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**Susquehanna Greenway  
Partnership**

## **New River Access Coming Soon!**

### **Construction Starts in Jersey Shore**

Thanks to the tireless efforts of many partners, donors, and friends who love the Susquehanna River and Greenway, the Borough of Jersey Shore is about to get public access to the West Branch of the Susquehanna!

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 3, 2014 at the access site just off of Front Street. See photos on our [Facebook Page](#).



After over four years of planning and fundraising, the Borough of Jersey Shore awarded the public river access project to Mid-State Paving and Construction. Construction will begin Phase I of the construction the beginning of October 2015.



The Borough of Jersey Shore is excited to see this project commence and the organizations that have supported this project including the National Park Service – Chesapeake Bay Gateway, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection – Bureau of Natural Resources – Bureau of Conservation, First Commu



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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 Vision**

*The Susquehanna Greenway with its connected walking, biking, and water trails, unique river towns, and conserved land improves the quality of life for the people who live near it, enhances the economic vitality of the communities that foster it, and preserves the natural resources of the Susquehanna River itself. It protects our water quality, encourages healthy lifestyles, and inspires stewardship and civic pride in places where people love to live, work, play and visit.*

### **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.](#)

## Upcoming Events

To see more events, or list your event, please visit our [Calendar of Events](#).

Yellow Breeches Program  
Mechanicsburg  
Oct. 9

PPL Preserves Public Forum  
Washingtonville  
Oct. 9

Shooting Stars Program  
Danville  
Oct. 10

Flaming Foliage Festival  
Renovo  
Oct. 10-12

Berwick Riverfest  
Berwick  
Oct. 10-12

Woolly Worm Festival  
Lewisburg  
Oct. 11

Sink Hole Litter Cleanup  
Clinton County  
Oct. 11

ChalkFest  
Wilkes-Barre  
Oct. 11

Dam Darkness Race  
Curwensville  
Oct. 11

Little Pine State Park Fall Fest  
Waterville  
Oct. 12

Healthy Kids Run  
Millersburg  
Oct. 12

Home Water & Septic Workshop  
Wrightsville  
Oct. 14

Visitors Bureau, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and many local individual and business donors who gave nearly their generous donations.

At SGP we are thrilled to help kickoff this project which will increase access to the river, improve safe travel along the West Branch Water Trough, and help the Jersey Shore become more connected to the river! Learn more about the [Shore Public River Access Project](#).

For questions regarding the Jersey Shore Public River Access Project, please contact the Jersey Shore Revitalization Team please contact Trowbridge at [tbridge@comcast.net](mailto:tbridge@comcast.net) or Zach Pyle, River Town Liaison Coordinator at [zpyle@susquehannagreenway.org](mailto:zpyle@susquehannagreenway.org).

*Images: SGP and project partners attend the groundbreaking ceremony. Conceptual renderings of the river access have helped the community see a positive change in their river town community.*

## Susquehanna Greenway Featured on TV

### WVIA's Greenlife PA Video Series - Oct. 9 at 8:00pm



The Susquehanna Greenway is being made possible to walk, bike, or pedal to river town and it is being done one project at a time!

Learn about some of the projects along the Susquehanna Greenway on WVIA on October 9, 2014 at 8:00pm on the latest [Greenlife Pennsylvania](#) episode. The episode features the Susquehanna Greenway.

different ways that everyone can get involved. If you miss it live here!

*Photo by Patrick Greenbaum.*

## Revitalizing River Towns

### Lewisburg & Lock Haven Designated As River Towns



Congrats Lock Haven and Lewisburg, the newest Susquehanna Greenway River Towns!

Over the past few months, representatives from various Lewisburg organizations, businesses, and Bucknell University worked with SGP to be designated as a Susquehanna Greenway River Town. The community earned the title through a formal application and agreeing to

Endless Mnts Heritage Meeting  
Wyoming County  
Oct. 16

Water Resources Conference  
Harrisburg  
Oct. 17

Third Friday Art Walk  
Wilkes-Barre  
Oct. 17

Oktoberfest  
Port Trevorton  
Oct. 18-19

Canoe & Brew  
Tunkhannock  
Oct. 18

Carnival of Colors Walk  
Danville  
Oct. 18

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that will connect people to the Lewisburg to the larger Susquehanna Greenway system.

