



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.

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Join Us! Grant Workshop - Feb 19th



Looking to find funding for the park, trail, public river access, or other conservation project in your community? Join us on **Tuesday, February 19, 2013** at the Degenstein Community Library in Sunbury for a special grant workshop.

The workshop is FREE, but space is limited. Please RSVP by February 15, 2013. For a schedule, directions, and registration details, [visit our website](#).

PPL Holtwood Land Approved for Conservation!



A major milestone for conservation of **1,260 acres** of land in Lancaster County was reached this month as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved PPL Holtwood's request to transfer ownership of the land located along the lower Susquehanna River. Read

more at our [website](#).

Photo of Holtwood Gorge by Jay Doering.

Greenway Mini-Grant: Millersburg

Each month learn about a local project being funded through the Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program that is helping to build the



Greenway and connect people to 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 us with an event, photography, office work, etc. visit 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](#).

[Wild & Scenic Film Fest](#)
Camp Hill
February 13

[Backyard Bird Count](#)
Your Backyard!
February 15 – 18

[River Dining & Learning](#)
Wrightsville
February 15

[PACK Meeting](#)
McElhattan
February 16

[Winter Waterfowl Hike](#)
Wrightsville
February 17

Susquehanna River. The program is funded in part by the PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Millersburg is a Susquehanna River Town known for its paddle and pedal power! Riverfront Park is not only home to the historic Millersburg Ferry Boat Landing, but also to the new biking/walking trail that will be a future connection to the [Lykens Valley Rail-Trail](#). Unfortunately, serious erosion issues are threatening to send much of Riverfront Park and its improvements downriver! Learn how an SGP Mini-Grant is helping the Borough preserve this beloved public park [here](#).

Susquehanna Water Trails - Save the Date!



If that groundhog is right warm-weather paddling season will be upon you before you know it! Whether your a seasoned pro or looking to grip a paddle for the first time, the Susquehanna Sojourns are great ways to get out on the river, make new friends, and learn about the River's

special cultural and natural history from locals! Sojourns are educational and awareness-raising events that involve a group of canoeists and kayakers paddling a segment of the Susquehanna River, camping on her shores and interacting with local towns and villages. **SAVE THE DATE for the following events!**

West Branch Susquehanna Sojourn - May 14-19, Mahaffy to Keating, 97 miles. Stay tuned to [Susquehanna Greenway Partnership](#) website and emails for registration! Registration opens in March.

Susquehanna Sojourn - June 8-15, Great Bend to Wyalusing, 96 miles. Watch [Headwaters River Trail](#), registration opens in April.

River Day - June 9, This fun, one-day paddle from Bloomsburg to Danville benefits the Children's Miracle Network. Stay tuned to their [website](#) for online registration.

Middle Section Paddle - July 28, Selinsgrove area. Stay tuned to [Susquehanna River Trail Assn.](#) for more info closer to the date.

Besides educational paddle events, be sure to check out our online [Calendar of Events](#) for clean-ups, races, family fishing days and more! You can even post your own events using the online form.

Photo by Chuck Haupt

Greenway Grant Workshop
Sunbury
February 19

Boating and Water Safety
Lewisburg
February 19 & 21

PA Lake Management
State College
February 20 – 21

Grassland Birds
Camp Hill
February 21

Physics of Bird Flight
Williamsport
February 27

River Dining & Learning
Wrightsville
March 1

Middle Creek Birding
Lancaster County
March 2 or 3

Humdinger Trail Run
Danville
March 2

Maple Sugar Open House
Danville
March 2

Stormwater BMPs
Sunbury
March 9

Vittles & Hops Hike
Wrightsville
March 9

Waterfowl of Susq.
Millersburg
March 10

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Record Year for Photo Contest



Thank you for making our 3rd Annual *Treasured Towns & Landscapes of the Susquehanna* Photo Contest a success! **You submitted 675 entries** in the Landscapes, River Towns, People & The River, and Youth Categories - A record!

