

2021 Franklin Parker Community Conservation Grants

10 Projects; Total Awards \$30,000

(Applicants listed in alphabetical order)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cumberland County

\$2,000

Ultimate Journey

Ultimate Journey is an environmental stewardship and cultural heritage program for young people which includes connecting them to local resources in the community and engaging them in fun and interesting science activities.

Delaware Riverkeeper Network

\$3,250

North Camden Basin Enhancement Project

This project will improve a stormwater basin's function and appearance through the addition of new native plants and removal of trash and debris, thereby enhancing quality-of-life for North Camden residents and Camden County Circuit Trail users.

Foodshed Alliance

\$3,500

Irrigation Upgrade on Sussex SAgE Preserved Farmland

The project upgrades the irrigation system at the Sussex County SAgE site in Andover to benefit seven leased farms, including those from BIPOC communities.

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

\$5,000

The Outdoor Equity Alliance Agrihood Internship

The Outdoor Equity Alliance Agrihood Internship project aims to provide up to 20 students from underserved communities with an opportunity to get hands-on experience and to critically think about environmental stewardship, agriculture, and social welfare, guided by Leah Penniman's book entitled *Farming While Black*.

Future City Inc.

\$3,000

Accessing Our Public Spaces - It's Up To Us!!

This project will result in a proactive, informed coalition of residents, stewards, and stakeholders who will be able to recognize the personal and environmental benefits of accessing the City of Elizabeth's public spaces 24/7. The long-term goal is to methodically develop a city wide civic standard and collective conscience regarding the environmental benefits and utilization of our public spaces.

Grow It Green Morristown

\$4,680

Expanded Farm Apprentice Program

The program provides opportunities for two farmer apprentices from underrepresented populations to explore agriculture-based career pathways utilizing sustainable methods and potentially inspiring innovative community food models in an urban setting.

Ironbound Community Corporation

\$2,254

Ironbound Environmental Justice Youth Leadership Program

The Ironbound Environmental Justice Youth Leadership Program will help create the next generation of environmental justice advocates, who will develop and advance a zero waste plan for Eastside High School in Newark.

Isles, Inc. \$1,050

Urban Agriculture as Public Land Stewardship

This project will allow increased capacity of community members to reclaim, improve, and engage in green space on public land in Trenton through education and incorporation of conservation practices.

New Jersey Audubon

\$1,225

Camden Community Pollinator Green Space Project

This project will improve environmental and educational transformation for the City of Camden, by implanting a pilot project that creates Community Green Space that is resident-maintained and incorporates native plant and pollinator areas on abandoned property lots in residential neighborhoods through the City's "Adopt-A-Lot" program.

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey

\$4,041

Conservation of a New Jersey Wildlife Management Area with Organic Management Practices

The project will support and mentor New Jersey farmers and the leaders of the Lenape Turtle Clan and demonstrate a new approach to land stewardship by leasing 10 acres of the Whittingham WMA from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and profitably growing organic grain crops including historically relevant crops with organic management practices, without the use of deer fencing and irrigation.

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