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Transportation Funding Update

Bill On The Horizon



Sen. John Rafferty held a news conference on Tuesday, April 16th launching the introduction of Senate Bill 1, his proposed solution to PA's transportation needs. It was a bipartisan gathering in which Rafferty, majority chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, was joined by his Senate counterpart, John Wozniak, and Dick Hess and Mike McGeehan, House Transportation majority and minority chairs, respectively.

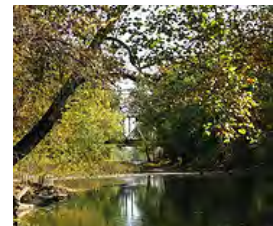
The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) has been represented on the Keystone

Transportation Funding Coalition by our Board Member Wayne Kober to **voice our support for safer roads, including improved bike and pedestrian trails**. We anticipate the bill will be released soon, and will provide additional information when it is. In the meantime, [learn more from the Coalition here](#). View the [press release](#) and [fact sheet](#).

Photo courtesy of [Flickr](#).

Greenway Mini-Grant: Water Trail Guide

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.



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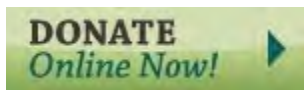
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Your gift will help us protect the natural and cultural resources of the Susquehanna, revitalize river communities and build connected parks, trails, and public river access points.



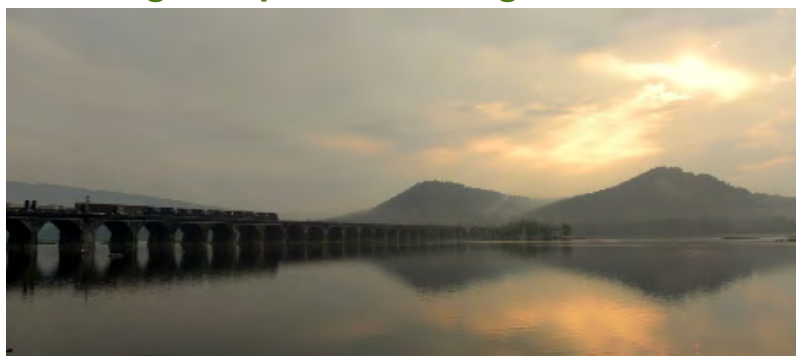
Our Mission

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

Buffalo Creek winds, twists, and gurgles across much of Union County until it meets the West Branch of the Susquehanna at Lewisburg, PA. For many locals it has always been a favorite paddling destination, but outside local circles it has remained relatively unknown. With assistance from a SGP Mini-Grant the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance (BCWA) wants to let the cat out of the bag. Their two-sided, full color Buffalo Creek Water Trail Guide will help paddlers safely navigate and enjoy this special resource. For the guide and more info, [click here](#).



Stunning Susquehanna Images!



1st Place, Landscape Category - David Frasier

It was a record-breaking 3rd Annual *Treasured Towns & Landscapes of the Susquehanna Greenway* Photo Contest, as we received **over 700 entries** of breathtaking landscapes, historic river towns, and inspiring photos of life along our incredible Susquehanna Greenway. Thank you!

[See All Winners](#)

The winning images will be framed, and hit the road for the rest of year as part of our Traveling Gallery. Stay tuned for a list of public locations and reception events.



You Be The Judge: We need your help to decide which Honorable Mention image should be framed and included in our Contest Gallery! Visit our [Facebook page](#) to "Like" your favorite photos by 5pm, April 19th and get your friends to do the same.

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.](#)



Hey Hot Shot: The 4th Annual Photo Contest will open Summer 2013. In the meantime, grab your camera and create your Susquehanna moments!



Special thanks to our sponsor, [Hershey's Track and Field Games](#) - *Inspire a*

lifetime of family activity! Be sure to check out their programs.

We are seeking sponsorship for our next exciting Photo Contest. For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Bridget Kane at bkane@susquehannagreenway.org

Featured Sponsor:



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Upcoming Events

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

[Gear Swap](#)
Lewisburg
April 19 – 21

[Alternative Energy Film](#)
Bloomsburg
April 19

Paddle The River

There are all kinds of opportunities to explore the Susquehanna River this spring, here are just a few:



West Branch Susquehanna Sojourn - May 14-19, Mahaffey to Keating, 97 miles. Join us for an exciting trip through some of the most remote and lovely sections of the Upper West Branch during our educational trip. Paddle the entire trip, or a few days...it's up to you!

Learn more [here](#), and register by May 1.



Susquehanna Sojourn - June 8-15, Great Bend to Wyalusing, 97 miles. From PA to NY, and back into PA again - this trip defies boundaries! The agenda includes evening programs of cultural and historic programs related to the

National Historic Trail. More information available [here](#).



