Action Alert
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Proposed 2019-20 State Budget

There they go again.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly is considering diverting millions of dollars from the Environmental Stewardship Fund and the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. Again.

Please contact your legislators this week to assert that these dedicated funding sources must remain intact for their intended purposes.

The Keystone and ESF monies help to fund multi-year projects such as the construction and rehabilitation of park and trail projects. These investments in our communities leverage matching local funds, engage a wide range of partners, generate local jobs and a host of other tangible benefits.

View talking points and additional resources here.

Yet the capacities of Keystone and ESF are far from meeting the present demand. About half of all project investment proposals must be turned away for lack of sufficient state funds.

Created with bipartisan support, the ESF and Keystone Fund enjoy overwhelming popular support. The current budget proposal, however, threatens to ignore the will of the people and toss our long-term “blue-chip” investments into a black hole of operational deficits. That’s just not acceptable.

Calls to Action:
1. Call or email your Representative and Senator NOW to urge them to OPPOSE any transfers of funds from the dedicated funds for governmental operations or any other purposes.

2. Take to your social media channels to spread the message that these funds must remain protected for their dedicated purposes. Tag your legislators; use the hashtags #SaveKeystone and #SaveESF.

3. Send us copies, share your posts, let us know what responses you receive.

Thank you for your needed and appreciated assistance!

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