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THE GIANT COMPANY AND KEEP PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL AWARD 37 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Nearly \$120,000 in funding to be used for native tree planting

CARLISLE, Pa., August 14, 2025 – <u>The GIANT Company</u> in partnership with <u>Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful</u>, today announced the 37 recipients of its 2025 Healing the Planet grant program. A total of \$119,022 in funding was awarded in support of native tree planting projects across Pennsylvania.

"Every action, big or small, helps create a greener tomorrow," said Courtney Hopcraft, manager of community relations and charitable giving, The GIANT Company. "This year's Healing the Planet grant recipients are making a difference in their own local communities, planting more than 4,000 new trees throughout the Commonwealth."

The following Pennsylvania organizations are the recipients of a 2025 Healing the Planet grant from The GIANT Company and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful:

- Abington Township Public Library, Abington
- Chester Housing Initiatives, Chester
- Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, Edgemont
- ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania, State College
- County of Bucks, Doylestown
- Darby Creek Valley Association (DCVA), Drexel Hill
- Delaware Valley University, Doylestown
- East Buffalo Township, Lewisburg
- Fairmount Park Conservancy, Philadelphia
- Founding Forward, Valley Forge
- Friends of Churchville Nature Center, Churchville
- Friends of Johnston, Inc., Bethlehem
- Friends of the Rail Park, Philadelphia
- Friends of Wildwood Lake Nature Center, Inc., Harrisburg
- Haverford Township Civic Council, Havertown
- Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Kempton
- Hollidaysburg Area School District, Hollidaysburg

- Honey Brook Community Library Inc., Honey Brook
- Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education, York
- Indiana Borough, Indiana
- Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, Devon
- Juniata College, Huntingdon
- Lancaster County Therapeutic Riding, Inc., Lancaster
- Lycoming Audubon Society, Williamsport
- Manheim Township, Lancaster
- Marsh Creek State Park, Downingtown
- Martins Jacoby Watershed Association, Bangor
- Newberry Township, Etters
- North Branch Land Trust, Dallas
- Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, Schwenksville
- Pottsville Area School District, Pottsville
- Red Lion Borough, Red Lion
- Springfield Township Delaware County, Springfield
- St. Thomas Church Whitemarsh, Fort Washington
- Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership, Philadelphia
- Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley, Nazareth
- Wildlife Information Center, Slatington

Since 2021, the Healing the Planet grant program has awarded over \$1.3 million to 178 recipients, empowering projects that connect communities with green spaces, protect and improve local waterways and water resources, prevent, reduce, and recover food waste, and support native tree planting and habitat restoration.

"Native trees play a critical role in protecting local ecosystems. They support wildlife, reduce erosion, and require less maintenance to thrive. Tree planting efforts also help improve the appearance and safety of our communities, which can reduce littering and support long-term economic development. Each grant recipient is making a lasting impact in their community, from restoring green spaces to protecting water resources across Pennsylvania," said Heidi Pedicone, director of programs at Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. "We're proud to invest in these initiatives and are grateful for our partnership with The GIANT Company."

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has supported community improvement initiatives and encouraged community leadership, responsibility, and respect for the environment since 1990. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, a state affiliate of Keep American Beautiful, Inc. has more than 30 years of experience in organizing volunteer-driven community improvement events. Visit keeppabeautiful.org for more information on programs or to find an event near you.

Other ways The GIANT Company works to heal the planet include zero-waste initiatives, offsetting emissions, reducing food waste and producing green energy, and plastic reduction efforts. To learn more, visit giantfoodstores.com/pages/our-purpose.

About The GIANT Company

The GIANT Company is a modern, omnichannel grocer with more than 35,000 team members dedicated to serving millions of neighbors and making a difference in local communities across Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. Founded in 1923 in Carlisle, Pa. The GIANT Company is known locally as GIANT, MARTIN'S, and GIANT Heirloom Market with 194 stores, online grocery services, pharmacies, and fuel stations to meet the everevolving needs of today's customers. The GIANT Company is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA. For more information, visit the GIANT or MARTIN'S websites.

About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to keep our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has worked with hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the state to pick up nearly 162 million pounds of trash from Pennsylvania's roadways, waterways, greenways, vacant lots, forestlands and other community spaces. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's core programming focuses on litter and illegal dump prevention, cleanup, community greening, and proper waste handling and sustainable practices. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful works with many partnering organizations on the state and grassroots level to accomplish our goal of a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is the state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the nation's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. To learn more, visit www.keeppabeautiful.org.