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## **Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Trails Grant Program**

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# Housekeeping

Program Website (<https://de.gov/ORPT>)

- Guidance Resources
- Webinar Recording/Slides

Webex Controls

- Use the Q&A to ask questions
- Participants will be muted



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# Agenda

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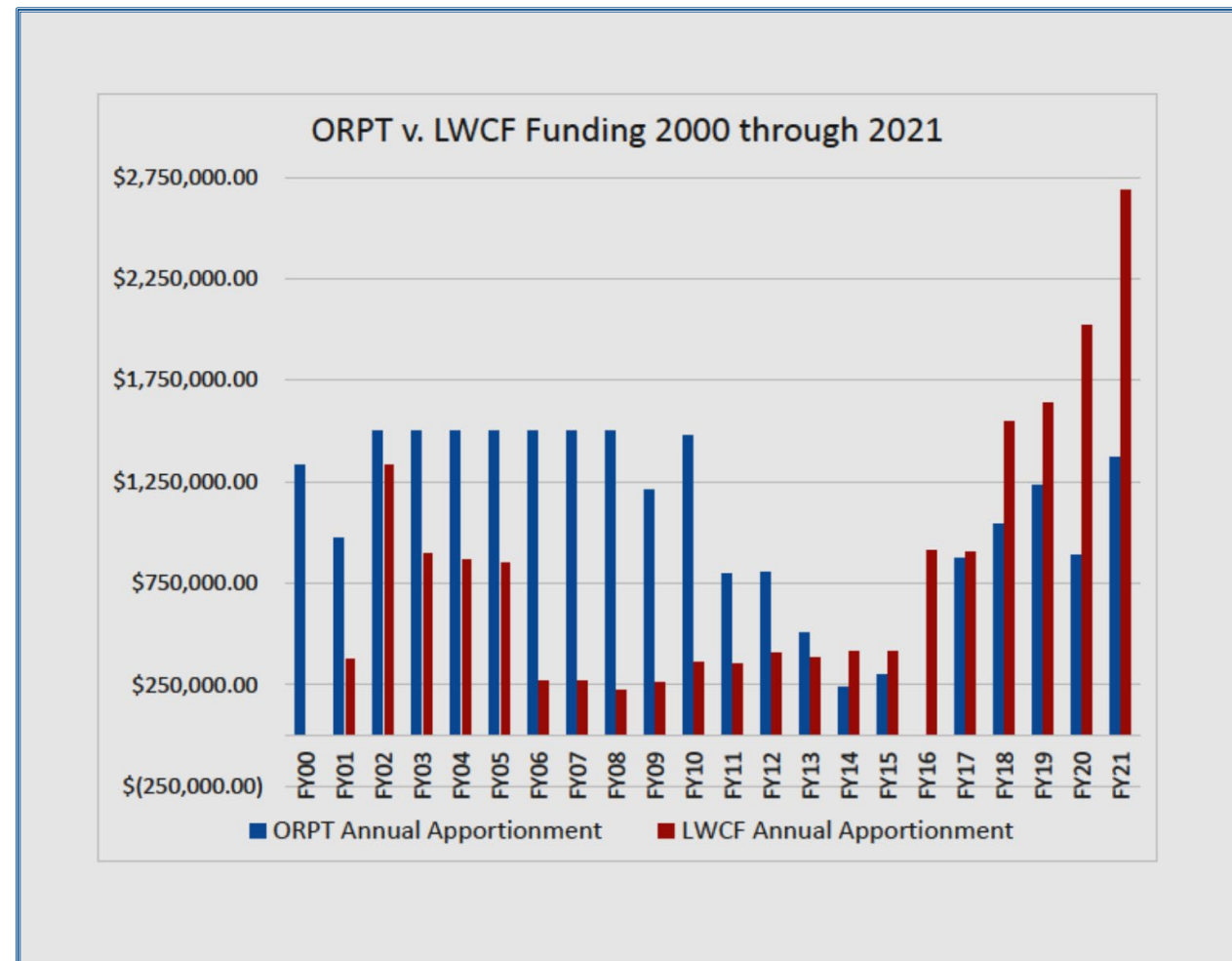
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## History of the Program

- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- The **Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Program** (ORPT), formerly known as the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund (DTF)
- Since 1988, when the first grants were awarded, the program has provided over \$32 million in matching grant assistance
- Parks and Recreation Council & Greenways and Trails Council

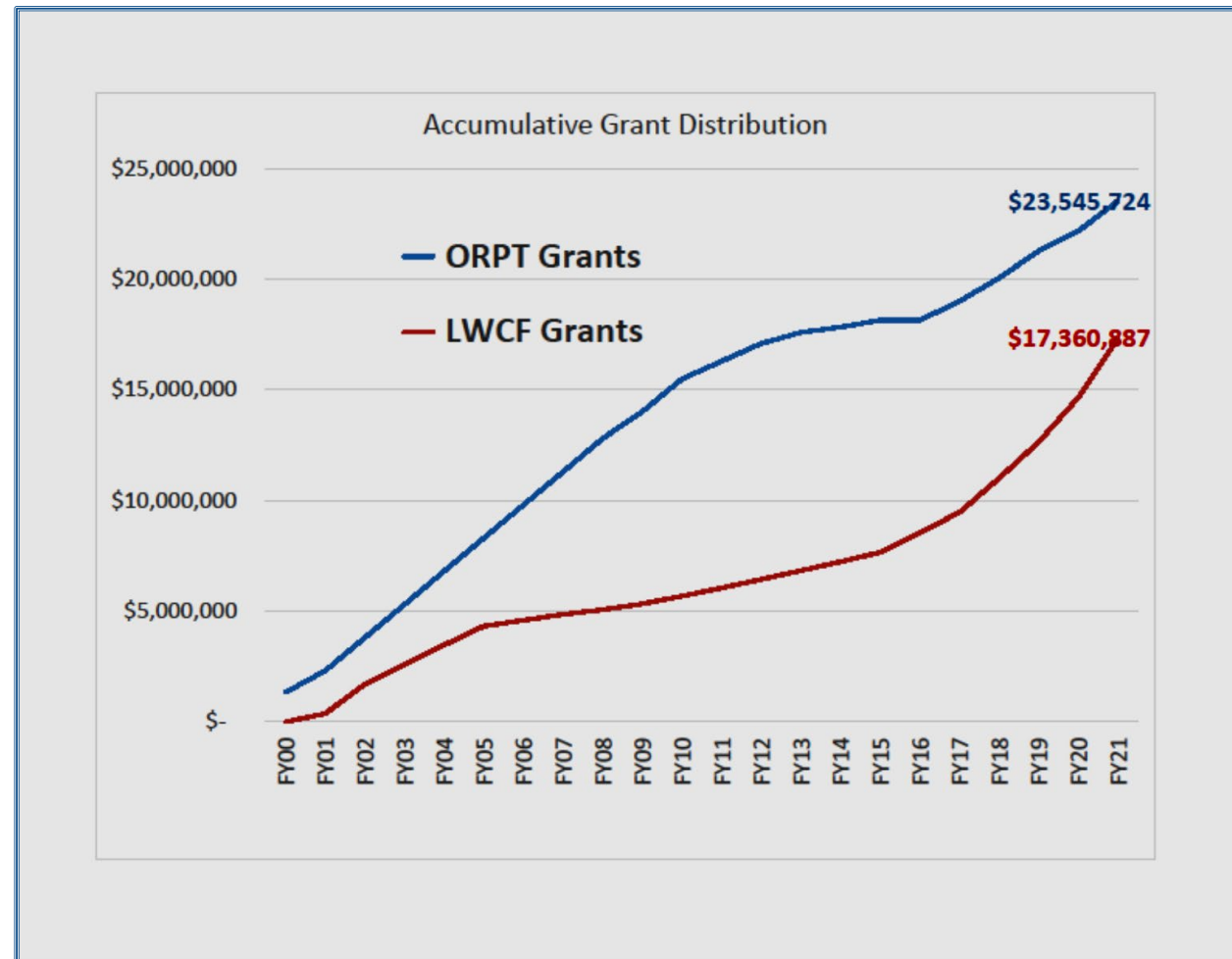
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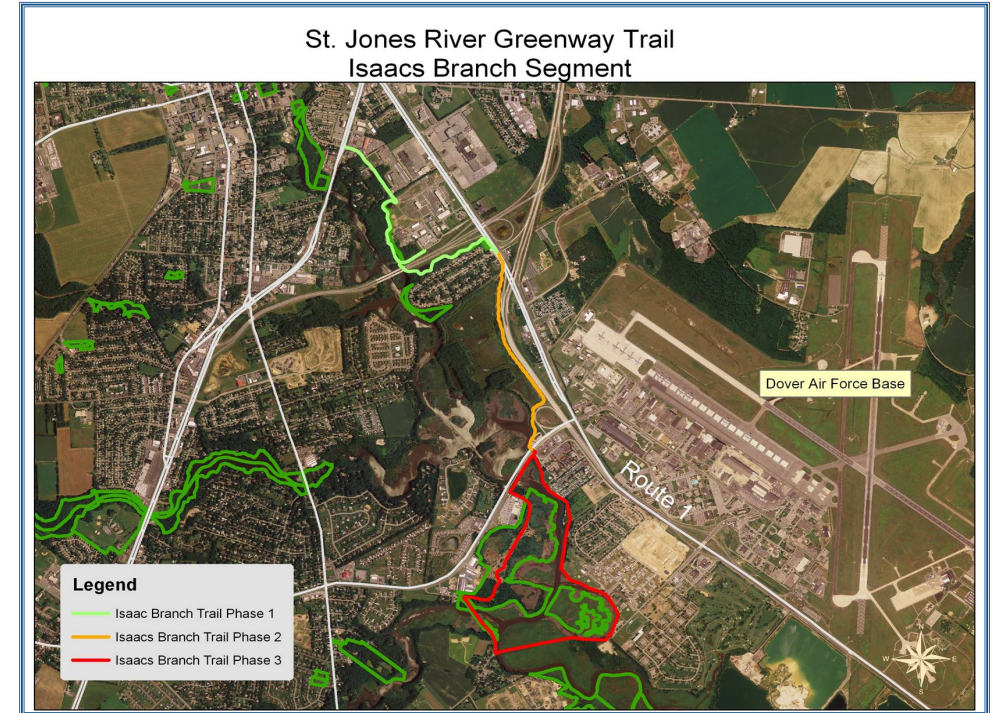
- Project Categories
  - Acquisition
  - Planning
  - Development
- Property ownership
- Public use
- Continuous protection of the resource



