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Founded 78 years ago in 1932, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) is Pennsylvania's first conservancy and is a private, nonprofit membership-based conservation organization.

WPC has played an important role in protecting the region's natural resources and maintaining western Pennsylvania's quality of life for future generations:

- Protecting nearly 228,000 acres of natural lands through land conservation and stewardship.
- Conserving freshwater resources and removing acid mine drainage.
- Developing science-based inventories of species, their habitats and ecosystems.
- Founding six state parks—Ohiopyle, Laurel Ridge, McConnell's Mill, Moraine, Oil Creek, Erie Bluffs.
- Creating the 300-acre Wildflower Reserve at Raccoon Creek State Park.
- Adding land to Blue Knob State Park and other natural areas, game lands and state forests.
- Preserving and caring for Fallingwater®, the masterwork house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for Edgar J. Kaufmann in Mill Run, Pennsylvania. More than four million visitors from across the United States and world have visited Fallingwater since WPC opened the home to the public in 1964. Fallingwater serves as a symbol of harmony between nature and humankind.
- Helping communities invest in environmental quality with community gardens and greenspace enhancement and stewardship.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Mission Statement

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy protects and restores exceptional places to provide our region with clean waters and healthy forests, wildlife and natural areas for the benefit of present and future generations. The Conservancy creates green spaces and gardens, contributing to the vitality of our cities and towns, and preserves Fallingwater, a symbol of people living in harmony with nature.