational opportunities and support local economies. They also sustain native plants, animals and ecosystems that, in some cases, are found nowhere else on earth. Using science and information as our guide, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has prioritized the landscapes that we seek to conserve in order to maximize the impact of our work.

Land Conservation: This polygon dataset shows the areas of land that WPC has protected. "Current WPC Property" means that the Conservancy is currently the owner, has a conservation easement on the property, or still owns a right to the land (oil, gas or mineral, etc). A "Past WPC Property" refers to land, easements or rights that the Conservancy protected and then transferred to a state agency, such as the Pennsylvania Game Commission, or other conservation organizations. "Current WPC Property With Past Protection" refer to properties WPC protected the land and transferred nearly all the rights but retains a right or easement on the land. Due to private landowner privacy, not all easements are displayed.

Trails: With more than 25 miles of trails, this line layer displays information on the various public hiking trails on WPC property.

Points of Interest: Along with the trails there are several amenities at WPC properties. This point layer showcases the types and locations.

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PA Natural Heritage Program (PNHP)

Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program (PNHP) is a partnership of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR); the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC); the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC); and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC).

Natural Heritage Inventory: This polygon layer of counties show the status of the Natural Heritage Inventory. A link to the current report in PDF form is shown in the popup.

Watershed Conservation Program

WPC's Watershed Conservation Program is dedicated to watershed conservation issues and to providing a full range of services to the community. WPC participates in a wide range of water conservation efforts including watershed conservation plans, watershed restoration projects, bathymetry initiatives, water trail mapping, algae studies and many others.

<u>Projects</u>: This point layer illustrates the Watershed Conservation Program's projects.









River Trails: This line layer contains river trail maps that were created by the WPC's Watershed Conservation Program.

<u>Watershed Plans</u>: A key tool for any watershed-based conservation effort, Watershed Conservation Plans are essential to the careful planning of your project. This polygon layers show the area for each plan and a link to the plan itself.