The Bennett Branch Working Group was formed to meet and discuss the possibilities for enhanced recreation in the Bennett Branch Watershed.

WPC used the provided funds to work with its group to replicate the signage kiosks installed at the access site in Force at two more sites along the stream.

The group worked with their partners and LHR to develop an online presence for public access sites, recreational opportunities and historical/cultural information in the Bennett Valley through the development and publication of an interactive, web-based map. The map is housed on the WPC website where other maps of the region can be found.

Interpretive signage was placed at the canoe launch in Driftwood. This is the location of a previous LHR project with the Cameron County Conservation District.
In 2001, the LHR, the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission, DCNR and the Game Commission contracted with FERMATA Inc., to develop a plan for elk watching and nature tourism for the counties included in the Game Commission's Elk Range. This plan predates the Pennsylvania WILDS and was a catalyst for its formation.

Many elements of the plan have been carried out by DCNR and others in their projects within the Pennsylvania WILDS

The subject of this plan is visitor management, including elk viewing and nature tourism, not elk management, which is the responsibility of the Game Commission. The main objective of the project is to develop a five-year plan for elk viewing and other nature-related tourism that will:

· Provide recommendations to improve visitor services and guide the development of appropriate infrastructure.
· Support the long-term ecological needs of an expanded wild elk herd.
· Stimulate economic benefits for local communities and minimize conflicts with private landowners and other forest users.
· Educate tourist and residents about responsible stewardship of the elk herd and the region's other natural resources.