River Day - June 9, This fun, one-day paddle from Bloomsburg to Danville benefits the Children's Miracle Network. Info and registration, [click here.](#)

Early Birds Hike
Harrisburg
April 20

American Heritage Crafters
Milton
April 20

Island Bird Walk
Duncannon
April 20

River Arts Tour
Columbia & Montour counties
April 20

Wetland Walk
Lewisburg
April 20

History Festival
Sunbury
April 20

Tour and Chili Cook-Off
Shickshinny
April 20

State Park Cleanup
Milton
April 20

Songs for Spring
Danville
April 20

Mountain Minstrelsy
Lewisburg
April 20

Chicklacamoose Marathon
Clearfield
April 21

Day of Service
Mechanicsburg
April 21

Earth Day Cleanup
Tunkhannock
April 21

Flatwater Challenge - July 20, This amateur canoe and kayak race will take place in York County. For information, [click here](#).

Middle Section Paddle - July 28, An educational paddle near the Selinsgrove area. Stay tuned to [Susquehanna River Trail Association](#). for more info.

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

Photos by Chuck Haupt (top) and Cody Goddard (middle, bottom)

Greenway Heating Up



Fabulous food and community spirit collide this **Saturday, April 20 at 12pm** in the river town of Shickshinny!

Join the community revitalization group, [ShickshinnyForward](#), and SGP representatives for a riverfront tour and look at the developing master plan for the re-birth of the riverfront as a recreation destination! At 1pm sample amazing concoctions at the 1st Annual Great Chili Cook-Off in the Borough Building Park. For more info, [click here](#). SGP is excited to provide assistance for creating a riverfront park in flood buy-out

areas of Shickshinny through a Municipal Assistance Program grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Photo courtesy of [Flickr](#).

Help Needed for Park and River Cleanup

The Susquehanna's riverbanks, parks, and trails are in need of a good spring cleaning! Numerous volunteer groups have planned cleanup events within the Greenway and need your help. What a great way to celebrate Earth Day all month long!



April 20 - Milton State Park Cleanup

April 27 - Deer Creek Cleanup - Clearfield County

April 27 - River Cleanup - Wyoming County

April 27 - Penns Creek Cleanup - Snyder County

Susquehanna Song
Wilkes-Barre Township
April 21

Bike Ride
Lewisburg
April 21

Salamander Search
Tunkhannock
April 21

DEP at Home
Harrisburg
April 22 – 26

Natural Gas Talk
Bloomsburg
April 22

Birds of Alaska
Williamsport
April 24

Moon Walk
Lewisburg
April 25

Tree Planting
Lewisburg
April 26

Fourth Friday
Tunkhannock
April 26

Bird Walk
Harrisburg
April 27

Energy Workshop
Lewisburg
April 27

Drug Take Back
State-wide
April 27

Arts Festival
Lewisburg
April 27

River Cleanup

To find other cleanup events near you, visit [Keep PA Beautiful](#), or check out our [Calendar of Events](#). Thanks for keeping our Greenway litter-free!

Outreach Events - Say Hello!

Hello new friends! For about 200 of you, this is the first time you are receiving our news since meeting us at the Outdoor Life Expo and at the PA Land Trust Assn. conference. From this pool of new friends, we selected two names at random for a free kayak trip donated by the awesome folks at [Buffalo Valley Outfitters](#) of Lewisburg, PA. Congrats Tanya K. of Williamsport and Deb R. of North Bend. Enjoy your paddle on the Susquehanna!



Catch us at the Lewisburg Arts Festival on **Saturday, April 27th** and enter to win a paddle trip donated by [Canoe Susquehanna](#)!



Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers to help us staff our table at the Festival. Join us for a little outreach, people watching, help us hand out stickers, and share information about the River. Volunteer shifts are just two hours plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the festivities! Can you help? Contact Erin for more info at epierce@susquehannagreenway.org or 570-522-7244.

New Park & Trail for Muncy

In 2004, 11 acres of undeveloped land just outside Muncy, along the West Branch of the Susquehanna, were donated to the Muncy Historical Society. This generous act set in motion the process to turn the ecologically and culturally rich property into a public park for the residents of Muncy and visitors from the region and beyond.

The Muncy Heritage Park & Nature Trail are to be formally dedicated and opened **Sunday, May 19th at 2:30pm**. All are welcome for a tour and refreshments. Read more and see photos [here](#).



Photo of park pavilion during construction in 2011.

Falls
April 27

Deer Creek Cleanup
Clearfield County
April 27

Bilger's Rocks Cleanup
Clearfield County
April 27

Birds and Blooms
Danville
April 27

Arbor Day Hike
Holtwood
April 27

Arbor Day Climb
Williamsport
April 27

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Special Thanks to Our Sponsors



More Trees, Please!



More of your favorite tree species could be coming to a city or town near you! Citing the many social and economic benefits healthy trees bring to communities, DCNR's Bureau of Forestry has outlined a statewide expansion of TreeVitalize, a popular and successful community tree-planting and education program. Read more [here](#).

Photos by Matt Messer.

Cleaning Out Your Medicine Cabinet?



Got Drugs? Don't flush those pharmaceuticals! The Drug Enforcement Agency will conduct a Nationwide Drug Collection Day to collect unwanted, expired, and unused drugs on **Saturday, April 27** from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The service is free and anonymous. Scientific evidence shows that a growing number of pharmaceuticals are ending up in waterways across the country. Protect drinking water and public health, find your local drop-off location [here](#).

