



Healthy, Sustainable Susquehanna Communities

Nearly 500 miles in length, the Susquehanna Greenway is one of our greatest regional resources. It is a corridor of parks, trails, river access points, and conserved areas, connecting people to the natural and cultural treasures of the Susquehanna River and its West Branch. The Susquehanna Greenway conserves the environment for all living things and balances the needs of generations today and tomorrow.

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

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Your gift will help us protect the natural and cultural resources of the Susquehanna, revitalize river communities and build connected parks, trails, and public river access points.



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Trail Funding Continues

From our coverage last month, you know that DCNR's Recreational Trails Program (RTP) federal funding was at risk, since new federal transportation law enabled governors to opt-out of the funds by September 1, 2012.

We are pleased to report that Governor Corbett has chosen to continue the RTP program intact for another year, thus continuing to generate economic activity, attract tourists and encourage people to get outdoors and be active through trail projects. See how RTP funding has enhanced your part of the Greenway here.

Photo by Doug Brubaker



West Branch Clean Up



In July, 57 volunteers removed 243 tires, 308 lbs. of trash from the West Branch near Lock Haven with Clinton County Cleanscapes! The next event is September 8 also near Lock Haven. Register via email. Thank you volunteers!

Photo by J. Michael Mann

Fuel Up for River Access

Help establish safe public river access in Jersey Shore by visiting the Nittany MinuteMart at **815 Allegheny Street in**



Jersey Shore during the month of August.
The store will donate a portion of the



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Our Mission

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is a leading champion for the Susquehanna River Watershed, Pennsylvania's most important natural resource and the largest tributary to the

Chesapeake Bay. We work to advance for public and private efforts to connect people with our natural and cultural resources, and promote a sustainable and healthy environment.

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping with a local Greenway project, or would like to assist SGP with an event, photography, office work, grant research, social networking, go to our website and [click on volunteer](#).

Susquehanna Greenway Regional Organizations

[North Branch
Endless Mountains Heritage
Region](#)

[Middle Susquehanna and
Lower West Branch
SEDA-COG Community
Resource Center](#)

[Upper West Branch
Pennsylvania Environmental
Council](#)

Upcoming Events

To have an event included in our newsletter, please list your event at our [website](#).

[Riverfest
Towanda
August 23 - 25](#)

[Gardening Webinar
August 23](#)

[Land Trust Webinar
August 23](#)

[River Trail Meeting
Duncannon
August 23](#)

proceeds from fuel and snack sales to the Jersey Shore Public River Access project. Read about the new project [here](#).

Grab Your Camera!

Summer is winding down. Did you get a great photo along the Susquehanna while you were outside? You could win a great cash prize in our [Photo Contest](#). What are you waiting for? Grab your camera and get to your favorite river spot today!

Photo by Judy Simmons



Kid's Category: We've teamed up with [Hershey's Track and Field Games](#) to encourage kids to explore outside and show us what they love about the Susquehanna!



Photo Gallery Reception: Join us Saturday, **September 15** from 6-8pm at the [Moose Exchange](#) in Bloomsburg for the *"Images of the Susquehanna"* photo contest reception featuring the stunning winning images from last year's contest. Enjoy light refreshments, entertainment, photography presentations, and river-themed readings. We hope you'll join SGP Board of Directors, staff, and friends at this fun event!

Exploring Our Water Trails

Tire Recycling



Hate seeing tires in your part of the Susquehanna, but unsure how to remove them without substantial cost? Bridgestone Americas has recently teamed up with River Network to help local watershed groups deal with this most vexing litter problem. Read about the new [One Team, One Planet Spent Tire Program](#) here, and check out our list of [funding resources](#) for your Greenway projects.

