Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program - 2016 Grant Awards
as of October, 2016

	Pedestrian Safety	Trail/Pedestrian Connection	Green Parking Lot Retrofit	

Municipality	Name of Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Award
Collegeville	6th Avenue Pedestrian Safety	$250,190	$75,000
Douglass	Municipal Parking Lot Retrofit Improvements	$280,000	$150,000
Hatfield Township	Chestnut Street and Frick's Trail Extension	$494,402	$100,000
Lower Moreland	Welsh Road Sidewalk Improvement Project	$109,700	$91,000
Upper Moreland	York Road and Davisville Road Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	$118,865	$95,065
Upper Salford	Shirk-Hutt Woods and Trail Easement	$190,750	$95,375
Conshohocken	Sutcliffe Park Parking Area Retrofit	$181,500	$120,000
Lower Pottsgrove	Green Parking Lot Retrofit at Gerald Richards Park	$125,000	$80,000
Narberth	Windsor Avenue Green Street Project	$248,000	$40,000
Schwenksville	Main Street Mural	$22,000	$18,300
Towamencin	Kriebel Connector Trail	$447,950	$100,000
Plymouth	Plymouth Meeting Historical Society Property Acquisition	$135,000	$35,000
Total		$2,603,357	$999,740

Montco2040 Implementation Grants – 2016 Round One Grantee Project Summaries

Collegeville

Collegeville Borough will install a new traffic signal at the corner of Main and Sixth Streets. A number of accidents occurring at this intersection over the years have had an impact on both Ursinus College and the Collegeville community, the most recent resulting in the death of a student. As nearly 25 percent of student housing for Ursinus is below Main Street, the college and town want to increase pedestrian safety at this intersection. Both the Collegeville Borough Revitalization Plan and the Central Perkiomen Valley Regional Comprehensive Plan call attention to the need for pedestrian safety enhancements along Main Street.

Montco2040 Grant Award: $75,000

Douglass

Douglass Township will retrofit an existing municipal parking lot adjacent to the township building and Douglass Park to make the lot more green and sustainable. The parking lot will include a large rain garden, two new inlets along the realigned driveway, rain barrels, and porous pavement. It will also realign the entrance drive off of Route 73 and provide pedestrian connections from the roadway to the park. This phase seeks to leverage more funds through other grants to complete an adjacent lot in the near future. The Douglass Township Revitalization Plan of 2012 specifically recommends the green retrofit of the municipal parking lot.

Montco2040 Grant Award: $150,000

Hatfield Township

Hatfield Township will build additional segments onto their existing trail system to connect township recreational facilities, a business park, residential areas, and the county's Liberty Bell Trail in Hatfield Borough. They will extend the Chestnut Street Trail out of Hatfield Community Park by installing sidewalks along Maple Street and a painted shoulder on Chestnut Street, which will connect to Hatfield Borough and the county trail. Also, they will extend the existing Frick's Trail to the residential areas along Route 309 to connect them with the Chestnut Street Trail. This project, identified in the Walk Montco plan, is also consistent with the goals of the Hatfield Township-Hatfield Borough Greenway and Trails Network Master Plan where both trail extensions were specifically recommended.

Montco2040 Grant Award: $100,000

Lower Moreland

Lower Moreland Township will construct a sidewalk along the south side of Welsh Road between Lieberman Drive and Valley Road. The sidewalk will connect residents to the Pennypack Trail, Septa Bethayres Station, and the Bethayres commercial district. Currently, there is no reasonable path for residents to traverse to make this connection. In 2009, in an effort to promote walkability, access to the county trail system, and commercial vitality, the township conducted A Feasibility Study for the Greenway and Redevelopment Plan of the Philmont Avenue Corridor, which highlighted improvements such as this project along Welsh Road.

