



Healthy, Sustainable Susquehanna Communities

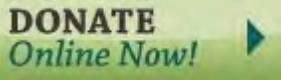
Nearly 500 miles in length, the Susquehanna Greenway is one of our greatest regional resources. It is a corridor of parks, trails, river access points, and conserved areas, connecting people to the natural and cultural treasures of the Susquehanna River and its West Branch. The Susquehanna Greenway conserves the environment for all living things and balances the needs of generations today and tomorrow.

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

[Our Website](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[Contact Us](#)



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.



In This Issue...

[Recreation and Conservation Funding Restored!](#)

[Funding For River Towns](#)

[River Month Recap](#)

[Picture This!](#)

[Jersey Shore Greening](#)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Restored!

The freshly signed 2012-2013 state budget holds that the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund will continue unchanged in the coming year! Thank you all SGP members, partners, volunteers, and friends who took the time to write to your legislators and advocate for this important source of funding for trails, open space, and parks.



The Keystone Fund is supported by 15% of the Realty Transfer Tax. The fund has been critical in helping to build parks, trails and conserve open space along the Susquehanna Greenway – the state’s largest greenway. Locally, Keystone-funded projects include: The Susquehanna Riverwalk, Lycoming County; Camp Lackawana Easement, Wyoming County; Capital Area Greenbelt, Dauphin County; River Walk Improvements, Clinton County. With restored Keystone Funding, the future of park and recreation projects along the Susquehanna Greenway is looking bright. Thank you again!

Learn more about the Keystone Fund projects near you at www.keystonefund.org.

Funding For River Towns

Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program



Have an idea for a Greenway project in your community? We are pleased to announce our first Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program! A total of \$60,000 will be awarded.

[Purchase Benefits Access](#)

[Bikes, Paddles, & Grapes](#)

[PA Group In National Contest](#)

[Cleanup Volunteers Needed](#)

[Discover River Heritage](#)

[Rail-Trail Expansion](#)

[Canoe Race Has Roots](#)

[Duncannon's Designation](#)

[You Gotta Regatta](#)

[Volunteers Needed at Festival](#)

[Public Access Upgrades](#)

[Challenges For Walking & Biking](#)

[Green Infrastructure Resources](#)

[Rocks & River Hike](#)

[Summer Paddle](#)

[River Reads](#)

[Researchers on the River](#)

[Meet Our Interns](#)

[Help Us Build the Greenway](#)



Our Mission

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is a leading champion for the Susquehanna River Watershed,

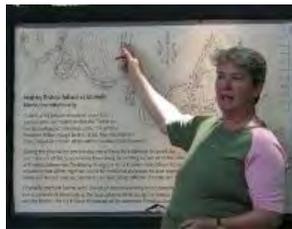


The theme is *Connecting Susquehanna Greenway River Towns* and projects should aim to improve or create new trail connections with the river, riverfront parks, public river access, Susquehanna Greenway signs, or green infrastructure projects that protect water quality. Deadline for proposals is **August 20, 2012**. See more information at our [Project Funding webpage](#).

An [informational webinar](#) will be held **July 18**. Reserve your spot by contacting [Bridget Kane](#) (570) 522-7275 by July 17.

River Month Recap

Every June River Month is celebrated across the country as folks get together to appreciate these amazing ecosystems. See what happened along the Susquehanna!



Educational Paddling: The [Endless Mountains Heritage Region](#) and the [North Branch Water Trail Committee](#) sponsored the Moravian Heritage Sojourn on June 20-24 which followed in the paddle strokes of Moravian missionary, Bishop Johannes Ettwein and his fabulous map from 1768. See photos on [facebook](#). Paddlers also flocked to the [Headwaters Susquehanna Sojourn](#) in NY June 13-17 where they learned of local history, invasive plants and sustainable living – see the amazing landscape [here](#). Always a crowd pleaser, the Susquehanna River Trail Association held the annual [Island Hopper](#) educational paddle trip along the middle Susquehanna June 23.

