

# Return On Environment

**66% of Pennsylvania's rare, threatened + endangered species depend on wetland + riparian habitats**

**Hunting + fishing have a combined direct economic impact \$123,000,000 per year in the Lehigh Valley**

**\$796,000,000 a year is spent on outdoor recreation in the Lehigh Valley**

**Lehigh Valley has been losing 2,000 acres of open space per year to development**

**75% of people in the Lehigh Valley enjoy outdoor recreation**

**Running, jogging + walking have a combined direct economic impact \$130,500,000 per year in the Lehigh Valley**

**Outdoor recreational activities in the Lehigh Valley support 9,600 jobs**



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A single-family home located **within a 1/4 mile of protected open space** has a property value that is **\$14,600 greater**, on average, than other properties in the community

Lehigh Valley **tree cover** removes 181,200 tons of carbon from the air per year, resulting in **\$3,600,000 in annual health savings**

**25% of all tourism** in the Lehigh Valley comes from **recreation - the highest rate in Pennsylvania**

Contact with **nature has great health advantages** like reduced stress + lower blood pressure

Wetlands, riparian corridors + forests provide important system services for water supply, **flood protection + water quality**

Lehigh Valley open space provides **\$355,000,000** per year in water supply, flood control, pollination + habitat services

Lehigh Valley **woodlands** provide **\$48,000,000** per year in **pollutant removal from the air**