Photo courtesy of Flickr

Your Input Needed



Dam Scramble
Curwensville
August 25

YMCA Bike Race
Sunbury
August 25

Mural Project
Berwick
August 25

Brownfield Webinar
August 28

Wyoming County Fair
Meshoppen
August 29 - Sept 3

Hang Gliding
Hynes View State Park
August 30 - Sept 3

Labor Day Regatta
Lock Haven
September 1 - 3

Brunch at the Park
Shikellamy Marina
September 2

Paddle Trip
Lewisburg
September 2

Fish For FREE!
Anywhere in PA
September 3

Harvest Festival
Milton
September 7 -16

Great Island Adventure
Lock Haven
September 8

Trail Run
Millersburg
September 8

Landowner Conference



Just a few weeks remain for public input to the National Park Service's draft Chesapeake Bay Watershed Public Access Plan which includes the Susquehanna River. Read more [here](#) and submit your ideas for improved access using the [online mapping tool](#)

by September 14.

Water Trail Study



A new feature is coming to some Susquehanna River access points along the North Branch for the month of August! Interviewers will be located along the water trail as part of the "Study of the Economic Impact of PA's Recreational Water Trails" study supported by the PA Water Trails

Partnership. Find out more about this use and benefits study [here](#)

Photos by Chuck Haupt

New Community Signage

Visitors have a new way to "Live, Learn, and Explore" the Susquehanna river town of Tunkhannock thanks to new signage made possible by the [Endless Mountains Heritage Region](#), local citizens, and the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. See the sign [here](#).



Get On The Bus

Heard about the great environmental benefits of management techniques like porous pavers, rain gardens, green roofs and want to see them for yourself? Check out real examples of green infrastructure during a bus tour of sites in Luzerne County on

September 20. Learn more about this event [here](#).

Tree Talk

Did you know that forestland covers 59% of our state and that most of that land is privately owned? To help landowners manage their forests



LaPlume
September 8

responsibly and sustainably, a one-day
Northeast PA Forest Landowners



Community Day
Bloomsburg
September 8

Fiber Festival
Harford, PA
September 8

Conservation Celebration
Curwensville
September 8

Wine Festival
Wyalusing
September 8

Jazz Festival
Dauphin County
September 8 - 9

Butterfly Day
Danville
September 9

Harvest Paddle
Watsonstown
September 9

Apple Tree Alley Meeting
Duncannon
September 11

Expedition Chesapeake
Harrisburg
September 14

River Clean-Up
Capitol Region
September 15

Heritage Festival
Troy
September 15- 16

Paddle Trip
Port Trevorton
September 15

Fort Hunter Day
Harrisburg

September 16

Stormwater Conference

Harrisburg

September 18 - 19

Health Summit

Gettysburg

September 18

Trail and Greenways Summit

Center Valley

September 19 - 20

Landscape Bus Tour

Wilkes-Barre

September 20

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Special Thanks to Our Sponsors



Conference will be held Saturday, September 8 from 9-3:30pm at Keystone College. Learn more [here](#).

Photo by Jocelyn Owens

Artifacts At Risk

The sale of historically significant Indian lands along the Lower Susquehanna River near Washington Borough by the Safe Harbor Water Power Corp continues to gain attention in the conservation, historic preservation, and archaeological communities. Learn about the issue, see artifacts, and find resources from the [Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area](#).

Susquehanna near Washington: Photo by Todd Smith



Stormwater Solutions



Join PA Environmental Council for the “Stormwater – Green Solutions Beyond Gray Pipes” conference on September 18-19 in Harrisburg. Topics include financing models, operation and maintenance, codes and stormwater fees. Learn more [here](#).

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Creating Destinations

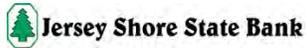


How do you take an old railroad right-of way and turn it into a community asset? The Borough of Duncannon and SEDA-COG tackled this question in 2009 with the Apple Tree AlleyWalk Master Site Plan and the town is looking to move forward with the project and explore funding options. Learn more by attending a public input meeting September 11 at 7pm at the Borough Offices, or visit the project website [here](#).

