



Allegheny Valley Conservancy
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The Allegheny Valley Conservancy (AVC) is a land trust supported by members and governed by a volunteer board of directors. It was formed in 2002 by a small group of conservation-minded people in Venango County. At that time there was only one conservation easement in the area, and the group hoped to continue to protect other beautiful natural areas of the watersheds of French Creek and the Allegheny River.

The major tool of the Conservancy is the conservation easement, a voluntary legal agreement between the landowner and the Conservancy that specifies what activities may or may not occur on a particular property. These agreements address such things as timbering, constructing buildings, drilling, farming and so on. Each property owner may make the determination about which of these rights will be placed into protection. Once a legal

conservation easement has been negotiated, it is permanent and stays with the land even if it is sold.



Protecting important watershed habitat

The AVC currently holds easements on properties still owned by these partnering landowners and also owns properties in fee.

Our Mission

Promote good land use and public access through the protection, conservation and management of the open-space, forested, agricultural, historic, natural, ecologically significant, environmentally sensitive, biologically diverse and scenic resources of the Allegheny River and French Creek watersheds in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Our Goals

- ◆ To protect the water quality of the Allegheny River and French Creek watersheds;
- ◆ To preserve open space in the region;
- ◆ To protect the scenic beauty of the watersheds;
- ◆ To protect and conserve valuable and productive agricultural and forested land;
- ◆ To preserve historically significant areas in the watershed;
- ◆ To enhance the quality of life for residents of the region;
- ◆ To protect lands significant to the economic development through recreational tourism goals;
- ◆ To promote land stewardship through public education and technical assistance.



Providing public access and education



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Benefits of AVC Membership

With your help, we can continue to work on your behalf in northwestern Pennsylvania. Please consider joining the Allegheny Valley Conservancy so that we can continue implementing projects like this. If you have questions, would like to visit one of our properties or would like to talk with us about preserving your property, please contact us.



This streambank restoration project improved water quality, created habitat and protected the bike trail from damage.



Membership Categories

Individual: \$20 _____
Patron: \$50 _____

Family: \$25 _____
Benefactor: \$100 _____

Lifetime: \$1000 _____

Please print and return form with check to the Allegheny Valley Conservancy, Box 96, Franklin, PA 16323.



Allegheny Valley Conservancy Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Are there volunteer projects/skills you'd like to contribute to the AVC, such as easement monitoring, research, fundraising or publicity? _____

**Thank
you!**