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A Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted

















2022 highlights shown clockwise from upper left: Household chemical collections flourish; new partnership with City of Pittsburgh offers residents recycling drop-off options; educational programs feature hands-on learning; watershed protection efforts expand in southeastern PA; DEP-sponsored Glass Recycling Collaborative launches; volunteers support numerous PRC programs and services; hard-to-recycle and household chemical campaigns celebrate 20th seasons.







## **STEWARDING RESOURCES AND REDUCING WASTE**

2022 was a year of growth, impact, and bold commitments for the future. We completed a vigorous strategic planning process, recommitting to the vision of a Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted and minting a new mission to steward resources to prevent waste and conserve the environment.

In spring, PRC released a **pivotal report**, a blueprint to reduce waste and recycle right across the Commonwealth. We joined with environmental advocates and government officials to call for reforms to Pennsylvania's recycling law (Act 101) to preserve our environment, health, and economy. Our 15 recommendations include requiring recycling and modern solid waste programs in all PA communities (not just one quarter of them); including all of the common materials that are part of our waste stream for which there are markets in all recycling programs; properly funding recycling programs at modern levels; and establishing comprehensive programs for composting, e-waste, and the scourge of single-use plastics.

We led by example, establishing the Glass Recycling Collaborative of Southwestern Pennsylvania in partnership with PA DEP. We shattered our glass recycling record with a 79% increase in pounds and 50% increase in participants over last year – collecting nearly 920 tons of glass from 45,000 households – and introduced a Zero Waste Non-Event fundraiser. Rather than hosting a gathering, we recognized our sponsors in significant and creative ways that supported our commitment to a Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted.

### Other 2022 highlights include:

- Educating more than 3,300 school students via 34 school programs, and educating nearly 900 adults who participated in 50 conservation workshops;
- Protecting the Delaware River Watershed in southeastern PA, implementing green stormwater management projects estimated to manage 3 million gallons of stormwater per year;

- Introducing our Zero Waste Non-Event fundraiser;
- Growing our southeastern PA e-waste recycling operations, collecting 49,000 pounds of e-waste which diverted 782,500 pounds of material last year alone:
- Celebrating the 20th seasons of our hard-torecycle and household chemical collection campaigns;
- Working with the City of Pittsburgh to provide residents with convenient and affordable options for responsibly disposing of electronics and household chemicals;
- Tripling tons of compost and recyclables diverted from landfill via Zero Waste events services.

We received major grants from the PA DEP and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to advance our environmental justice watershed work in southeastern PA, leading the charge to manage 6 million gallons of stormwater per year and build a sustainable network of community operations to preserve and grow the initiative. We also received important support from the Posner Foundation and the City of Pittsburgh to create a compost corridor in Pittsburgh's 7th District, launch a large-scale food waste prevention campaign, and begin work to prepare Pittsburgh for a curbside compost pilot.

PRC closes the year financially sound and poised to continue to expand our impact. We thank all who contributed to our strategic plan and our impact this year. We rely on our partners, funders, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and all those who participate in PRC initiatives. Thank you for your support. We hope you will join us again in pursuit of a Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted.

**Darren A. Spielman** Executive Director







# PRC Pennsylvania Resources Council A Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted

Pennsylvania Resources Council is a statewide environmental organization dedicated to the vision of a Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted. We steward resources to prevent waste and conserve the environment – building awareness, enabling action, and supporting systems change.

### BUILDING AWARENESS

We help people of all ages learn to steward the environment. In the classroom and in the field, school students learn the importance of watersheds and what it takes to protect them, as well as topics such as waste reduction, recycling, composting, dumping and litter, renewable energy, and environmental health.

In-person and online, we teach adults how to protect vital resources by taking action in their lives and in and around their homes.

PRC provides resources statewide, running awareness campaigns and operating the Pennsylvania Recycling Hotline – a toll free number where anyone across the state can receive answers to their recycling questions.

We also train businesses and institutions of all sizes how to waste less and divert the waste that they do produce.

### ENABLING ACTION

We work with communities to build infrastructure to divert waste – ensuring it is reused, recycled, safely managed, or not produced in the first place. In collaboration with business, government and community partners, PRC offers responsible options for residents to reuse, recycle, and safely manage goods and food waste, including potentially harmful materials such as electronics and household chemicals. Our glass recycling operations ensure that this endlessly recyclable resource stays in use and out of landfills.

