

# Natural Gas & Water Access Program

## PROPOSAL INFORMATION

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) will entertain offers from conservation minded business entities interested in natural gas and/or access to water opportunities available through the PFBC, which will provide economic benefits to the PFBC. The goal of this program is to ensure that Pennsylvania's anglers and boaters, today and in the future, are provided with the highest quality fishing and boating opportunities, and those properties purchased with angler and boater dollars are wisely managed for the recreational and economic benefit of the angler and boater.

The PFBC will consider opportunities to explore, manage, extract, and transmit natural gas, and water resources from PFBC-owned property and, where legally permissible, PFBC-controlled property. The PFBC will also consider requests to use PFBC property to access or transmit water resources from non-PFBC owned waters. When considering these opportunities, the PFBC will ensure that their pursuit is consistent with the PFBC's mission to protect, conserve, and enhance aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities. Projects may be approved on lands or waters of the PFBC when such is determined to be in the best interest of the PFBC.

The PFBC shall give priority to minimizing environmental and public use impacts while attempting to maximize economic benefits. Projects must be designed and implemented to have little or no negative impact on the resource or property use. Project offers must clearly demonstrate how Pennsylvania's anglers and boaters will be impacted by the project, and how they will benefit from the project. Projects and partnerships that severely impact environmental resources or limit, impede, or restrict fishing and boating opportunities will not be considered for further development and implementation under this program.

The PFBC may require the applicant to secure appropriate bonding or place adequate funds in a dedicated account to be used for protection, conservation, and enhancement of PFBC property, including the mitigation of any unforeseen adverse environmental or public access impacts caused by the project.