

WREN Projects help communities protect and improve our most precious natural resource, Clean Water.



2015 WREN Community Watershed Education & Source Water Protection Collaborative Grants Coming Soon!

Grant Round Opening January 2015

Grant Applications Due: Friday March 20, 2015

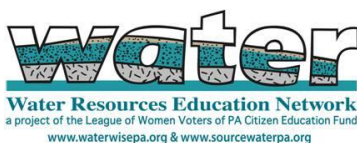
Project Activity Timeframe: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Grant Instructions & Application Forms will be posted at WREN website early January
www.waterwisepa.org

The **Water Resources Education Network (WREN)** has funding available to help launch community partnerships that raise awareness and educate citizens about ways to keep Pennsylvania water resources clean and healthy. As a WREN project leader, you will make a difference to assure that families will enjoy clean drinking water for generations to come through nature protection and pollution prevention. WREN projects help residents, businesses and community leaders work together as partners to educate residents and take action to reduce risks and prevent pollution of the vital aquifers, lakes, rivers, streams, springs, and the places where we fish, swim and enjoy. Go to www.waterwisepa.org (click on "Our Projects" Tab) to see terrific projects we've already funded to get creative ideas. No need to re-invent the wheel.

For 2015, WREN will offer two different funding tracks: **Watershed Protection Education** track (awards up to \$5,000) and the **Source Water Protection Education** track (awards of up to \$8,000). *See reverse for more information.*

Get your partners together. Brainstorm a project, or use a prior project as a guide. **We look for grass-roots community water resource education projects that reach local government officials and departments, water systems and adult audiences. Email or give us a call. We'd be happy to kick around your ideas.** WREN is a project of the League of Women Voters of PA Citizen Education Fund.



Learn more at www.waterwisepa.org and [www.sourcewater pa.org](http://www.sourcewaterpa.org)
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2015 WREN Grants

Rain Gardens ... Rain Barrels... A game plan for Protecting Drinking Water Green Infrastructure ... Better Coordination with Emergency Management for Toxic Spills... Septic Education Programs for Residents ... Modernizing Local Ordinances to be Water Friendly.... Better farming practices... Streamside Buffers... Less Erosion & Sedimentation... Proper disposal of drugs and other hazardous products.... Acid Mine Drainage options... Water-Smart local leaders and residents ... Planet-friendly Best Management Practices.

What Does It Take? Education ... Education ... Education!

Be the Clean Water Sparkplug in Your Town in 2015 WREN Grants can help you make a difference!

WREN helps communities across Pennsylvania form grass roots coalitions that protect and improve our most precious natural resource, our water. Gather partners, line-up your municipal officials to join the cause and create a great project with the 2015 round of WREN grant funding.



Not sure what type of project would work in your neck of the woods? No need to reinvent the wheel. Look on the [WREN website](#) for hundreds of [project ideas](#). Take an idea and run with it! You can customize a project to your community or even copy the steps to a successful project.

WREN offers two different Clean Water Grant Tracks for 2015:

- **Watershed Protection Education Grants** raise awareness and encourage local action to prevent polluted runoff (nonpoint source pollution); grants up to \$5,000 each, local municipality must participate as active partner with other community partners
- **Source Water Protection (SWP) Education Grants** - projects that educate adults about prevention of pollution to public drinking water before it starts, ways to protect water supply recharge areas that replenish aquifers and drinking water intakes, educate citizens and municipal officials on steps to protect drinking water sources by creating and implementing Source Water Protection Plans. Three levels are available for SWP Grants:

- Local SWP Education Projects - up to \$3,000/project; a community water system working with other local partners
- Expanded Local SWP Education Projects - up to \$5,000/project; two or more community water systems working with other partners (conservation district, schools, watershed groups, businesses, for example)
- County SWP Collaborative Project - maximum of \$8,000 in funding; multiple water systems collaborating with county partners; create SWEET Team to conduct public education.



Information will be available at the [WREN website](#) in January. WREN provides support and grants for local coalition building to promote community awareness and to develop public policies necessary to protect Pennsylvania water resources. Since 1992, the WREN Project has awarded over \$2.5 million in funding for water education to over 375 community partnerships working to safeguard Pennsylvania water resources. WREN is a project of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization.

Source of funding for Source Water Protection Collaborative grants is the PA DEP Source Water Protection Program through Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, administered by US Environmental Protection Agency. Source of funding for Watershed Education Grants is PA DEP through a Section 319 federal Clean Water Act grant administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.