

MUNICIPAL AND AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS (cont...)

ACT 13 LEGACY FUND

One provision of Act 13 that directly impacts Huntingdon County is the establishment of a Legacy Fund (Section 2315(a.1)(5)), which allows each county in the commonwealth to receive a share of the Marcellus Shale drilling impact fee based upon county population.

These funds are intended for “the planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, natural areas, community conservation and beautification projects, community and heritage parks and water resource management. Funds may be used to acquire lands for recreational or conservation purposes and land damaged or prone to drainage by storms or flooding.”



Lower Trail Surface Rehabilitation,
Morris Township, March 2016

Since September 3, 2013, the Huntingdon County Commissioners have made a total of \$30,000.00 available each year, with a maximum award of \$10,000.00 per project. Six percent of each award is retained for administrative expenses.

In May 2019, four applications totaling \$31,590.84 were received and reviewed by the County Planning Commission. Recommendations were forwarded to



Lower Municipal Park Pavilion, Mount Union Borough, May 2015

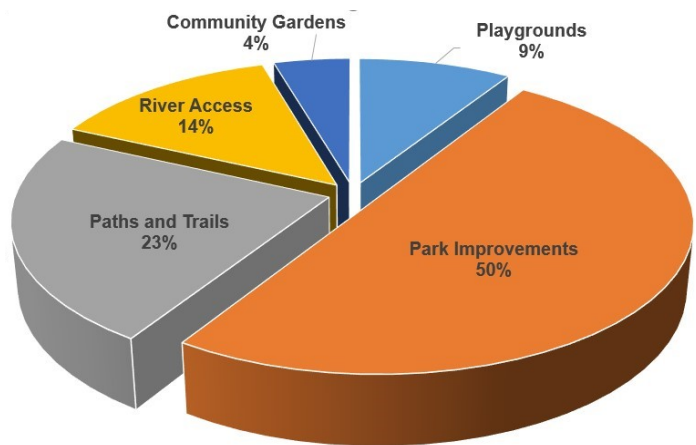
the County Commissioners, who awarded a total of \$30,000.00 for the following three projects:

- \$10,000.00 toward construction of an ADA Accessible Play Park for Riverside Memorial Park in Mapleton Borough;
- \$10,000.00 for the Blairs Mills Sportsman's Association Renovation Project (Girls Softball Food Stand/Bathroom) in Tell Township; and
- \$10,000.00 toward the Riverside Park Food Truck, Supplemental Parking Addition and Security Project in Mount Union Borough

Of the \$175,345.53 approved for eligible projects since 2013, a total of \$111,718.26 was spent by the end of 2019 - \$108,158.91 for project costs and \$3,559.35 for program administration. At the end of 2019, \$30,523.03 of the funds approved were assigned for reallocation because four projects were no longer viable.

The 22 projects that have been awarded with Act 13 Legacy funds are located in Alexandria, Broad Top City, Cassville, Huntingdon, Mapleton, Mount Union and Shirleysburg Boroughs; and in Morris, Porter, Shirley, Smithfield, Tell and Walker Townships.

The distribution of Act 13 funds is outlined in the chart below:



2013 - 2019 Huntingdon County
Distribution of Act 13 Legacy Funds