Photo courtesy of Endless Mountain Outfitters



River Cleanup: [Operation North Branch](#) cleanup event tackled flood debris along 26 miles of the North Branch from Laceyville to Tunkhannock June 29-30. Over 120 volunteers gathered **3.9 tons** of trash, retrieved **159 tires** and recycled **4,300 lbs.** of scrap metal. Flood debris were gathered from the riverbanks and islands then floated/dragged/paddled/lugged to dumpsters staged throughout the route. The partners of this vast effort included The North Branch Land Trust, Endless Mountains Heritage Region, PA Environmental Council, North Branch Water Trail Committee, and Paddle Without Pollution. See all the hard work and the bizarre flood finds (Elmo, is that you?) [here!](#)

Photo by Diane Secor

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 like to assist SGP with an event, photography, office work, grant research, social networking, go to our website and [click on volunteer](#).

Susquehanna Greenway Regional Organizations

[North Branch
Endless Mountains Heritage
Region](#)

[Middle Susquehanna and
Lower West Branch
SEDA-COG Community
Resource Center](#)

[Upper West Branch
Pennsylvania Environmental
Council](#)

Upcoming Events

To have an event included in our newsletter, please list your event at our [website](#).

[Riverfest](#)
Lock Haven
July 12 - 14

[Community Paddle](#)
Laceyville
July 14

[Bricktown Challenge](#)
Howard

Picture This!

Have a hot shot of the Susquehanna River, river event, or river town scene? Upload your photos in our 3rd annual Treasured Towns & Landscapes of the Susquehanna **Photo Contest** for a chance to win great cash prizes.



Kid's Category: We've teamed up with [Hershey's Track and Field Games](#)

to encourage kids to get active and healthy as they explore outside. Kids, show us what you love about the Susquehanna!



Interested in becoming a contest sponsor? Contact Bridget for more information at bkane@susquehannagreenway.org

Photo by [Chris Knight](#)

Investing In River Towns



Jersey Shore Greening SGP Assists Town Efforts

As with many river towns, Jersey Shore's stormwater sewers are a conduit that channel polluted surface water runoff from streets and sidewalks directly into the Susquehanna River, which impacts the health of the River and Chesapeake Bay.

Photo: Mayor Denny Buttorff reviews site drawings with residents.

In collaboration with SGP, Jersey Shore is looking to develop a Green Infrastructure Plan to lay out innovative and low impact solutions such as porous paving for parking lots, street trees, and rain gardens – measures that add to the beauty of the community while improving water quality and mitigating impacts on private property. The town is organizing a community Green Team with representation from residents, property owners, businesses, community organizations, and local government to help shape policy and projects. To get involved or read more [click here](#).

Development of a public river access site on the West Branch near the PA Route 44 Bridge is included in the plans. Preliminary design work has been completed and the community has received financial commitments from the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation and Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, however the grants require matching contributions.

July 14

Boating Course

Holtwood

July 14

Garden Expo

Danville

July 14

River 5k

Lock Haven

July 14

Paddle Trip

Montgomery

July 14

Work Day

Harrisburg

July 14

Outdoor Camp

Harrisburg

July 16 – 20

Mile Race

Harrisburg

July 18

Tree Workshop

Morgantown

July 19

Iron Heritage Festival

Danville

July 20 - 22

Paddle Trip

Wyoming County

July 21

Photo Walk

Harrisburg

July 21

Tree ID

Danville

July 21

10k Race

Hyner

July 21

SGP is assisting the town with this needed fundraising. There are a few ways you can help. If you're in the Jersey Shore area during the month of August stop by the Nittany MinitMart where a proceeds from purchases will be donated to the project. You can also donate or become a project partner by contacting Bridget Kane at bkane@susquehannagreenway.org or 570-522-7275.

You can support this project with an online donation!

Please include "Jersey Sore public river access" in the Comments field. Thanks!



