

Fellow Plant Enthusiasts,

The Pennsylvania Plant Conservation Network (PPCN), is a new program spearheaded by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The mission of the PPCN is to work collaboratively to promote and coordinate the conservation of native plant species and plant communities through advocacy, education, and stewardship.

Throughout 2019, PPCN is building network capacity and may take on a limited number of pilot projects that highlight conservation needs and capacities in Pennsylvania. Our goal is to cultivate collaborative projects across the network in ways that meaningfully advance plant conservation in Pennsylvania. We are gathering information and feedback from potential network partners as we move toward that goal, and we would love to hear from you!

We will be holding our first public meeting in conjunction with the 2019 Rare Plant Forum. Please join us on **Friday, April 26th, 2019 from 10-2:30** at Shavers Creek Education Center (near State College) for a collaborative discussion about the goals of the PPCN. The 2019 Rare Plant Forum will occur the following day – Saturday, April 27th from 9am-3pm at the same location.

Any professional, volunteer, representative of a conservation group, or plant enthusiast is welcome to join us on Friday to hear about current plant conservation projects and the proposed framework for the PPCN. We also will have active discussions regarding plant conservation issues and building capacity within the PPCN network.

In the meantime, if you are currently working on a project, or have a project in mind related to native plant conservation in PA that you think might benefit from being part of a larger network, please fill out the PPCN Project Submission Form (a link is provided below) to tell us about it. This feedback will help us learn about the types of conservation projects that our network is interested in taking on.

Please feel free to submit as many projects as you like. We look forward to hearing from you!

[PPCN Project Submission Form](#)

Please direct any questions or concerns to the PPCN Program Coordinator, Kristi Allen. She can be reached via email at C-Krallen@pa.gov