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## Eligibility

- Sponsors may apply
  - Municipality (up to 50%)
  - County (up to 50%)
  - Park Districts (up to 75%)
  - Underserved (up to 75%)
  - Partnerships
- We consider a wide range of project scope
  - Picnic tables, benches, playgrounds, lighting, maintenance and restroom facilities, skate parks, trails, bridges, etc.





# 2021 ORPT Grant Cycle

## Eligibility

- Sponsor responsibilities
  - Maintenance
    - ORPT inspections every 5 years
    - Consideration in new grants
  - Remain in public use
  - Continuous protection of the resource
  - ORPT signage



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## Eligibility- Underserved

Sponsors (no prior ORPT funding)

1. Bethel
2. Camden
3. Cheswold
4. Dewey Beach
5. Felton
6. Hartly
7. Henlopen Acres
8. Houston
9. Magnolia
10. Viola
11. Woodside





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## Eligibility- Underserved

Equity (communities of concern)

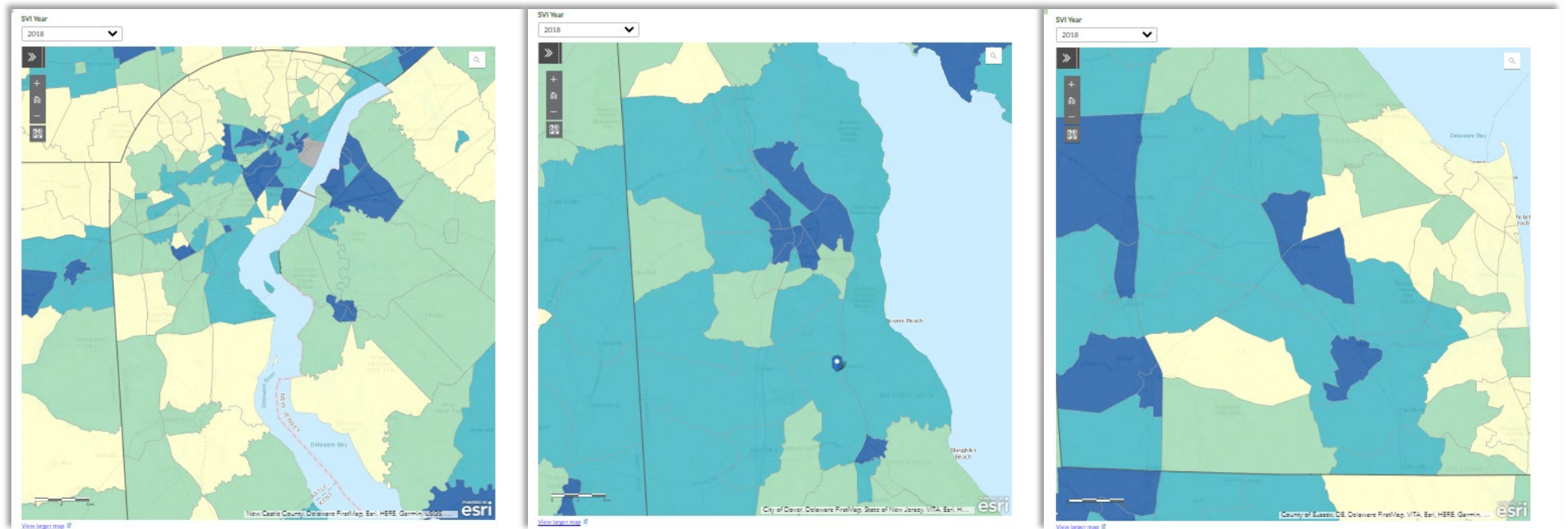
CDC Social Vulnerability Index (15 indicators) four themes: socioeconomic, household composition, race/ethnicity/language, and housing & transportation

- SVI mapping tool as a guide (<https://svi.cdc.gov/map.html>)
- Outreach to SVI community sponsors



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## Eligibility- Underserved



➤ 34 census tracts statewide: SVI High Vulnerability (dark blue)



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## Funding Availability

- Annual grant requests
- Match amounts up to 50% or 75%
- Local match
  - Cash (Sponsor budget)
  - Other sources
  - In-kind
- ORPT competitive grant program (scoring)



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## Application Timeline

- Pre-Applications: **Due June 9<sup>th</sup>**
  - 1-Page form embedded on the ORPT website
  - Encourage this step as an introduction to the program
  - Not a commitment
- Eligible for ORPT assistance
- Ready to start
- Local matching funds available
- Show public engagement





# 2021 ORPT Grant Cycle

## Application Timeline

- Ownership of the property
- Project setting and location
- Proposed project
- Brief scope of work
  - Cost estimates
  - Realistic timeline
- Total Project Cost
  - Local cost share match available
  - ORPT Grant assistance requested

The screenshot shows the 'Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Program ORPT Pre-Application' form. It includes fields for Project Sponsor, Project Name, Project Type (Development, Acquisition, Planning), Project Coordinator Name and Title, Address (Line 1, Line 2), City, State (DE), and Zip. There are also fields for Phone, Fax, and E-Mail Address. A section asks 'Does your agency currently own this property?' with options Yes, No, or Lease. Three large text boxes are provided for describing the project setting, the proposed project, and the scope of work, cost estimates, and realistic timeline. At the bottom, there are fields for 'Local Cost Share Match for this Proposal' and 'ORPT Grant Assistance Requested for this Year', with a note that ORPT assistance cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost. A final section asks 'Is Local Match currently available?' and provides a space to explain the source(s) of the match if 'No'. The form concludes with the statement 'Pre-Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis' and instructions to submit the application, with buttons for 'Submit Application' and 'Reset Form'.