Community Facelift



Since 2010 the Berwick Mural Project has been bringing creativity, arts, and



culture to otherwise bland alleys and retaining walls. Through paint, brushes, and volunteers, the project brings the community together to beautify this river town. Help is needed



[Geokinetics](#)

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[Woodlands Bank](#)

for the next mural project on **August 25** in Sponslers Park. Learn more [here](#) or join the [Facebook group](#)

Danville Shares Riverfront Plans

SGP was on hand as the Danville riverfront Master Plan was unveiled at a public meeting this month and we are thrilled that it presents a number of ways to reconnect the town to its greatest resource – the Susquehanna River! The plan proposes safe walking and biking routes, a riverfront trail system, and connections between established recreational areas. View the plan and learn more [here](#).



River Town Paddle



Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Milton State park with a paddle trip on Sunday, **September 23!** The Friends of Milton State Park and Canoe Susquehanna invite you to join them on a paddle from Watsonstown to Lewisburg with presentations and a lunch stop along the way. For registration details click [here](#).

Greenways & Trails



Join members of the trails community for a two-day summit highlighting regional trail initiatives, real-world solutions for trail issues, best practices, case studies, and more at the Eastern PA Greenways & Trails Summit. Learn more and view registration information [here](#).



Greenway Internship

SGP is seeking a student intern to assist us with our corporate campaign during the Fall 2012 semester at our Lewisburg, PA offices. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#). Please share this information!

Photo by Steve Pensyl

Investing In River Towns

Bakery Fills A Downtown Void



Open the door to the House of the Rising Buns Bakery Shoppe in historic Tunkhannock and you are greeted with delicious aroma of baked goods as well as one of the warmest welcomes you can imagine from owner Connie Kintner. “Hello Honey-Bunny!” she calls periodically to familiar customers

who pop in the door for rolls, buns, breads, cookies, pastries and an assortment of coffee and teas.

Bounding around the store restocking shelves with goods hot of the delivery trucks, Connie filled us in on her newest venture, and her commitment to downtown river town revitalization. Read more [here](#).

River Reads

Coal Dust, Rust & Saw Dust

This collection of essays on anthracite coal mining, log rafting and iron working along the Susquehanna River is a delight to the senses thanks to the two original CDs included with each book. Easier than pairing wine and cheese, Wagner’s rich, historical essays point to their companion musical tracks for an immersive experience (Preview the story of the [Montour Log Raft](#) with the song “[Crosscut Saw](#)”).

Additionally, the chapters come to life with black and white images of these historic landscapes by Sarah Gilkinson. Preview essays and songs or purchase the \$25 book/CD set at www.vanwagnermusic.com.



Researchers on the River

Dr. Carl Kirby

Stormwater that runs off of roads and into streams can be pretty salty thanks to winter road salt. Water flowing through abandoned surface and deep coal mines can become very salty through different chemical reactions, and flowback water that is a by-product of hydrofracking is...you guessed it, salty (sometimes 10x saltier than sea water). “Say we encounter a plume of salty water in our local stream,”



says Dr. Carl Kirby, a professor of Geology at Bucknell University. “General characteristics of the water, like conductivity, can tell us that the water is salty, but it can’t tell us any more of the story...like where it came from.” Dr. Kirby and researchers from the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Bingampton want to complete the story by “fingerprinting” Marcellus Shale flowback waters and other sources of saline. Read more [here](#).

Meet Our Summer Interns

This Month: Jaclyn Johnston



We’ve been so lucky to have Jackie join us as our Web and Communications Intern this summer. She graduated from Dickinson College with a BS in environmental science and then studied aquatic ecology at Kent State. She is now studying web design at Harrisburg Area Community

College and would like to combine her interests into a career designing websites for environmental organizations. She has been critical in updating our website content, keeping our online calendar of events timely and updating our interactive Google Map. Thank you for all your hard work Jackie!

Join The Greenway Community

Become a Member Today



Each month we are pleased to bring you updates of projects and events happening all along the Susquehanna Greenway. The Greenway is truly an amazing community of hard-working organizations, individuals, and volunteers!

Building the Susquehanna Greenway is no small task (500+ miles!) and we cannot do it without the help of local partners and contributions from people like you who care about the Susquehanna. Please join with us

and become a member to support PA's most important natural asset. Many thanks!



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