Your Purchase Benefits Public Access

Join Nittany MinitMart during the month of August as they raise money for the Jersey Shore Public River Access project! For every gallon of gasoline purchased Nittany MinitMart will donate 1¢ toward the project. In addition, a portion of select



in-store food, beverage, and merchandise purchases will be donated. Stop by Nittany MinitMart on **815 Allegheny Street, Jersey Shore** throughout August for food, fuel, and giveaways. Look for SGP signage and learn how you can help support the cause!

Bikes, Paddles, & Grapes

Family Winery Abuzz With Activity



Are you an outdoor enthusiast with a taste for wine and penchant for supporting local business? Then your interests align at Bee Kind Winery, a Clearfield family operation nestled along the banks of the West Branch and the 10 mile Clearfield-Grampian

Rail-Trail.

Photo: Sherry and Joe Kendrick overlook the winery from the rail-trail bridge.

This locally owned and operated winery was established in 2011 by the Kendrick Family. It's a whole family affair," says Joe Kendrick. "My son Joe, Jr. is our talented vintner and the expert behind our 13 different wines. And my wife Sherry is our staff gardener," he laughs, pointing to the beautifully manicured gardens along the riverfront. Other members of the Kendrick clan can be found running the business website, assisting customers in the tasting room, and representing the winery at farmer's markets across the region.

Contemplating their unique location along the river and rail-trail Joe relates, "Oh we have kayakers and canoeists pull up in our

front yard all the time and folks come off the rail-trail for refreshment and to rest in our Adirondack lawnchairs. The fish are

BrewFest
Dauphin County
July 21

Envirothon
Union County
July 23

Bird Workshop
Harrisburg
July 26

Rocks & River Hike
Columbia
July 26

Water Trail Meeting
Duncannon
July 26

River Cleanup
Clinton County
July 28

Summer Fest
Tunkhannock
July 28

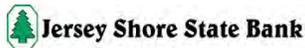
Paddle Trip
East Donegal
July 28

Canoe Race
Mehoopany
July 28

Dragonfly Walk
Harrisburg
July 28

**Special Thanks to
Our Sponsors**





back in this river, the wildlife is incredible...You can't beat it." Grab your bike, boat, or vehicle of choice and check out this great riverside business. To learn more, visit: www.beekindwinery.com.

PA Group In National Contest

Our friends at the Foundation for PA Watersheds (FPW) need your help! FPW is a finalist for recognition as one of the best, non-profit, environmental groups in the nation and your vote is needed to get them to the red carpet.



FPW is a grant-making foundation that invests in efforts to protect streams around the state and to clean up pollution. They have assisted more than 300 different groups including SGP, funded more than \$7.1 million in projects, leveraged more than \$118.9 million in additional investments and restored nearly 700 miles of polluted streams and rivers. Now through **July 26**, you can help by voting for them in the "Eastern Region" division [here](#). Good luck FPW!

Volunteers Needed: River Cleanup



The 9th Annual West Branch Susquehanna River Cleanup will take place **Saturday, July 28** in Woodward Township, Clinton County. Volunteers are needed for a variety of on-water and on-land tasks. To find out more or

register, email clintoncountycleanscapes@yahoo.com or call 570-726-3511.

Photo by Matt Dallos

Discover River Heritage



The Susquehanna River takes center stage at the 13th Annual Iron Heritage Festival in Danville **July 20-22**. The theme for this year's heritage celebration is "Life Along the Susquehanna River."

Events, lectures, and demonstrations will describe how the river has shaped our history. Learn how coal was dredged from the river bottom, how Native peoples lived along the river, and the importance of the American eel and American shad in the river ecosystem. Learn more, www.ironheritagefestival.net



Weis Markets

Woodlands Bank

While you're there, check out the Greenway heritage signs!
1913 Danville river scene postcard courtesy of Sis Haus

Rail-Trail Expansion

Cyclists and walkers along the Susquehanna Warrior Trail will soon get to stretch their legs a bit further, as a 3-mile expansion is slated for this scenic trail that follows the former railroad right of way of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. Currently, the 18.5 mile trail follows Rt.

