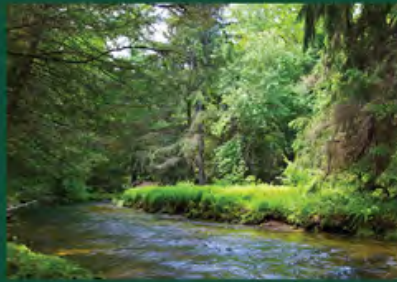


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Susquehanna River Towns Workshop - Sept 30, 2013

Creating Greener, More Flood Resilient Communities

Looking to make your Susquehanna River town more resistant to future flooding? Interested in learning how rain gardens, pervious pavements, other green infrastructure can help your community to meet its stormwater goals? Want to hear from successful land acquisition programs, learn about stormwater utilities and how to fund these different projects? Join us at the **Susquehanna River Town Workshop: *Creating Greener, More Flood Resilient Communities*** at Bloomsburg University on Monday, September 30, 2013 from 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

A great workshop for municipal officials, planners, public works, local government officials, students, and community members, registration is just \$15 and includes morning refreshments and lunch. For a full speaker schedule, directions, and registration [visit our website](#).

Contact: Zach Pyle, River Towns Program Coordinator
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Your Input Needed For State Forest Plan Online Public Survey

Have you ever hiked, biked, paddled, or just spent time "getting back to nature" in any of our public state forests?



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.



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

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry wants to hear from you as it prepares an update to the State Forest Resource Management Plan.

The plan will chart the course for managing the 2.2-million acre state forest system for a variety resources and activities. What activities are important to you? What do you think are the most pressing issues facing our state forests? Take the 23-question, 10 minute survey [here](#). Please share with your interested friends!



Visitors to Sproul State Forest during our 2012 West Branch Susquehanna Sojourn, photo by Chuck Haupt.

Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant: Wayfinding in Danville

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



The Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) and the Danville Business Alliance (DBA) have recently partnered on a number of projects designed to enhance the Borough of Danville's riverfront, open spaces and Mill Street corridor. The recently completed Danville Riverfront and Open Space Master Plan laid out an ambitious framework for creating an interconnected network of trails parks, open spaces and points of interest throughout the borough.

One of the initial steps required to create such a network is the design and installation of wayfinding signage throughout the borough. Wishing to seize upon the positive momentum of the Danville Riverfront and Open Space Master Plan and other recently completed studies, both MARC and the DBA applied for and receive grant funding from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Environmental Stewardship Fund, under the administration of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, to begin the implementation of the wayfinding signage network. This project was awarded through the Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant program. Wayfinding signage will be placed at key trail intersections, including along the "Monkey Drift Trail," named for a local iron mines illustrated above. Look for the new wayfinding signage this fall!

Photo Contest Featured Category: Treasured Susquehanna River Towns

like to assist us with an event, photography, office work, etc. visit our website and [click on volunteer](#).

Upcoming Events

To see more events, or to have an event listed, please visit our [Calendar of Events](#).

River Cleanup

Marysville
Sept. 21

Black Powder Shoot

Towanda
Sept. 21

Kayak Trip

Montoursville
Sept. 22

Kid's Run

Millersburg
Sept. 22

Union/Snyder History

Middleburg
Sept. 24

Understanding Place

Lewisburg
Sept. 25

Bike Facilities Seminar

Harrisburg
Sept. 26
Chalk Fest
Wilkes-Barre
Sept. 28

Yoga and Poetry Walk

Lewisburg
Sept. 28
Kayak Trip
Lewisburg
Sept. 29

Kid's Run

Millersburg
Sept. 29

We host an annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest to inspire everyone to get outside, get active, and explore our many special places along the Susquehanna. Contest closes February 1, 2013.



There are more than 70 communities along the Susquehanna River!

Photos of town architecture, festivals, events, street scenes *and more* are welcome in the Treasured Susquehanna River Towns contest category.



What part of small town or big city river life inspires you? Submit your stories and digital images [here](#).

Contest Gallery: See past winning images on display at FNB Bank, 354 Mill St, Danville, PA during the month of October!



Thank you Hershey's Track and Field Games for teaming up with us to get kids active outside and snap photos of the parks, trails, and views they treasure! For sponsorship info, contact [Bridget](#).

Photos (Top to Bottom): Tunkhannock, Erika Bruckner; AT hikers in Duncannon; Columbia's historic Market House.

Investing In River Towns Recreational Redevelopment

Each month we feature a story of a local business or organization that is opening or expanding in an established Susquehanna River town - helping to preserve our greenspace and invest in our towns.



It's a familiar story: Factory in small town USA faces realities of globalization, shuts down domestic factory, and sends production overseas. However, this time there's a creative twist to the ending.

Dormant since 2004, the former Pennsylvania House factory in Lewisburg, PA along the West Branch of the Susquehanna will have a new life thanks to a unique partnership that values a healthy, active community. The Miller family of Lewisburg, owners of Playworld Systems Inc., a playground and fitness equipment manufacturer, the Geisinger Health System of Danville, and the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority have announced plans for a \$6 million, community indoor wellness and recreation center to be developed on part of the old factory site. Next to the 9.2-mile Buffalo

River Towns Workshop
Bloomsburg
Sept. 30

Dirt & Gravel Road Wkshp
Lewisburg
Oct. 1

Haunted River Tour
Sunbury
Oct. 1

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Valley Rail Trail and near the Lewisburg Area Recreation Park, the facility would have an accessible, and central location. See the site and learn more about the redevelopment in this [WNEP video](#).

Have an "Investing in River Towns" story to share? [Contact Erin](#).

