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U.S. Interior Secretary Jewell appoints Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Executive Director to Captain John Smith Historic Trail Advisory Council



Photo: Trish Carothers

On August 20, 2013 U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, named Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Executive Director, Trish Carothers, to the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council for a 2-year term.

Carothers joins the council along with 25 other prominent conservationists, Native American leaders, and other representatives from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. The Advisory Council consults with the Secretary and advises the National Park Service on matters related to the trail, including trail management, public access, recreational opportunities and indigenous cultural landscapes.

The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail commemorates the voyages of Captain John Smith and his crew as they explored the Chesapeake Bay between 1607 and 1609. The more than 2,000-mile trail was established in 2006 as part of the National Trails System and became America's first national water trail. Modern-day explorers travel the trail on land and water, enjoying a variety of recreational experiences at places reminiscent of the Bay in the seventeenth century.

The Susquehanna River Component Connecting Trail to the Captain John Smith Trail was created in 2012 and is a 552-mile system of water trails along the main stem and West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York. Sections of the trail are managed by a variety of organizations and agencies, all of which support the component connecting designation.

Overall coordination of the component is provided by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. The southern end of this trail links directly with the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail at Conowingo, Maryland. To learn more about the Susquehanna Greenway, visit www.susquehannagreenway.org.

For more information about the trail, visit www.smithtrail.net.

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