To continue the borough's record of attracting visitors and engaging residents with the Susquehanna River, the Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation among many other organizations have coordinated river town meetings and work with SGP to identify a projects related to the community and river. Several new river town community programs have become a reality this year, including "Park" series, a neighborhood block party, and river clean-up event about the Lewisburg designation event.

Similarly, Lock Haven has come together to embrace the West Susquehanna River and strive to improve the river and town community. Lock Haven has been very progressive in accepting the River Towns Program by developing a strong group of community stakeholders to identify and implement projects that will build the Susquehanna Greenway system, said Zach Pyle, River Town Program Coordinator. The River Towns Program engaged local business owners and Lock Haven University students in a survey process to find out how to better connect the University with local merchants. In addition, Lock Haven has applied to the Susquehanna Partnership's Mini-Grant program with the hopes of constructing a new river front which will include local events and other Greenway related activities.

Learn more about our [River Towns Program](#).

For questions about the River Town Program, contact Zach Pyle at [zpyle@susquehannagreenway.org](mailto:zpyle@susquehannagreenway.org).

## Uncertain Future for Montour Preserve Public Invited to Share Comments at Forum

A well-known community asset has an uncertain future. The Montour Preserve, located in north central Montour County near Washingtonville, has served as a place for outdoor enthusiasts to take part in a variety of educational and recreational opportunities including hiking, bird watching, boating, fishing, photography, and nature observation. Due to a planned change of ownership at the Montour Power Plant, the public may not be able to enjoy the preserve as early as next year.



The Commissioners of Montour and Columbia Counties and the Recreation Commission (MARC) will host a public forum on **Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7:00pm** in the Delong Memorial Hall (7 Church St, Washingtonville, PA 17884) to discuss the future of the PPL Montour Preserve and other lands in Montour and Columbia Counties. Commissioners and staff will briefly discuss the recent announcement made by PPL concerning



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educational programming at the Preserve and the uncertainty of the site in 2015, then will open the floor to community residents concerns and recommendations for action.

### News from the North:

#### Locals Give Preserve A Facelift

Hugged tightly by the Susquehanna River, the Howland Preserve is an exquisite 669-acre property held by the North Branch Land Trust (NBLT) just north of Tunkhannock in Wyoming County. Visitors can enjoy a riverside parking area, non-motorized boat launch, picnic area at the river, and hiking trails.



In an extraordinary effort to resurrect and enhance this great place, the Friends of Howland Preserve and poured some serious blood, sweat, and tears into rehabbing the amenities, wetlands, buildings, and barn to make this property a gem along the river. Thanks to their hard work, the Howland Preserve hosts events. Learn more, get involved, and enjoy all the construction Facebook Page. Learn more about the Howland Preserve history here.

### News from the West:

#### Creative Path to Cleaner Water for West Branch



Cleaner water will be entering the West Branch of the Susquehanna River to a new, unique treatment system unveiled near Clearfield County. Just 15 minutes from the river town of Clearfield, the Dewatering System treats flows of acidic, metals-laden water or acid mine drainage that emanate from a deep coal mine on the site. It is the first bioreactor in the watershed and uses bacteria to remove metals and reduce acidity. The water flows through a mixture of woodchips, mushroom compost, hay, and settling basins before it continues into Clearfield Creek. See photo here.

### Middle Susquehanna News:

#### New River Trail Campsite





On October 5th members and friends of the Susquehanna River Trail Association conducted a Fall Family Float to get families and children out on the river for a safe, easy, float trip from Millersburg to Halifax.



The float trip made a stop at Fort Halifax to dedicate a new public river trail campsite in memory of recent SRTA President and long-time member Jim McNulty. Jim was an avid outdoorsman kayaker is dearly missed along the River that he loved.  
*Photo: Jim McNulty.*



### Lower Susquehanna Zimmerman Center Open

After a year of construction the Center for Heritage is now open and sure to visit the historic Dritt I pavilion, floating dock and canoe area. Also enjoy the native garden at Native Lands County Park, a accessible pathway connecting

the river. Interpretive panels along the way share the history of the the Dritt Mansion. The grounds and river access facilities are open from dawn to dusk everyday. [Read more here.](#)



*Image courtesy of the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area.*



### Researchers Along the River Free Seminar Explores Clean Water Issues

Nutrient pollution of water is a "wicked" problem, one that involves a complex, multidisciplinary approach to problem solving. The Center for Nutrient Solutions at Penn State is announcing a new seminar series called Science for Solutions: Combating the Wicked Nutrient Problem.



