Who is Goddard?
The program takes inspiration from Pennsylvania’s rich history of environmental achievement. Maurice K. Goddard served five Governors as Secretary of Forest and Waters and as the founding Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources (1955-1979). His lasting legacy includes a commitment to professionalism and civil service, “a state park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian” policy, dedicated funding for natural resource conservation, and a strong influence on national conservation policy. His leadership example conveys to our young leaders a commitment to strong conservation values and good government.

The Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute is endorsed by the Goddard Legacy Project, a collaborative effort to celebrate the accomplishments of Maurice K. Goddard and rededicate all Pennsylvanians to his vision and values for the conservation of our natural resources. Launched in 2009, Goddard Legacy Project partners include the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pine Grove Furnace State Park, WITF, Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission, and Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals.

A WEEK
at a Glance
Learning how to be a conservation leader is fun and rewarding. The Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute is packed with games, investigative studies, guest speakers, and team projects.

Day 1: Discover the Leader in You
• Participate in natural challenges that help build skills and confidence
• Learn about Chesapeake Bay Watershed connections
• Explore Mountain Creek on foot and Laurel Lake by kayak
Day 2: Water Connections and Service Leadership
• Explore a headwater stream to learn what aquatic organisms can tell you about water
• Become a streamkeeper and conduct a volunteer service project
• Explore Pine Grove Furnace through a geocaching challenge
Day 3: Travel Day
• Travel the watershed by van from Mountain Creek to the Susquehanna River, ending at the Chesapeake Bay
• En route, learn about Captain John Smith’s voyage at the Susquehanna Heritage Zimmerman Center and take a hike to Native Lands County Park
Day 4: Eco Tour of Bay with Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF)
• Board a Chesapeake Bay work boat to conduct biological sampling and learn about Bay health
• Learn about student leadership actions to help save the Bay
• Kayak, canoe, fish, and swim on the Chesapeake Bay
Day 5: Becoming a Student Advocate for the Watershed at Home
• Discuss and execute a service project and learn about new opportunities for student action
• Wrap up and travel back to the Ironmaster’s Mansion for a final farewell.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
When: July 8-13, 2018
Where: Ironmaster’s Mansion at Pine Grove Furnace State Park
1212 Pine Grove Road, Gardners, PA 17324
Who: Rising 8th, 9th, and 10th graders (13-15 years old)
Cost: $350 per person, includes meals and snacks, housing, programs, field trips, and camp supplies (t-shirt, backpack, water bottle, journals, mess kit)
For an application and information on scholarships visit: www.goddardleadership.org

For more information contact:
CPC at (717) 241-4360 or visit www.goddardleadership.org
www.centralpaconservancy.org
Today’s young people can play a critical role in shaping their communities. Developing youth leaders who have an understanding of conservation issues, local government, and their communities is the focus of the Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute. While experiencing the natural beauty of the South Mountain landscape and the Chesapeake Bay, participants will be challenged to develop environmental solutions that inspire local partnerships and result in healthy communities today and into the future.

The Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute will provide opportunities that:

- Engage participants in a team project that will foster an understanding of local conservation issues, and develop teamwork and communication skills.
- Increase participants’ knowledge of local solutions to address conservation challenges.
- Encourage conservation-based volunteer service projects and other forms of community action.

The South Mountain Landscape, a south-central PA treasure, provides an abundance of natural, scenic, cultural, agricultural, and recreational resources. It is a patchwork greenway of public and private land starting at the Northern terminus of the Blue Ridge Mountains, spanning 7 miles wide and 40 miles long to the southwest, connecting Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, and York counties. It contains Michaux State Forest, Pine Grove Furnace and Caledonia state parks, Penn State Mont Alto campus, the Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, a network of headwater streams and tributaries draining to the Chesapeake Bay, and some of the richest farmland in the state.

During the program, students will see and learn how different types of land uses support or deplete the health of the Chesapeake Bay and make important connections about the watershed and efforts to restore it. The first half of the program will be held at Pine Grove Furnace State Park and the second half at the Chesapeake Bay. At the Bay, students and staff will stay at one of Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s well-staffed and equipped residential island centers to experience all that the Bay has to offer. Whether exploring native oyster reefs by boat, kayaking and birding in grassy marshlands, or learning about the traditional watermen community, students will come away with a broader appreciation for balancing growth with natural resource protection.

The Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute is coordinated by the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy (CPC), in cooperation with Pine Grove Furnace State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. It received initial seed funding from a grant provided by the South Mountain Partnership, an alliance of organizations working to preserve and enhance the cultural and natural assets of the South Mountain Landscape in Central Pennsylvania, and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

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Central Pennsylvania Conservancy is a local, nonprofit land trust for the South Central Pennsylvania region, with a mission to conserve natural resources and open space for the benefit of current and future generations through land acquisitions, conservation easements, outreach, and education.