Next up: Our judges will have some tough decisions to make as they award 1st-3rd place in each category. Winners will be announced in April 2013 and the winning images will travel around the Susquehanna on display for the rest of the year. It's never too early to start snapping your memorable moments along the river for next year's contest. We can't wait to see your adventures!

Photo courtesy of [Flickr](#)

Call For Projects In Endless Mountains

The Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc., (EMHR), in cooperation with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), has administered an annual grant program through the Pennsylvania Heritage Areas Program since 1998. Interested applicants



should complete and submit the Notice of Intent form by Valentine's Day, **February 14, 2013**. EMHR staff is available to discuss project plans, identify common goals and potential funding sources, and form partnerships. [Access the form here](#).

Photo of Interpretive Signage in Tunkhannock, courtesy EMHR

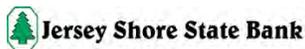
Montgomery - Susquehanna Greenway River Town



Montgomery is a small town along the West Branch of the Susquehanna with some pretty big community spirit. In January, Montgomery was officially designated as a Susquehanna Greenway River Town thanks to the area's dedication to making connections to the river and to

neighboring river towns. As part of the SGP River Town Program, citizen leaders, business owners and citizens have worked with SGP, partners, and student interns from Penn State's Hamer Center to assess the town's natural and cultural resources and identify opportunities to improve connections to the river. Read

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more about the effort with Revitalize Montgomery citizen committee and Mayor Andrew Onufrak with this [article](#). Learn more about our SGP River Town program at our [website](#).

SGP's Executive Director, Trish Carothers (right), at the designation event.

Overwhelming Public Support for PA Conservation and Recreation Projects

Do you think that state funds dedicated to preserving farmland and open space, providing parks and trails, and protecting rivers and streams should continue to be used for these purposes?

This question was one of a few posed by the Center for Survey Research at Penn State Harrisburg to over 600 PA residents regarding their views on state funding for conservation and recreation projects within the Commonwealth. The survey revealed *overwhelming* public support throughout the state and among all demographic groups for both continuing existing dedicated state funding for conservation, as well as increasing state funding for land and water conservation, even if that meant a small increase in taxes. [Read more and see survey results here.](#)



A Fishy Mystery

Spotted: A 75 pound, five foot trout! Last month we shared a Facebook photo of this lovely mosaic trout living outside the PA Fish and Boat Commission's Headquarters in Harrisburg. Wouldn't you know, you all wanted to know more about the piece! Thanks to some serious archival digging by PAFBC grounds staff we learned how, "Native Brookie" by artist Jennifer Franz found its unlikely way to the banks of the Susquehanna. [Read this fish tale.](#)



New Plan and Funding for River Access

A new Public Access Plan for the Chesapeake released by the National Park Service says there are **1,150 existing public access sites** where people can launch boats, fish, swim, or look over the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including the





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Susquehanna! The goal is to add 300 new access sites by 2025 and a new Public Access Plan will help the park service reach that goal.

The National Park Service, Chesapeake Bay Office also accepting project proposals for financial assistance awards to increase public access to designated water trails. Project applications must be submitted by **March 1, 2013**. Learn more about priority areas, funding amounts, and requirements at their website.

Additionally, reps from the Chesapeake Bay Office will be on hand to answer questions at our Susquehanna Greenway Grant Workshop on Feb 19th! Hope to see you there!

Get Wild with Us!

Wild & Scenic Film Fest - Feb. 13th



Join the the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership this Wednesday evening in Camp Hill for films that will inspire, amaze, and delight! These films show people doing great things for their

communities from around the world and in your own backyard. Tickets are just \$10 at the door and there will be lots of great raffle prizes. Hope to see you there! For details, visit our online Calendar of Events.

Campbell New PA Director

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) is pleased to announce Harry Campbell as the new Executive Director for the Pennsylvania office. Having spent the past nine years as CBF's Pennsylvania scientist, Campbell is a respected resource on technical, policy, and science issues and will now direct all of CBF's policy, advocacy, and restoration efforts in Pennsylvania. Read about Mr. Campbell here.

