

## STEWARDSHIP MAKES PENNSYLVANIA'S LANDS HEALTHY LANDS

Pennsylvania Healthy Lands Week: September 28 - October 6, 2024

HARRISBURG, PA, USA, August 9, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Pennsylvania Healthy Lands Week from September 28 through October 6, 2024, is an initiative to boost volunteerism and increase stewardship of our state's cultural and natural resources.

Registration is now open for community and organization events to be added to the Pennsylvania Healthy Lands Week calendar. Organizers of events that showcase the history,



beauty, and wonder of Pennsylvania and provide opportunities for citizens to learn or exercise good stewardship are encouraged to apply. Registration is free at <a href="https://pahealthylandsweek.org/submit-event/">https://pahealthylandsweek.org/submit-event/</a>. Registered events will be included in statewide promotional efforts.



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"Events can be anything from guided nature hikes, virtual workshops or community clean-up days to interactive exhibits and educational seminars. Whether in-person or virtual, scheduled or open-ended, the goal of these events

is to foster a deeper connection to the cultural and natural assets that makes the lands Pennsylvanians call home special and inspire collective action towards their preservation." Some examples of Pennsylvania Healthy Lands Week events include:

- 1. Education: Offer opportunities for visitors to expand their understanding of Pennsylvania's environment, cultural diversity, and history.
- 2. Appreciation: Promote recreational activities that allow people to enjoy and engage with our state's resources. Encourage participants to explore, play, and connect with their surroundings.
- 3. Conservation: Create initiatives that empower individuals to contribute to the health of Pennsylvania's lands.

Activities could include volunteering, learning Leave No Trace principles, planting pollinators, combating invasive species, restoring an historic cemetery, and honoring our heritage.

"Stewardship makes Pennsylvania's lands healthy lands, Mowery added. "Together, let's make Pennsylvania's treasured assets more vibrant for generations to come!"

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ABOUT: Pennsylvania Healthy Lands Week is a cooperative venture of the <u>Pennsylvania</u> <u>Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</u>, the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, PA Museums, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Pennsylvania Forestry Association, and WeConservePA, whose collective initiatives create and steward clean, safe and accessible parks, forests, waterways, historic sites and other public points of interest.

To learn more about the Healthy Lands Week initiative, visit: <a href="https://pahealthylandsweek.org/">https://pahealthylandsweek.org/</a>

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