We provide technical assistance and onthe-ground support to businesses, local government, nonprofit organizations and other institutions to help them waste less, and work with dozens of large events per year to reduce their waste and to reuse, recycle or compost that which they do produce.

And we build community capacity to protect watersheds and manage stormwater runoff. Our partnerships with businesses, governments and community organizations advance environmental justice and manage millions of gallons of stormwater per year.

### SUPPORTING SYSTEMS CHANGE

PRC leads and supports advocacy at the local and state level to drive development of a more circular economy. We serve as a trusted partner and leader – providing information regarding waste reduction and materials management to help local and state leaders and all those concerned with the environment make productive decisions about minimizing and diverting waste to preserve water, air, energy, and land.

Our recent work has returned glass to the recycling stream in southwest PA, helped built a blue bin recycling program in Pittsburgh, promoted composting across the region, and provided a blueprint for waste reduction and recycling in Pennsylvania via our pivotal report on Act 101, the law regulating the recycling statewide.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS COLLECTIONS EVENTS GLASS 1,834,000 pounds 45,000 households				<b>558,455</b> DUNDS	REUSEFEST 42,000 pounds 700 households	
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<b>3,309</b> school students attended 34 school programs	861 adults participated in 50 conservation workshops	<b>849</b> individuals across PA called the recycling hotline	<b>1775</b> photographers entered the Lens on Litter competition	<ul> <li>42 homes received stormwater audits</li> <li>1,275 native plants, tree, and shrubs provided</li> <li>235 rain barrels distributed</li> <li>26 rain gardens and flow through planters installed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>28 events managed</li> <li>73,000 pounds of waste diverted</li> <li>286 businesses served</li> <li>40 Zero Waste System rentals</li> </ul>	

GLASS RECYCLING +79% pounds collected

+50% households served **OUR SUCCESS IN 2022<sup>\*</sup>** HOUSEHOLD **CHEMICALS** 

+28% pounds collected

+23% households served **ZERO WASTE EVENTS** 

+201% pounds collected

+58% households served

PROTECTION +425stormwater audits

WATERSHED

+49% rain barrels distributed \* growth from 2021

## **Partners**

PRC thanks all of our foundation, business, government and individual supporters and partners who help us throughout the year to build a Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted. You make our important mission and work possible!

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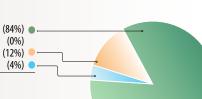
Revenue

Programs	\$1,361,416
Member Services.	\$2,325
Administration	
Fundraising	
Total Expenses	\$1,618,319

#### **Changes in Net Assets**

2022 Financials

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Programs	\$563,890
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(\$423,519)
Increase (Decrease) in Temporarily Unrestricted Net Assets	\$215,371
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$258,636
Net Assets – Beginning of Year.	\$319,067
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### We are Pennsylvania Resources Council

We are an organization that stewards	AWARENESS	Our Priorities We build Awareness of material resources and their impact on Pennsylvania's natural resources.		Our Activities Education			
material resources and minimizes waste to conserve water, air, energy, and land.	AWARI			Training		MATERIAL RESOURCES	
We value	ACTION	We enable Action that reduces waste and its impact on Pennsylvania's environment.		Technical Assistan	ce	are materials that can be used for practical human purposes and are considered to have value, including	
material resources, such as those that are part of a consumer material stream, as well				Direct Services		items that are part of a consumer	
as natural resources. We foster a closed-loop economy by building	<b>SYSTEMS</b> CHANGE	We support <b>Systems Change</b> that reduces waste.		Advocacy Thought Leadership		material stream natural resources, such as stormwater	
awareness, enabling <mark>action</mark> , and supporting systems change.				Our Vision	Our Valı	ies	
We act through <mark>education</mark> , training,				A Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted.	recognized		
technical assistance, direct services, advocacy, and thought leadership.				<b>Our Mission</b> We steward resources to prevent waste and conserve the environment.	We cultivate environmental stewardship. We are rooted in collective expertise. We expand what's possible through innovative solutions. We support fair and equitable systems.		

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