



## **PENNVEST'S IMPLEMENTATION OF GROWING GREENER**

The Growing Greener initiative has created an opportunity for PENNVEST to participate in ways never before possible to promote sound land use, while simultaneously improving the Commonwealth's water resources. While these new opportunities will be implemented over time, there are immediate effects by which PENNVEST will help Pennsylvania Grow Greener in the very near future.

### **PENNVEST's Current Practice**

The PENNVEST Board traditionally meets three times per year-March, July and November. Applications are accepted throughout the year and packaged for the meeting that follows the submittal, provided that the application is received by the due date, which is generally nine weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Projects are evaluated based upon their impact on public health, the environment, economic development and other criteria. PENNVEST's funding offer, particularly as it pertains to a possible grant, is based upon the community's ability to pay for the planned improvement.

### **Growing Greener Grants**

Under this initiative, PENNVEST has new grant funds available for drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects. These are the same types of projects that PENNVEST has always funded. At this time, PENNVEST will be using these grant funds in its normal funding process, which means that we will be using grants to make these infrastructure projects more affordable for the users who ultimately must pay for them.

### **Please note that we have not changed our application process!**

Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible under the PENNVEST program will be considered for the Growing Greener grant funds. The application process is the same as it has always been for PENNVEST.

### **Coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection**

The Department of Environmental Protection will be reviewing applicants for their Growing Greener grant funding and referring to PENNVEST some of those that they are not able to accommodate at this time. These will likely be applicants for drinking

water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects such as those traditionally funded by PENNVEST. As soon as those referrals come to PENNVEST we will contact the applicants to work them into our funding process.

## Exploring Future Possibilities

Even as we implement Growing Greener within the context of our existing program, PENNVEST is exploring other possible uses of Growing Greener grants. While we anticipate that using grants to make projects more affordable will always be an important consideration for PENNVEST, we welcome thoughts on ways that we could use these funds to further the goals of the Growing Greener program, or the PENNVEST program in general. If you want to share a suggestion with us, please submit your thoughts directly to the following address:

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[Please identify your comments as "Growing Greener Suggestions"](#)

