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Selinsgrove is a 'River Town'

SELINGSGROVE — The borough will officially be designated as a "River Town" at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 during a ceremony at the Isle of Que boat launch. The official designation comes through the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.

The partnership's goals are to help towns along the Susquehanna River create river parks, bike trails, walking trails and water access points. It also works to attract and support sustainable economic development, protect water quality and to lessen flood damage with green infrastructure.

The designation will open opportunities for the borough to enhance its connection with the Susquehanna River.

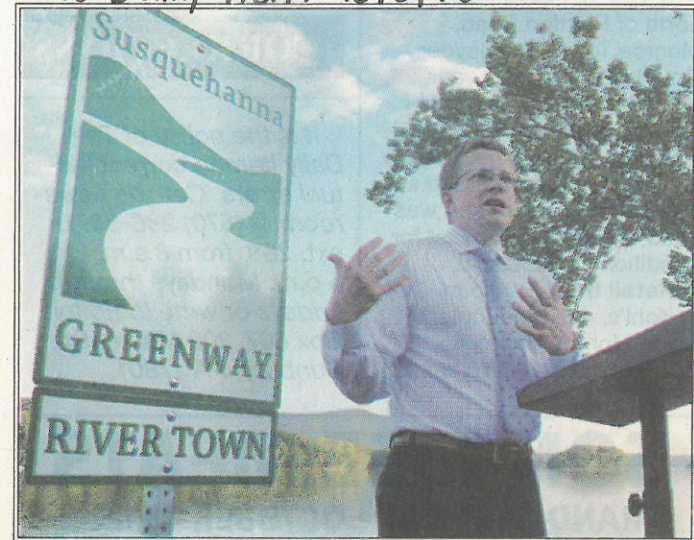
"We really do have a tremendous resource in the Susquehanna River," said Jim Charles, a native of the Isle of Que. "But the town of Selinsgrove also has Penns Creek, Middle Creek and several areas of public land along Penns Creek. All of what we have is the best-kept secret in the world."

The benefits of becoming a River Town include assistance with creating an attractive river front, which could draw tourists, attract new business and jobs, and encourage healthy recreational activities.

Seven other River Towns are Athens, Jersey Shore, Laceyville, Lewisburg, Lock Haven, Montgomery and Shickshinny.

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Snyder County Commissioner Malcolm Derk talks to more than 80 people during Wednesday's ceremony designating Selinsgrove as a River Town through the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. Lewisburg also has been designated as a River Town.