11 along the river and through Shickshinny. The Trail Council is hopeful that construction will start later this year. Get the details of the extension and learn about future connections to the levee trail system in Wilkes-Barre here.

Photo courtesy of Warrior Trail Council



Canoe Race Has Roots

Paddling enthusiasts need to add this race to their list! One of the oldest canoe races in the Northeastern U.S., the Kiwanis Club of Tunkhannock is hosting the 49th Annual Endless Mountains Downriver Canoe/Kayak

Race on Saturday, July 28. Paddle 12 miles from Mehoopany to Tunkhannock and then enjoy the summer festival in Tunkhannock! To learn more about the competition or recreational divisions, or to download a registration form, click here.

Duncannon Receives Special Designation

By Kim McKee, Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Hikers and Duncannon area residents turned out in droves on June 2nd, National Trails Day, to celebrate Duncannon's Appalachian Trail Community celebration.

The day included hikes up to Hawk Rock overlook, a climb up Peters Mountain, and a trip across Haldeman Island to learn about wildlife. The A.T. Community program is sponsored by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and recognizes communities that act as good neighbors to hikers, and promote and protect the A.T. Read more and see photos here.



Photo by Steve Fehr

You Gotta Regatta

This is a first! The Sunbury River Festival's Cardboard Regatta will be the first event to be held at the *brand new* riverfront amphitheater on **Saturday August 18**. The Regatta is a great way for families, friends, groups, and organizations to design and build a neat boat, beat the heat, and have fun at the end of the summer! Will your team win the coveted "Best Sinking" award? Form your crew today and get building. Registration information is available [here](#).



Photo courtesy of the Central PA Rowing Association

Volunteers Needed at Art Festival



SGP is seeking volunteers to help staff our display at the Ned Smith Nature and Art Festival in Millersburg on **Saturday, July 28**. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts throughout the 9-4pm day.

Outreach volunteers play a vital role in representing SGP by handing out information and answering general questions about our organization and work along the Susquehanna. It is a fun way to support SGP, spend time in the community, and enjoy the tons of free exhibits, music, and activities at this event! Contact Erin at epierce@susquehannagreenway.org for more information. Thanks!

Photo by Diane Peresie

Public Access Upgrades

Boaters and fishermen take note! Last month, PPL continued to improve public river access at the Pequea launch near their Holtwood plant. The company installed permanent concrete planks to provide a gradual slope and improve the gradient as boats are placed in the river. Read more about the access upgrades [here](#).

More Challenges For Walking & Biking Federal Transportation Law Reduces Funds





This month the House and Senate passed a new federal surface transportation bill and while we're happy the DOT avoided a shutdown, that's where the celebrations could end.

The new law reduces Pennsylvania's apportionment of bike/ped funding by **33%** and combines programs into one category called "Transportation Alternatives"

(since when is walking "alternative"?). There are also new changes to the distribution of funding with options for the governor to "opt-out" of Recreational Trails funding, or "opt-out" of using half the funds to set up local grants and instead redirecting any or all of that portion to other highway programs. Read more about these changes [here](#).

Federal bike/ped funding has been used in every congressional district in PA, and has improved safety and conditions for bicycles and pedestrians. This not only helps families lower transportation costs and stay healthy and active, but also serves those that do not bike or walk by lowering congestion. From your favorite bike path, to sidewalk replacement around town, to creating safer bike and walking routes for children on their way to school - there's a good chance federal dollars were involved. Learn how your community has benefitted from federal transportation dollars [here](#).

What to do now? Urge the governor and PennDOT to NOT opt-out of funding that local governments could receive for biking and walking grant projects. Stay tuned at, www.pawalksandbikes.org. Rails-to-Trails Conservancy will be hosting a series of webinars on this topic for supporters of biking, hiking, and walking. Register [here](#).

