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**Greene County Receives Wisecarver Connector Trail Planning Grant**

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WAYNESBURG **–** The Greene County Commissioners are excited to announce receipt of a planning grant for a Wisecarver Connector Trail. The grant totaling $31,100 from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will be used to determine the feasibility of developing a local connector trail from Waynesburg to the Wisecarver Reservoir and Recreation Area.

The Wisecarver Reservoir and Recreation Area project combines currently funded softball fields, a concession stand and walking trails with future developments to create a year-round destination just west of Waynesburg. Grant funding was received in 2021 for a kayak/canoe launch site which is currently under design and environmental review. The connector trail would allow safe, easy access from Waynesburg to Wisecarver for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Funding for this feasibility study comes from a variety of sources including the state Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, Environmental Stewardship Fund, ATV and Snowmobile Management Restricted Accounts, and Pennsylvania Heritage Area Program; and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Program.

DCNR is committed to building community conservation partnerships with local

governments and nonprofit organizations to protect critical natural areas and open space, develop

greenways and trails, provide quality park, recreation and conservation opportunities, and to

improve the quality of life in Pennsylvania’s communities.

Greene County has been awarded the grant in recognition of outstanding recreation and conservation work. Additional information can be obtained on the Greene County Government website, Greene County Commissioner’s Facebook page or by calling (724) 852-5210.