



A 458-acre Conservation Easement was placed on a portion of lands owned by YMCA Camp Speers-Eljabar to protect the significant natural resources of the property. Protecting Long Swamp, the Easement also provides passive recreation for public enjoyment. The Delaware Highlands Conservancy holds the Conservation Easement.

PROJECT FUNDING:

This acquisition was funded through the:

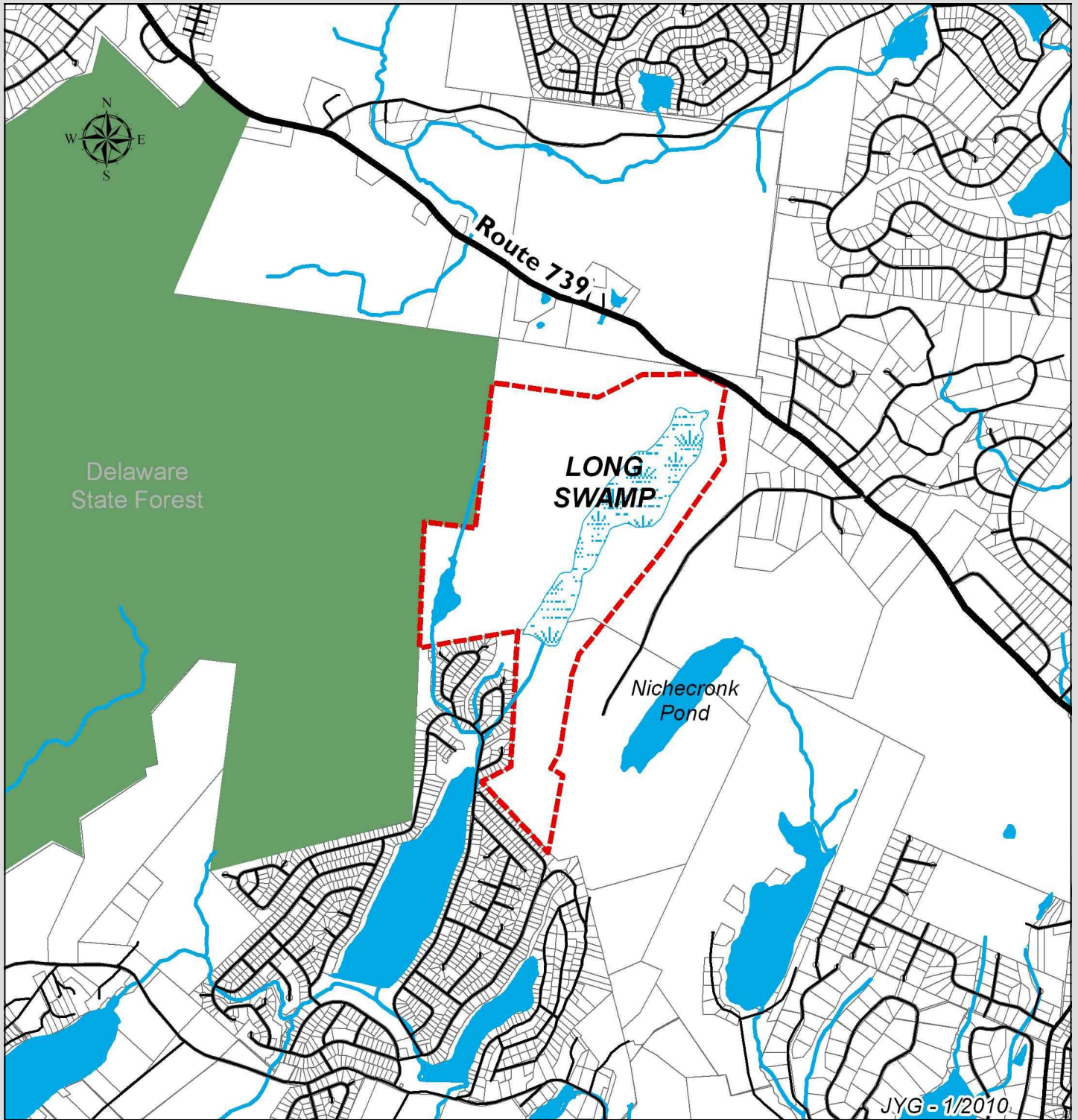
- Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program (\$357,237),
- and PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Community Conservation Partnership Program (\$687,450),

An application for funding under the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program was submitted in 2008 by Delaware Highlands Conservancy.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS:

- Located within the Long Swamp Conservation Opportunity Area, as described in the Pike County Open Space Plan (August 2008)
- Contains a boreal conifer bog, commonly known as Long Swamp
- Located within the Dingmans Creek and Raymondskill Creek watersheds, both designated as *High Quality—Cold Water Fisheries*
- Adjoins state forest lands, thereby expanding the open space network in the region
- Provides an extensive wildlife corridor and suitable habitat
- Creates recreational opportunities for the public along designated, maintained trail systems in addition to yearly educational programs on various environmental topics.
- Protects the scenic forested corridor along Route 739, and will provide a lasting landscape for residents
- Enhances ecological quality and recreational resources

Long Swamp Easement



Funding for this project was obtained from the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

For more information on the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program, please contact the Preservation Planner at the Pike County Office of Community Planning, 837 Route 6, Unit 4, Shohola, PA 18458 or by phone at 570-296-3500 or by email at planning@pikepa.org.