River Art On Display



Join SGP this **Sunday, April 21** from 1-5pm at the Heinz Rehab Hospital in Wilkes-Barre Township for the opening reception of "Susquehanna Song" a collection of beautiful Susquehanna River-inspired art by painters Sue Hand and Peggy Davidson.

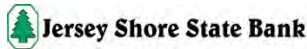
Sue and Peggy paddled the entire North Branch, from Cooperstown, NY to Northumberland, PA and their paintings converge environment with history and adventure. See you there! For more info, [click here](#).

Art by Sue Hand.

Rebuilding "Kidsburg"

The flooding in 2011 almost wiped one community off the map, but even its smallest residents are vowing to rebuild. "Kidsburg," was the playground located in Bloomsburg's Town Park and a beloved fixture for almost twenty years.





"It was a piece of everyone's childhood, but now we have the opportunity to do a community rebuild on higher ground, with sustainable materials, and with improved access for all abilities," said Deb Huckans, Co-Chair of Kidsburg 2.0, the volunteer committee leading the way in the rebuild. With assistance from volunteers and partners, the group has organized a series of public fundraising events. The Kidsburg 5k run/walk will take place along the riverfront **May 11** to benefit the playground. Have a Kidsburg memory? Share it at the [Kidsburg Survey](#). For more info visit: www.kidsburg.org

Photo: Kidsburg after the 2011 flood.

The Future of Penns Woods



The first statewide Private Forest Landowners' Conference, hosted by the Center for Private Forests in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences will be held **May 10-11** at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA, and bring together people who want to demonstrate a commitment to forest sustainability. Read more and register [here](#).

Photo by Chuck Haupt.



Luzerne Co. Sustainable Land Tour

Want to know how to manage your land in a healthier and sustainable way? Join DCNR, Penn State Extension, and PA Environmental Council for a bus tour that highlights six different sites around

Luzerne County on Friday, May 31. The sustainable park and business sites include Kirby Park Natural Area, Plains Animal Hospital, The Lands at Hillside Farm, Butler Community Garden, Life Expressions Wellness Center and Nescopeck State Park. Cost of the tour is just \$20, which includes lunch. Find a brochure and registration info [here](#).

Tour stops include the green roof on the Life Expression Wellness Center.

Greenways & Trails Summit

Call for Presentations

Have a great story of trail or greenway development success? Share your





knowledge and stories by presenting at the 2013 Summit, September 15-17, 2013. [Click here](#) for a session proposal form. **Proposals are due by May 31, 2013**

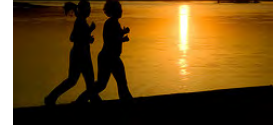


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Record Number On Warrior Trail

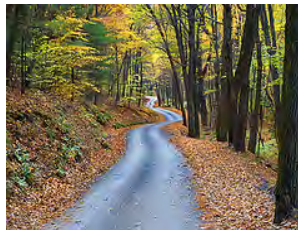
Never before have so many runners and walkers descended on the Susquehanna Warrior Trail! On April 6, 2013, the trail drew a record crowd of 326 participants for the 6th annual 5K event. The event not only promoted outdoor physical fitness and wellness, but also showcased the 11 mile riverside trail, the Five Mountain Region, and the river town of Shickshinny. See you on the trail!



Photo courtesy of the Susquehanna Warrior Trail Council.



Researchers Along the River



Our cold-water trout streams have found a friend in an unlikely research center. No, it's not a group of ecologists, biologists, or even a sportsman's association. This champion for preserving fishable streams literally cares about dirt - The Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies at Penn State

University. Read more at our [website](#).

Photo by Carol Kalinowski.

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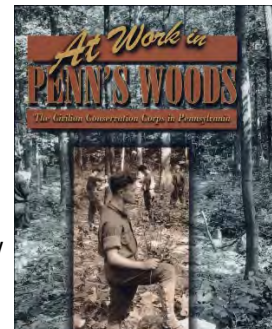
Weis Markets

Woodlands Bank

River Reads

At Work In Penn's Woods: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Pennsylvania
by Joseph M. Speakman

Who were these young men who planted more than **60 million trees** in our state, upgraded park facilities, and provided soil conservation assistance to local farmers? Find out in Speakman's fabulous account of the CCC workers who helped to transform and conserve our state. Learn about the CCC camps near the Susquehanna and how 7,000 CCC men mobilized to help after the devastating flooding of 1936, including the



West Branch communities of Renovo and Williamsport. Learn more [here](#).



Meet Our Intern: Taylor Wolfe



Congratulations to Taylor Wolfe, our Spring 2013 GIS Intern, for his recent graduation from Shippensburg University! Taylor majored in Geoenvironmental Studies and received a certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Taylor used his skills to help improve river communities by advancing mapping related to our River Towns program. Thank you Taylor for all your great work, and we are thrilled to have you as our summer GIS volunteer! Taylor says his love of the outdoors grew from his many years as a boy scout and growing up in the Susquehanna Valley.

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