



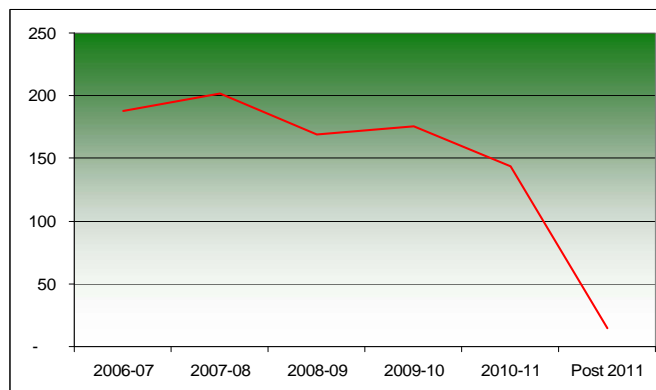
# GROWING GREENER

## Why Growing Greener Matters to Southeastern PA

Growing Greener has positively transformed the five-county southeastern Pennsylvania area and is responsible for some of the most significant conservation, recreation and environmental success stories of the past decade. More than \$64.6 million in Growing Greener funds were invested in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties in just the past four years.\*

Unless our elected officials act soon, Growing Greener will be all but gone in little more than a year. Total funds for this ongoing and important work will drop from \$200 million in 2007-2008 to as little as \$15 million by 2012.

### Funds Available for Growing Greener Projects (in millions)



Almost all of the *Growing Greener Bond Funds* are already committed to projects and soon most of the *Growing Greener Environmental Stewardship Funds* will be diverted for debt service. This will leave only \$15 million per year for future projects.\*

### Representative Growing Greener Projects in Southeastern Pennsylvania

- Erdenheim Farm preservation, 450 acres, Montgomery
- Pearl Buck Farm preservation, 60 acres, Bucks
- Paradise Farm Camp preservation, 330 acres, Chester
- Wissahickon Park trail improvements, Philadelphia
- Fairmount Park trail improvements, Philadelphia
- TreeVitalize tree planting program, Regional
- Hopewell Big Woods Partnership, 73,000 acre forest, Chester & Berks
- Kensington CAPA High School, green energy project, Philadelphia
- Chester Waterfront brownfield redevelopment, Delaware
- Benjamin Franklin Parkway improvements, Philadelphia
- Philadelphia Navy Yard brownfield project, Philadelphia
- Improvements to facilities at Ridley Creek and Marsh Creek State Parks
- Cooks Creek Watershed restoration, Bucks
- Brandywine Creek stream restoration, Chester

To meet the needs of southeastern Pennsylvania and the rest of the state, **Growing Greener must be renewed with a dedicated, sustained investment of \$200 million annually.**

\* - Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, March 24, 2010