Montco2040 Grant Award: $91,000

Upper Moreland
Upper Moreland Township will construct a new pedestrian crossing at York and Davisville Roads in the Willow Grove Redevelopment Area. This project creates a better and safer connection between commercial areas and the Septa Willow Grove Station. The crossing will also be equipped with Accessible Pedestrian Signals (ACS) for the visually impaired, as the township has identified persons within Willow Grove needing this accommodation. This project is consistent with the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Redevelopment Plan where one focus is to improve the sidewalk network for pedestrians.
Montco2040 Grant Award: $95,065

Upper Salford
Upper Salford Township will acquire a conservation and trail easement over the Shirk-Hutt woods area of the Hutt Farm. This area has been identified as a rich and diverse ecosystem in need of conservation. Also, the easement will allow for a trail from Upper Salford Park to the Spring Mount recreation area and will ultimately connect to the county's Perkiomen Trail. The parcel has been identified by numerous plans, such as the Indian Valley Regional Comprehensive Plan and the Upper Salford Open Space Plan, as a high-priority area for conservation and a "Key Greenway Connector." The grant will assist funding for the purchase of the easement with the trail to be built in the future with additional funding.
Montco2040 Grant Award: $95,375

Montco2040 Implementation Grants – 2016 Round Two Grantee Project Summaries

Conshohoken
Conshohocken Borough will retrofit the parking area at Sutcliffe Park between Wood and Freedley Streets through the installation of green parking elements. The site will employ stormwater management measures to better control runoff and promote groundwater recharge through the use of decorative pavers and a rain garden. The green parking lot will also have environmental education signs, complete pedestrian connections to the park, ADA parking and accessibility, and promote waste disposal and recycling. The borough's Community Revitalization Plan Update specifically cites the concerns of residents near the park as it relates to parking and stormwater management.
Montco2040 Grant Award: $120,000

Lower Pottsgrove
Lower Pottsgrove will construct a green parking lot in an existing overflow parking area with stabilized turf parking spaces and stormwater BMP's. Runoff and erosion will be significantly reduced by the project while also increasing parking efficiency and access to park facilities. Specifically, the project will feature 60 stabilized turf parking spaces, 12' wide asphalt drive aisle and a vegetated rain garden. Stormwater improvements constructed by this project will improve long-term durability of site improvements while showcasing sustainable stormwater practices designed to enhance water quality. The region's Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Comprehensive Plan 2015 specifically states that Gerald Richards Park develop a stormwater management plan to improve playing conditions.
Montco2040 Grant Award: $80,000

Narberth
Narberth Borough will install a series of bio-infiltration facilities along the southern edge of Windsor Avenue adjacent to Narberth Park. The project will include shade tree pits, a spillway for excess water during rain events, and a vegetated rain garden. The site is meant to be a demonstration to other property owners in the area of stormwater management practices and help to influence better stormwater management techniques on private property. Educational signs will be provided in partnership with the Lower Merion Conservancy. The county grant supplements funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the William Penn Foundation to positively impact water quality in the Darby-Cobbs Watershed.
Montco2040 Grant Award: $40,000

Schwenksville
Schwenksville Borough will work with artist Teresa Haag to design and create a mural on the north side of the Sabo Apartment building located along Main Street. The location will be highly visible from both Main Street and the Perkiomen Trail and have a significant impact on the Main Street streetscape. This project is consistent with specific goals to create murals or art installation s along Main Street in three separate plans: The 2010 Schwenksville Revitalization Plan, Main Street Streetscaping Plan, and Central Perkiomen Regional Comprehensive Plan update.
Montco2040 Grant Award: $18,300

Towamencin

Towamencin will construct a multi-use trail from Trumbauer Road to Valley View Way along the Towamencin Creek through lands owned by the township and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The trail will extend from an existing portion of multi-use trail by approximately 4,000 feet in length and include a significant stream crossing where a new bridge will be built. This plan leverages the work being done simultaneously on a municipal sewer project to complete both together and save the township money in the process. This project is consistent with specific goals set forth in Towamencin's Park, Recreation, and Open Space Preservation Plan to create a trail connection between Trumbauer Road Bridge and Valley View Way.

Montco2040 Grant Award: $100,000

Montco2040 Implementation Grants – 2016 Round Three Project Summary

Plymouth
Plymouth Township will permanently conserve a six-acre property at Germantown Pike and Chemical Road. This "hidden gem" is surrounded by trees and home to a historic farmstead and cultural resource within the Plymouth Meeting Historic District. The Dickinson House built c. 1715 is among the prominent historic buildings open to visitors on the site. The property is currently owned and operated by the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society, who can no longer afford to keep and maintain the property. The township will take ownership of the property and obtain a conservation easement through the Heritage Conservancy at a total cost of $135,000, with the county's Montco 2040 grant providing $35,000 of that cost. The township will operate the land as a public park, while the Historical Society will remain at the property as the township's tenant and continue to operate a local history museum and provide cultural programming.
Montco2040 Grant Award: $35,000