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## State antes up for open space development

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LEWISBURG — Lewisburg borough will receive a \$30,000 state grant to prepare a master site development plan for the 6th Street/Bull Run Greenway Planning Project, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced Wednesday.

The Community Conservation Partnership Program grant also includes Greenway Planning for a zone of public open space in downtown Lewisburg along Bull Run Creek, according to the grant summary of the Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corp., which submitted the paperwork.

Elm Street Manager Samantha Pearson is leading the effort. She could not be reached for comment by deadline Friday.

The greenway would run from Danny Green Field, past the second phase of the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail, through Hufnagle Park and Kidsburg Playground and extend south along Sixth Street to meet the Bucknell University campus.

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watershed-wide program,

Pearson said in a Wednesday news release, which brings new funding opportunities to pursue.

The Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corp. along with the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership and the Borough Council will host a community planning meeting to better understand the funding possibilities and get community feedback on priorities and focus of the River Town effort, Pearson said.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 6, at the Lewisburg Senior Center, 116 N. Second St. For more information, contact the Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corp. (570) 523-0114, email [elmstreet@dejazzd.com](mailto:elmstreet@dejazzd.com) or visit [lewisburgneighborhoods.org](http://lewisburgneighborhoods.org).

Also, a cleanup in the Bull Run Neighborhood will take place from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 26, hosted by the Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corp., Lewisburg Downtown Partnership, Union County Industrial Railroad Co., and the Lewisburg & Buffalo Creek Railroad Co.

The site will include playing fields, playgrounds, unstructured open space, a future rail trail segment and formally organized park open space, according to the grant application.

The proposed project will incorporate south Sixth Street with recently acquired floodway properties between the street and the creek into Hufnagle Park. Several homes in the floodway have been demolished.

Lewisburg's grant, the sole one for Union County, was among nearly \$200,000 awarded for projects in the district of state Sen. Gene Yaw, R-23 Loyalsock Township.

In a statement, Yaw said the funding will help in land and water conservation projects as well as "generate additional revenues through increased economic, tourism and recreational activities."

Lewisburg has been designated an official River Town as part of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership's

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