

PFBC HABITAT IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM



SUMMARY

Provides grants for habitat improvement and sediment reduction projects in York and Lancaster counties.

- Created in 2016 by the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) to mitigate impacts to aquatic resources from the operation of Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station.
- Administered by the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC)
- Annual program funding: \$100,000
- Total funding since inception: \$600,000
- Funding Source: Exelon Peach Bottom Facility – 2014 Water Quality Certification

FEATURES

Unique program based on agreement between PFBC and public utility to mitigate impacts to local water quality.

Fairly simple application process. PFBC completes its review within 30 days of receipt of project designs. Requests for proposals typically every two years.

Projects must provide free public access to fishing through agreement with landowner.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

State and federal agencies, counties and municipalities, conservation districts, Councils of Government, watershed organizations, and nongovernmental organizations. Applicant need not be located in York or Lancaster county.

Eligible Costs

Funds habitat improvement and sediment reduction projects: stream improvement, agricultural best management practices, and small dam removal. Priority funding for forested stream buffers at least 50 feet wide and wetlands creation, followed by barnyard, pasture, field, and stream restoration practices.

Preference is given for funding for construction; design may be funded if high probability of project completion. Maximum of \$75,000 per project; matching funds are encouraged.

HELPFUL TIPS

Priority watersheds within York and Lancaster counties are provided in the grant application.

Important to discuss requirement to allow public access to fishing with landowners upfront.

Projects should implement recommendations relative to a current watershed or conservation plan.

Permits are not required to be in place prior to applying.

HOW TO APPLY

Application deadline: April 15, 2022. Awards announced in July 2022.

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Also see York and Lancaster county Exelon Habitat Improvements Grant Program Funding Profiles.

