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SGP works to make the Susquehanna River Valley a great place to live, work, and play, but we need your help to continue this important work. Our vision is to create a network of parks, trails, and communities that enable you to walk, bike, or paddle along the entire length of the Susquehanna River within Pennsylvania, thus enhancing the quality of life in our region.

Your donation today is extremely important because it offers immediate resources that are directed to current needs and opportunities within the Partnership and along the Greenway. The Greenway exists to serve you and your community, to provide opportunities to enjoy the beauty of our region, and to connect you to the river and to each other. Please consider making a year-end gift, so that we can keep bringing these resources to your backyard.

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SGP Board Announces New Executive Director

Corey Ellison to Step into Position as of December 1st

The Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is pleased to announce that Corey Ellison has been named the new Executive Director, effective December 1, 2018. Ellison succeeds Tali MacArthur. As the new executive director, Ellison will oversee the staff and work with the Board of Directors to develop a new strategic plan to guide SGP in its second decade of work. She will liaison with local, county, state, and federal officials and agencies, as well as other partner organizations on developing a 500-mile greenway of land and water trails throughout Pennsylvania and will be setting program and project development goals and priorities to make this vision a reality.

"I look forward to building on the great foundation that has been laid over the last decade. The Susquehanna Greenway is a valuable asset to the people and communities of Pennsylvania, and I am excited to continue working with our many great partners to grow our collective network of trails, communities, and open space." - Ellison

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They Came, They Saw, and They Sipped

An Evening of Scenes and Sips in Harrisburg

November 1, 2018 – Community members from across the Susquehanna Greenway joined regional photographers, SGP staff and board members, and partner organizations at Susquehanna Scenes & Sips at the Appalachian Brewing Company (ABC) in Harrisburg, PA. The event celebrated the stunning works of the thirteen winners from the 7th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest. The winning images were displayed alongside several previous years' winners that highlighted the local area. In all, attendees viewed over 30 winning images in the gallery. The photos—all taken within the Susquehanna Greenway—were selected by a panel of judges as the best of four categories: Landscapes, Susquehanna Adventures, River Towns, and Youth (under 18 years old).

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Instagram or Facebook. We'd love to see your shots of Greenway scenery, wildlife, river towns, and Susquehanna adventures like hiking, biking, paddling, and more!

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Life Jackets Required on River

Mandatory November 1st - April 30th

Don't forget! Wearing a life jacket is now mandatory on the river from November through April. The regulation states: "a person shall wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD or life jacket) during the cold weather months from November 1st through April 30th while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak." The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has everything you need to know in the link below.

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Want to See Scenes of The Susquehanna All Year Long?

2019 Photo Contest Calendars for Sale

Trails

Jersey Shore Bike-Ped Audit Completed

Working Towards Trail Development in this River Town

The Jersey Shore Borough recently completed a Community Bike and Pedestrian Audit that was intended to raise awareness about the importance of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly community design for encouraging active and healthy lifestyles, as well as help organize the community around bike/ped issues, identify impediments to safe walking and biking, and identify priority projects for implementation. Funded by a Peer Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR), the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) and a professional consultant facilitated the project, in collaboration with PennDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinators, representatives from your Metropolitan Planning Organization and County Planning Department, and a diverse local Study Committee.

Other Susquehanna Greenway River Towns are encouraged to pursue similar audits to empower community leaders and residents to get the funding needed to implement priority bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. For interest in pursuing a bike-ped audit for your town contact info@susquehannagreenway.org. To read more about Jersey Shore's project and to see their final audit click below.

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The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is happy to announce that our 2019 Photo Contest Calendar is now available for purchase. Get yours today for only $10! This calendar features the 13 winning images from the 7th Annual Photo Contest; *Treasured Landscapes and River Towns of the Susquehanna*. All proceeds from the 2019 calendar will go toward supporting the 8th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest and Traveling Gallery. Click the link below to order.

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River Towns

Congratulations Bloomsburg!

Community Designated Offical Susquehanna Greenway River Town

Bloomsburg, PA - On Monday, October 22, the town of Bloomsburg saw a multi-year effort come to fruition when it received its official designation as a Susquehanna Greenway River Town at a ceremony held during the town council's meeting. Executive Director of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP), Tali MacArthur, presented Mayor William Kreisher and Town Administrator Lauren Martz with the achievement. "SGP is so happy to welcome Bloomsburg into the River Town Program," lauds MacArthur. "This designation recognizes Bloomsburg's long history with the Susquehanna River, and complements its efforts to continue to grow and celebrate its connections to the river, as well as take advantage of the many economic development opportunities that the river fosters."

Voting is Now Open!

River of the Year, ends January 4, 2019

The public is invited to vote online for the 2019 Pennsylvania River of the Year until January 4, 2019. The four waterways nominated for 2019 are the Clarion River, Conodoguinet Creek, Delaware River, and Lackawanna River. After a waterway is chosen for the annual honor, local groups implement a year-round slate of activities and events to celebrate the river, including a paddling trip, or sojourn. The organization nominating the winning river will receive a $10,000 leadership grant from DCNR to help fund these River of the Year activities.

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Partner News

DCNR Grant Awards Announced

Congratulations to all!

This November the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced its grant awards for next year. A total investment of $50 million will go towards funding 280 projects across Pennsylvania including trail development, protection of open spaces, planting of riparian buffers, river conservation projects, projects for the maintenance of recreation, parks, conservation facilities, and much more. We have some exciting work coming to the Greenway! For the announcement and full list of grant-funded projects click the link below. Congratulations to all. We look forward to seeing your project visions become realities!

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The mission of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is to envision, create and sustain a greenway along the Susquehanna River to enhance river towns and the lives of current and future generations.

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