Water Survey: Your Voice Needed

Pennsylvanians can express their opinions about the state's water resources by filling out a brief online survey conducted by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and several partner agencies. Researchers are interested in learning what residents believe about the current status of the Keystone State's water and how they think funding



[Santino's Italian Cuisine](#)

[Susquehanna Trailways](#)

[Weis Markets](#)

[Woodlands Bank](#)

and other resources should be prioritized to best protect and manage water resources. Learn more and take the five-minute survey can be online until **Feb. 28th** at www.pawatercenter.psu.edu.

Photo by Angela Haines.

Research on the River

ShaleNetwork Dives Into Data

Water quality and quantity data are collected by many different watershed groups, government agencies, industry stakeholders and universities in regions where shale gas is being exploited. In an effort to create a central and accessible database for this information, the National Science Foundation has funded the creation of [ShaleNetwork](#), a multi-institutional initiative that will organize data to be accessible to both researchers and the public. Read more [here](#).

Investing In River Towns

Things Heat Up In Columbia



Nothing cuts through a winter day like opening the doors to [Through The Fire Studios](#) and being greeted by the warm, molten glow of a glass furnace. This new glassblowing studio in Columbia, Lancaster County is housed within the [Susquehanna Center for the Creative Arts](#), and offers workshops in glassblowing. Resident “gaffer” (glassblower) and co-founder, Jeremy Friedly, led SGP on a tour of the Studio and described how the group transformed an old, water-damaged furniture store in

the heart of downtown into creative gallery, studio, and learning space. Read more and see photos from our visit [here](#).

Jeremy Friedly and an art glass creation.

River Reads

Down the Susquehanna to the Chesapeake by John H. Brubaker

The Susquehanna is an old, hardworking, somewhat eccentric river. It cuts channels, builds and erases islands, flows deep and narrow or wide

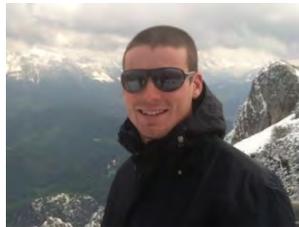


and shallow. Mark Twain captured part of its personality when he described the River's outlet at Lake Otsego in New York, "It presently narrows to twenty [feet] as it meanders along for no given reason, and yet when a stream acts like that it ought to be required to explain itself" (Brubaker 253).



Like a willful old soul, the Susquehanna makes no attempt to explain herself, however Brubaker does a wonderful job of it in his non-fiction tour of the river's natural and human history. Filled with maps and illustrations, this is a delightful read for those looking to know the River a bit better. Read more and enjoy a preview [here](#).

Meet Our Intern: Trevor Polly



The creativity in our offices just got a jolt! Trevor, a senior at Susquehanna University studying Communications and Film, has joined us as a Communications Intern. "My goal is to work in the film/video production industry someday, and I am excited to practice and hone my skills through the

creation of short films and videos for SGP." Trevor will help SGP tell different stories of the Susquehanna through interesting video interviews and will be creating a Youtube Channel for supporters to share their river stories. "Nature has caught my eye as a visually appealing subject for not only photographs, but video as well. I think it's a great way to share the beauty and experience of the Susquehanna." Welcome Trevor!

Show Your Love: Become a Member

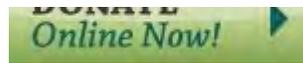


February is for lovers, and what better way to show your passion for the outdoors and our amazing Susquehanna River, than the gift of membership! Becoming a member of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership means helping to create places where people are connected to the natural and cultural resources of the Susquehanna. Through our parks

and trails, we can live active, healthy lives.

Gift membership to yourself, or gift it to another - either way know that you are helping to create **Pennsylvania's largest greenway**. Click the button below, and if membership is a gift, we'll be sure to send your "honey" "sweetie" or "river-romantic" a notice of your generosity.

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