

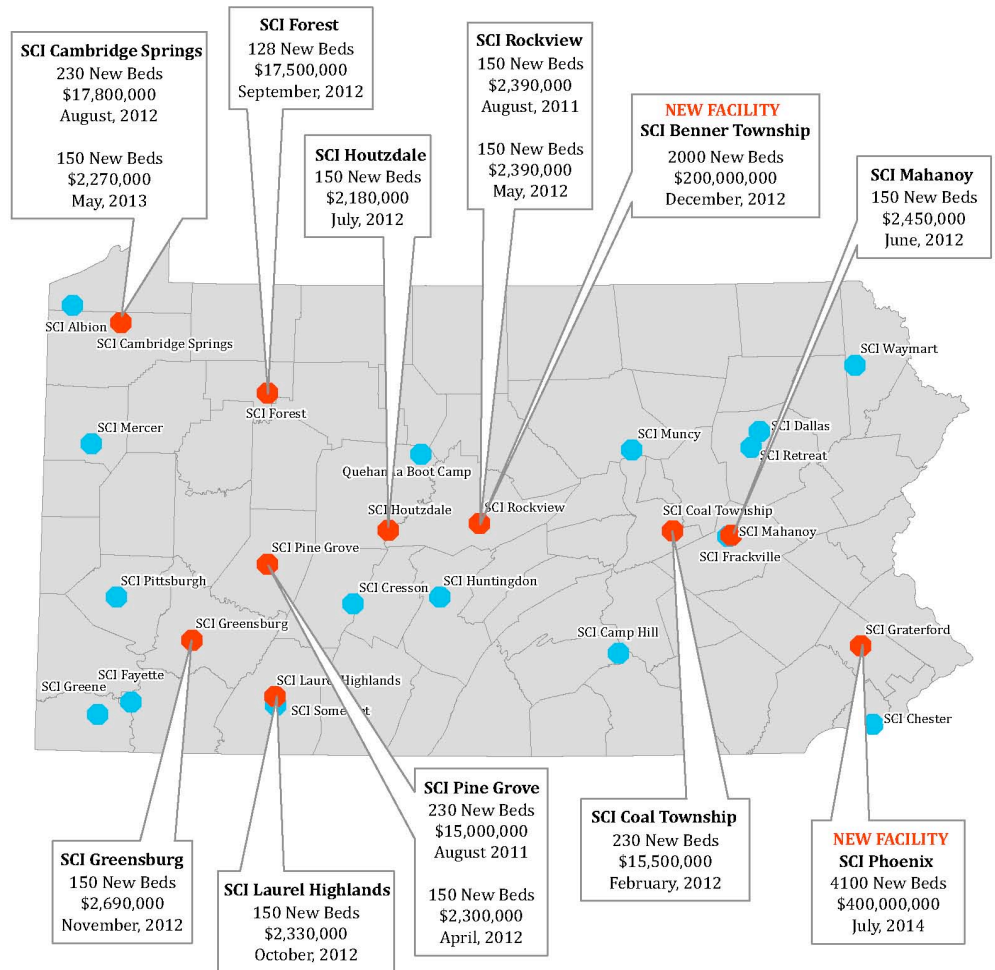
NO NEW PRISONS!

While Governor Corbett slashes budgets for education and social programs, Pennsylvania is spending \$685 million in new funds for prison expansion. This money will fund the construction of three new state prisons and expand nine others.

Two of these prisons are being built on the grounds of SCI Graterford in Montgomery County. **The expansion will dramatically increase the current size of Graterford prison at a projected cost of \$400 million**, and includes the construction of a **100 bed death row** and a **women's unit**.

Two corporations, Heery International and Walsh Construction, are receiving **\$315 million** from the state of Pennsylvania to design and construct these new prisons. We believe that this is an outrage. Heery and Walsh should not be making huge profits while our communities are being torn apart by mass incarceration. Public money is better spent on education, job training and placement, drug and alcohol treatment, economic assistance, affordable childcare and non-punitive programs that address the root causes of violence in our communities.

PENNSYLVANIA PRISON CONSTRUCTION 2011-2014



Total New Beds: 8118
Total Cost: \$685,300,000



**Call Governor Corbett today at (717) 787-2500
and say "Fund Schools NOT Prisons! Stop building
new prisons in PA!"**

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No More Prisons: A Call to Decarcerate Pennsylvania

Governor Corbett is seeking to expand nine existing prisons and build three brand new ones. This plan will add 8,000 new beds to our state's already massive prison system, at a cost of more than \$685 million. Yet in 2011 the governor cut nearly \$1 billion from education and made massive cuts to a host of other essential programs and services.



Decarcerate PA is a grassroots campaign made up of organizations and individuals throughout Pennsylvania working to maximize public health and safety by putting a halt to the state's broken and bloated prison system. We seek an end to prison construction and an expansion to initiatives that would reduce our reliance on prisons to begin with. Decarcerate PA has come together around three core initiatives to boost Pennsylvania's economic, environmental, and ethical health. With your help, we can put an end to mass incarceration.

Decarcerate PA platform:

- 1. No new prisons.** Enough is enough! More prisons means more problems. We advocate that Pennsylvania enact an immediate and lasting moratorium on all new prisons, county or city jails, prison expansions, new beds in county jails, immigrant detention facilities, and private prisons.
- 2. Decarceration.** Prison overcrowding can be solved only by reducing the number of people in prison. We advocate that Pennsylvania shrink its prison population by reforming existing arrest, sentencing, and parole practices. We also call for the full restoration of civil and human rights for formerly incarcerated people.
- 3. Community Reinvestment.** Imprisonment guts local resources and destroys families. We need to build communities, not prisons. We advocate that Pennsylvania reinvest money spent on prisons into community institutions including quality public schools, stable housing, jobs and job training programs, health care and food access, drug and alcohol treatment programs, and community-based reentry services.



JOIN DECARCERATE PA!

Decarcerate PA is a coalition of organizations and individuals seeking an immediate and lasting moratorium on all new prisons and prison expansions, county jails, and immigrant detention facilities. We also seek positive policy changes that will reduce Pennsylvania's prison population and reinvest money and resources into our communities.

We meet every 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Institute for Community Justice, (21 S 12th Street, 7th floor).