Matt Royer, Director of the Penn State Agricultural and Environmental Center will present the first seminar, *Legal and Policy Drivers of Nutrient Pollution* held on **October 10, 2014** and will also be accessible by webinar. The seminar will explore the existing legal and policy framework that is driving innovations to confront nutrient pollution. This is a great series for local officials, conservation districts, and those with a passion for our water resources.

*Photo by Chuck Haupt.*

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## Fund Your Greenway Project

Featured Grant: National Endowment for the Arts



Trail art installation gardens, creative s your Greenway cor encourage more pu quality of life?

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*Artists and commu. practitioners across:*

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Learn more at, <http://arts.gov/exploring-our-town>.

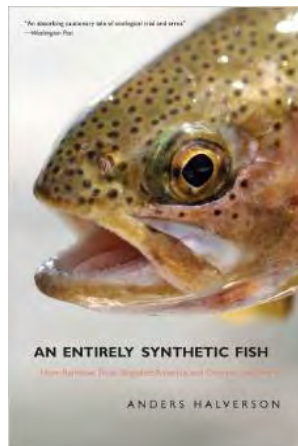
See more resources for your Susquehanna Greenway projects [Page](#).

*Photo: Appalachian Trail hikers stop to enjoy a public mural in I*

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## River Reads:

***An Entirely Synthetic Fish: How Rainbow Trout B America and Overran the World by Anders Halve***



Anders Halverson provides an exha and grippingly rendered account of t and why it has become the most cor controversial freshwater fish in the U Originally discovered in the streams California, rainbow trout have been in streams across America for more Halverson discusses the spread of t and how a fish that has gained incre among anglers has also produced e problems and controversy. A great r or those interested in environmental

Thanks Ken Undercoffer for recommending this title!

[See all of our River Reads.](#)

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## Meet Our Staff:

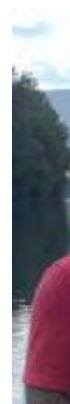
### Michael J. Grasso

Mike has recently joined our staff as the Volunteer Steward Coordinator through the AmeriCorps program. He will be assisting SGP with developing a robust volunteer program. Mike grew up in the Susquehanna Valley and graduated from Bucknell University in 2013 with a B.A. in Environmental Studies. He developed a passion for environmental conservation when as a child he was told that he couldn't play in local stream because a business had been caught illegally dumping waste upstream. Mike likes to spend his free time hiking, camping, and playing soccer. Mike can be reached at 5705227279 or [mgrasso@susquehannagreenway.org](mailto:mgrasso@susquehannagreenway.org).



### Kyle Postupack

From student, to intern, to coworker! We'd like to thank Kyle Postupack for his fabulous work this past summer as our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Intern. While he was with us, Kyle worked to update our files of trails, parks, and amenities within the Susquehanna Greenway. He also assisted us with scouting locations along the river for our 2014 West Branch Paddle & Pedal, and compiled lots of resources for our developing volunteer program. Credits from his internship helped him to finish his degree in Geography and Environmental Planning from Bloomsburg University. Kyle is now working with the SEDA-COG GIS Department where he continues to assist SGP. Kyle resides in Danville where he enjoys taking his dog, Ellie, hiking, and swimming. He is excited to apply his interests in outdoor recreation to help further the Greenway's mission in his new position. Welcome to the team, Kyle!



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## Support the Greenway

Creating over 500 miles of connected parks, trails, conserved and revitalized river towns is no small task and we cannot do it without the support and help from people like you who care about the future of the Susquehanna Greenway. Here are different ways you can get involved:

**Membership:** Consider [making a tax-deductible donation](#) to support the Susquehanna! Your contribution will help us to be a stronger community on the Susquehanna River, create an environment that is attractive to business, and ensure the protection of our water, farmlands, and forests. [Click here](#) to be a member of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership or give the gift of membership to a special someone. Thank you!

**Volunteer/Internships:** Whether you're interested in volunteering in our office, or you'd like to hear about different volunteer opportunities (e.g., trail photography, event volunteers, etc.) needed throughout the year,



we'd love to get to know you! Check out our [volunteer needs](#) or about volunteer opportunities with the SGP and our many different partners.

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