Photo courtesy of [Flickr](#).

Green Infrastructure Resources

EPA Releases New Fact Sheets

Eager to see your municipality adopt green infrastructure practices to improve water quality and beautify your town? To help permitting and enforcement professionals learn how to incorporate these measures, the EPA has released a series of six fact sheets on green infrastructure for professionals. The fact sheets and supplements address stormwater permits, total maximum daily loads, combined sewer overflow long-term control plans, and enforcement actions. Full of sample language and case studies, the fact sheets can be found [here](#).





Rocks & River Hike

Join Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel and York County Parks Program Coordinator Jeri Jones for a 1-mile hike at Chickies Rock County Park on Thursday, July 26. The Susquehanna River, geology, and 19th century iron industry will be highlighted along the way. Register for free by calling Nixon county Park at 717-428-1961. Learn more at

www.yorkcountypa.gov.

Summer Paddle

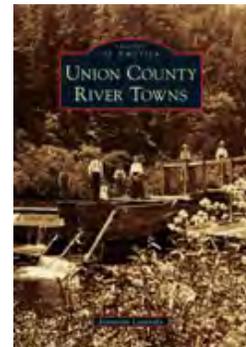
Enjoy a day on the Lower Susquehanna River Water Trail and learn about the river and the native wildlife with the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area and Chiques Rock Outfitters during a paddle on Saturday, July 28 from East Donegal Riverfront Park to Columbia River Park. For registration and information, see www.susquehannaheritage.org.



River Reads

Union County River Towns

High ridges and lush valleys teeming with natural resources abutted Union County's river towns of Allenwood, White Deer, New Columbia, West Milton, and Winfield. Creeks emptying into the Susquehanna River connected gristmills and communities like Spring Garden to their river neighbors. Narrow-gauge railroad lines brought excursions from White Deer to Tea Springs and men and lumber to operations run by lumber barons.



Learn the history of these river communities through this book by Jeannette Lasansky which includes 220 historic images. Enjoy a preview with [Google Books](#) or purchase from the [Union County Historical Society](#) (570-524-8666).

Researchers on the River

Carol Smalley - Riverkeeper



Typically this column introduces a local researcher conducting studies on or around the Susquehanna River, but this month we'd like to welcome a new face to the crowd of folks often found on the Susquehanna. Through the national Riverkeeper Alliance, Carol Parenzan Smalley has become a full-time advocate for water quality in the North Branch of the Susquehanna, as well as the West Branch and all the tributaries. As Riverkeeper, Smalley will advocate for compliance with environmental laws, respond to citizen complains, and identify problems that affect the river and devise appropriate remedies. Read more about Carol here. The Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper, Michael Helfrick is concerned with clean river water from Sunbury to the Maryland line. To learn more about the Riverkeeper Alliance and their mission for clean water, visit www.waterkeeper.org.



Meet Our Summer Interns

Amber Weaver and Amy Way



SGP is happy to welcome four summer interns to the office! Amber Weaver is studying Geography and Environmental Planning at Bloomsburg University and will graduate in December. Amber will be assisting SGP with GeoTrail, planning and green infrastructure projects.

Amy Way is majoring in Geoscience-Environmental Science at Bloomsburg University, focuses on water resources and hydrology and will graduate in August. Amy is developing outreach and education materials to help people understand and improve water quality in their local area. Welcome interns! Next month: Meet Jackie.



Help Us Build the Greenway

Become a Member



Each month we are pleased to bring you updates of projects and events happening all along the Susquehanna Greenway. The Greenway is truly an amazing community of hard-working organizations, individuals, and volunteers!

Building the Susquehanna Greenway is no small task (500+ miles!) and we cannot do it



without the help of local partners and contributions from people like you who care about the Susquehanna. Please join with us and become a member to support PA's most important natural asset. Many thanks!



Photo courtesy of Flickr

Visit us at www.susquehannagreenway.org
Support Our Cause