



**M O U N T A I N
W A T E R S H E D
A S S O C I A T I O N**
Protecting, preserving, and restoring

Land Conservation Priority Guidelines

Mountain Watershed Association (MWA) will acquire land and conservation easements, either through purchase or donation, to advance MWA's strategically identified conservation priorities in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Areas which are time sensitive projects
- Coal rights within the Youghiogheny watershed that have been historically mined
- Areas which are being considered for development by industry
- Riparian land, bordering a stream, within the Youghiogheny watershed
- Areas of high biological diversity in the Youghiogheny watershed
- Oil and gas rights within the Youghiogheny watershed where future development is anticipated
- Headwaters in the Youghiogheny watershed
- Restoration of abandoned mine lands within the Youghiogheny watershed
- Enhancement to existing MWA conservation land holdings or easements
- Wetlands in the Youghiogheny watershed
- Forestland within the Youghiogheny watershed
- Properties with the potential to facilitate educational opportunities, strengthen relationships & use of best practices
- Land prioritized by partner organizations willing to properly steward the land
- Land that has recreational, scenic or historic values and is either near protected land or in an area of particular conservation interest
- Acreage greater than or equal to 10

Questions and concerns can be addressed by Taylor Robbins, Conservation & Recreation Manager. Call 724-455-4200 ext. 5# or email Taylor@mtwatershed.com