

## Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset projects get \$723K from Commonwealth Financing Authority

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More than \$723,000 has been awarded by the Commonwealth Financing Authority for environmental and recreational projects in Westmoreland, Fayette and Somerset counties, according to state Sen. Patrick Stefano, R-Connellsville.

“I am pleased that our region will benefit from this much-needed state funding for important public improvements to better serve area residents and businesses,” Stefano said. “These local projects will help to contribute to our local economy and improve the quality of life for those who live here.”

Projects that have received funding are:

- Mountain Watershed Association: \$100,000 for the development of the Indian Creek Valley Trail gorge section in Springfield, Westmoreland County. Project will include improving a 4.3-mile section of trail.
  - Redevelopment Authority of Fayette County: \$167,193 for the repair and replacement of a concrete wall along Redstone Creek in Uniontown. Project will reduce the risk of severe flooding in the downtown area.
  - Western Pennsylvania Conservancy: \$276,570 for an acid mine drainage reclamation project at the Spruell strip mine site to prevent further pollution of the Glad Run and Dunbar Creek in Fayette County; \$30,000 for the construction of the Whetzel Memorial Hiking Trail in Confluence, Somerset County.
  - Seven Springs Borough: \$100,000 to build two walking and cycling trails — the Easy Mountain Loop and the Lake Tahoe Loop.
  - Connellsville: \$50,000 to replace the damaged boat ramp in Yough River Park, which has become unsafe since a winter storm in 2015.
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