News from the North: History Comes Alive

Come and take a shot! The Old Hickory Long Gun group will be returning to the French Azilum Inc. Historic site along the North Branch of the Susquehanna River on September 21st from 11am-4pm. The Old Hickory's will be putting on a black powder shoot; visitors will be able to view techniques of black powder rifles as well as put their own skills to the test and take a shot. An encampment will be set up on site allowing guests to view camping techniques of the early settlers. Learn more [here](#).



News from the West: Free Educational Materials

Can you name the primary source of water pollution in PA?...

Nope, it's not agriculture, or urban runoff. It's abandoned mine drainage (AMD), from decades-old mines that drain highly acidic water laden with dissolved metals into our rivers and streams. AMD prevents fish, insects, and other aquatic life from living in the stream, leaving behind an essentially lifeless stream, until remediation measures treat the water and clean the stream.

This environmental history of resource extraction, regulatory policy, and resulting management is a story full of "teachable moments." Bring this story to the classroom, or even to your dinner table with AMD curriculum developed by the [West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition](#) and [TU's Eastern Abandoned Mine Program](#).

The curriculum contains five lessons with presentations, activities, assignments, readings, and quiz/exam questions. The lessons follow Pennsylvania state standards and incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning and hands-on activities to engage students! Get the free materials [here](#).

Middle Susquehanna News: Green it Up Harrisburg





Applications are being accepted through **September 24, 2013** for the "Green it Up Harrisburg" Leadership Training, October 8 through November 26, 2013. The



Chesapeake Bay Foundation and partners are offering the training as part of the City Beautiful 2.0 movement. The Environmental Leadership Training will provide participants with the tools and contacts to enable them to become strong community leaders, volunteers, and advocates - and to improve the city of Harrisburg by 'greening it up'. Read more [here](#).



Lower Susquehanna News: "Trail with Rail" in York County

Established in 1992 and covering 176 acres, the Heritage Rail Trail County Park in York County is 21 miles long and runs north from the Mason Dixon line to the

Colonial Courthouse in the City of York. The trail also connects to Maryland's 20-mile long Northern Central Railroad Trail.

Attention Heritage Rail Trail users and railfans - the adjoining railroad tracks are now active. The *Steam into History* excursion train is running from New Freedom to Hanover Junction Train Station. Expect to see a train at any time while enjoying a trip on the trail. Where the trail crosses the railroad tracks, check both directions before proceeding. To read more about the excursions, [click here](#).

Volunteers Needed: Berwick River Festival



Like to meet new people and chat about local trail, park, and greenway projects?

We need help at our Susquehanna Greenway Partnership information table during the Berwick River Festival on **October 11-13, 2013**.

Volunteer shifts are two hours. [Contact Erin](#) with your interest - See you there!

Researchers Along The River: River Symposium To Discuss Dams

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Save the Date: The Bucknell Environmental Center will be hosting the 8th Annual Susquehanna River Symposium on **October 18-19, 2013**. *A Fragmented System: Dams on the Susquehanna River*. The event will take place at the Elaine Langone Center, Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. Stay tuned for details [here](#).

Adam T. Bower Memorial Dam at Sunbury, photo by Steve Pensyl.

River Reads:

***A River in Time* by Deborah Courville**

This historical fiction/time travel novel brings to life the people, events and customs of post Colonial rural northeastern Pennsylvania. Built in 1781 and operated today as a living museum, The Oldest House in Laceyville, PA, is the inspiration and setting. The author, a docent at the House, draws from actual historical record as well as 'informed imagining' for the material of the book. Proceeds benefit The Oldest House for its upkeep and ongoing operation. Read more [here](#).



Courville will be conducting a book signing at The Oldest House during the Muzzleloaders' Rendezvous, Sunday, **October 6th** from 1-4pm.

Meet Our Board: Jon D. Beam



Senior Naturalist at PPL's Montour Preserve for over 20 years, Jon is no stranger to the natural beauty and critical role the Susquehanna River plays in our region. Beam serves as secretary of the Chillisquaque Limestone Watershed Association, president of the Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association and is the past president of the northeast Pennsylvania division of the United States Fencing

Association. Beam has spent the past 30 years making connections between people and the environment through public programs, workshops, and TV and radio broadcasts. Don't miss Jon during "The Nature Notebook" weekly radio feature broadcast on Sundays at 4:5 p.m. on the National Public Radio affiliate serving northeastern and central Pennsylvania. Jon is an avid nature photographer, hiker,



cyclist, paddler and currently resides outside of Turbotville with his wife. Welcome Jon!

Next month! - Meet Bob Rolley

Bitting Recreation, Inc.

CNB Bank

Geokinetics

Jersey Shore Area
Lioness Club

Jersey Shore Moose
Lodge #214

Lycoming Mall

Lundy Warehousing

Norcen Industries, Inc.

South Avis Realty

Susquehanna Trailways

Wegmans

Weis Markets

Woodlands Bank

Meet Our Volunteer: Julia Portocarrero

Julia is a senior at Lewisburg Area High School, and her interests in environmental conservation lead her to volunteer with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. She volunteered at our Sunbury River Festival booth and is organizing and mapping photo entries from the Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest. You can often spot Julia running on local trails, biking, and kayaking on the river. She is interested in biology, and would like to study botany in college. Thank you for volunteering Julia!



Get Involved: Become A Member!



Creating over 500 miles of connected parks, trails, conserved areas, and revitalized river towns is no small task and we cannot do it without local partners and contributions from people like you who care about the future of the Susquehanna Greenway!

We hope you will consider making a tax-deductible donation to show your appreciation for PA's most important natural asset. Your contributions help us to be a stronger champion for the River, create an environment that is attractive to business, advocate for protection of our water, farmlands, and forests. Click here to become a member of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. Thank you!

Banner photos (L to R): Josh Klina, Phyllis Wimer, Lori Bogedin, and Amy Spangler.

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