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## Application Timeline

- Joint Council review, follow-ups, and applications distributed
- Full Application: **Due September 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Sponsoring Council Resolution
  - Proof of Insurance
- Councils make recommendations to DNREC  
November - December 2021: Notice of Awards
- January - March 2022: DNREC Secretary executes Grant Agreements





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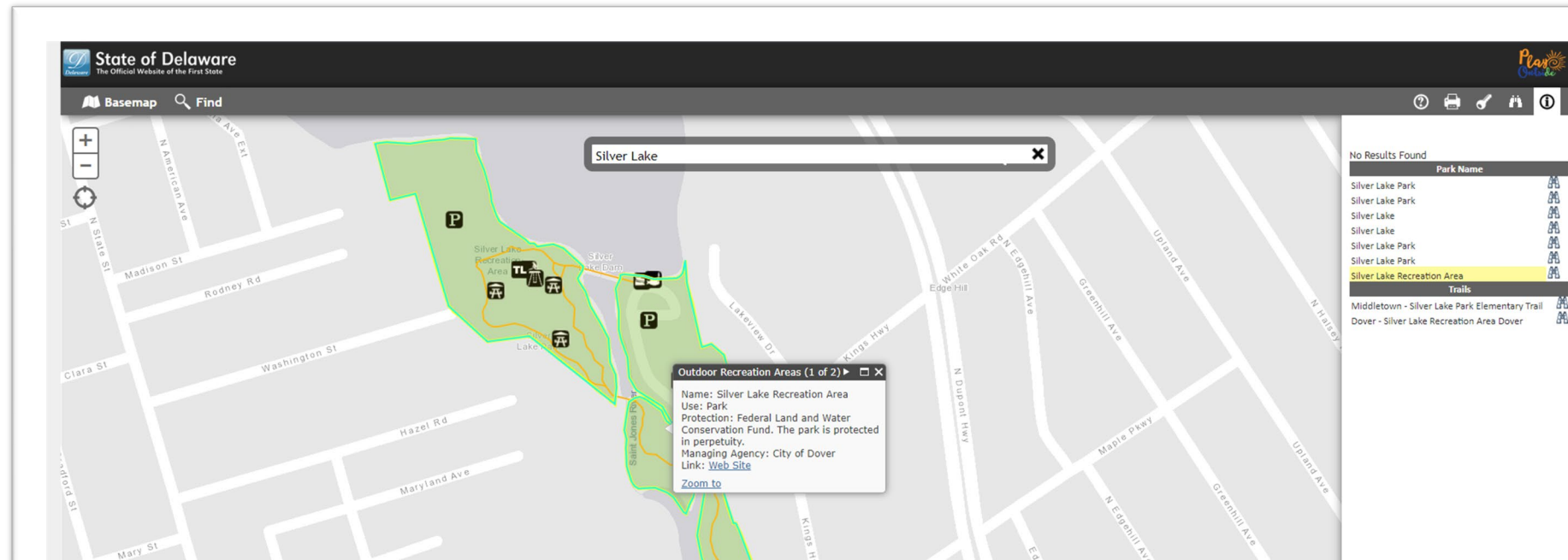
## Equity Considerations

- CDC Social Vulnerability Index
- James Brunswick, DNREC Community Ombudsman, to join ORPT grant review committee
  - Environmental Justice Workgroup
- Equity Partnerships
  - Policy Research Intern (Healthy Communities Delaware)
  - Division of Public Health
- Sponsor and Community Input

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## Tools & Resources

- Program Website (<https://de.gov/ORPT>)
- Delaware SCORP (<https://de.gov/SCORP>)
- Play Outside Map (<https://de.gov/playoutside>)
- Delaware Recreation & Parks Society





# Thank you! Questions?

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