We are pleased to share that the state of Pennsylvania has made a strong commitment to education, infrastructure and collaboration with community stakeholders to spearhead the state's first ever Litter Action Plan, a litter reduction initiative aimed at changing Pennsylvanians’ behaviors and preventing items from being littered in the first place. For more information visit dep.pa.gov and search Litter Action Plan.

Everyone has a role to play in the fight against litter. Our work continues. Please join us for Pick Up Pennsylvania, from March 1 through May 31.

Gratefully,
Shannon Reiter
President
Healing the Planet Grants 2022
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, with support from The Giant Company is announcing a new round of Healing the Planet competitive grants. The grants are available to tax exempt organizations across the The Giant Company is operating in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia for waterfront conservation projects on public land or on public waterways. Grants will be awarded in $5,000 and $10,000 increments. Applications are open on April 1 and will close April 26 at 4:00 PM. A list of criteria and more information can be found at keeppabeautiful.org, Grants & Awards.

Funding for these grants come from Giant, MARTIN’S and Giant Horkem Market customers who round up at the register from March through May.

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