



Susquehanna *Healthy, Sustainable Susquehanna Communities*



The Susquehanna Greenway is a planned corridor of interconnected trails, parks, river access points, and conserved areas, linking people to the natural and cultural treasures of the Susquehanna River and its West Branch. Nearly 500 miles in length, it is one of our state's greatest resources -- balancing the needs of generations today and tomorrow, conserving the environment for all living things, and creating healthy, sustainable communities.

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June is River Month Plan Your Adventure Now

June is River Month, so what better time to get out on the river and experience the natural world from the river's perspective? The Susquehanna River Sojourns are educational paddle events that raise awareness for our



region's greatest natural resource, the Susquehanna River. Spanning one day or many days, sojourners explore the river and her banks in kayaks and canoes. While stopping in river towns and villages they often participate in river-related service projects or learn about the heritage of the region. There is also plenty of time for fun and entertainment along the way! To find a sojourn event near you and register today [click here](#).

North Branch Susquehanna River Sojourn

Explore the headwaters of the mighty Susquehanna on this 4-day, 47-mile educational trip. The paddle begins Thursday, June 16th in Bainbridge, NY and ends Sunday, June 19th in Great Bend, PA. A complete schedule and registration information is available [online](#) or contact Erin Heard at (607) 346-2727 for more details. Registration deadline is May 26th.

Wyoming Valley Riverfest

The [Wyoming Valley RiverFest](#) held June 17-19, is an event that seeks to raise environmental awareness, encourage education and foster community involvement in the Wyoming Valley

Watershed. Riverfest includes opportunities to canoe or kayak

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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 advocate for public and private efforts to connect people with our natural and cultural resources, and promote a sustainable and healthy environment.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers who want to make a difference. 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, then go to our website and [click on volunteer](#).

Susquehanna Greenway Regional Organizations

North Branch
Endless Mountains Heritage
Region

Middle Susquehanna
SEDA-COG Community
Resource Center

Lower Susquehanna
Susquehanna Gateway Heritage
Area

Upcoming Events

Dugout Canoe and Mural
Display
Clifford
May 17

9th Annual Pennsylvania Land
Conservation Conference
Harrisburg
May 19-21

US 15 Corridor Plan Public
Meeting & Informational Open
House
Union County
May 19

Run Beyond Violence
Berwick
May 21

75 Miles of Mon-Tour Bike
Race-River Towns Race Series
Montour County
May 21

Raptors Live
Danville
May 21

Owl be Back: Restoring Barn
Owls to Central PA
Danville
May 21

Jewel of the West Branch
Guided Recreational Kayak
River Trip

on the Susquehanna River, explore riverside trails, and learn more about the Susquehanna's wildlife, water quality, history and heritage.

West Branch Susquehanna River Sojourn

Whether you're a regular "river rat" or new to kayaking and canoeing, come out for celebration of the Susquehanna on Saturday, June 25th. All ages and abilities are welcome on our guided one-day, 10-mile paddle trip from Jersey Shore, PA to Linden, PA. What's a celebration without a party? We end the trip at Haywoods On The Water restaurant for good food, local music, and special guest speakers. Registration information is available [online](#) or contact Erin Pierce at (570) 522-7244. Registration deadline is June 3rd.

Island Hopper-Middle Susquehanna River Sojourn

Become an Island Hopper and learn about the middle reaches of the Susquehanna River on this one-day event. This family-oriented paddle takes place on Saturday, June 25th and traverses the river from east to west with multiple educational island stops along the way. A picnic lunch and shuttle service are included. Registration information is available [online](#) or contact John Meister at (717) 697-2261. Registration is due June 17th.

Photo Contest Traveling Gallery Now in Williamsport



The first "Treasured Towns and Landscapes" Photo Contest was held by Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) in 2010 to encourage amateur and professional photographers to focus their cameras on the places that inspire them.

Photographers were asked to take pictures that celebrate and help tell the stories of the Susquehanna and her River Towns as places of timeless value, shared memories and experiences, and places to use and enjoy and to treasure always.

Over 150 entries were submitted. Winners were chosen based on composition, technical quality, and how the photo related to the Susquehanna Greenway mission of connecting people with our natural and cultural resources, and promoting a sustainable and healthy environment. A traveling gallery of the winning photos will be staged throughout the Susquehanna Greenway corridor over the next year. The photo gallery made its debut at the [Pajama Factory](#) in Williamsport on May 6 as part of their 'First Friday' event, and will remain there for the entire month of **May**. The gallery will then be at the [James V. Brown Regional Library](#) in Williamsport for the month of **June**.

Montoursville to Muncy
May 22

Treasured Towns & Landscapes
River Town Workshop

Danville
May 23

Public Hearing on National
Standard for Mercury Pollution
from Power Plants
Philadelphia
May 24

Lewisburg Appetizer Guided
Recreational Kayak River Trip
Milton State Park
May 28

Jay Smar in Concert
Danville
May 30

First Heritage Dinner
Shamokin Dam
June 2

Schuylkill River Sojourn
Schuylkill River
June 4-10

Hug-A-Tree
Danville
June 4

Sunday Brunch at the Park
Shikellamy State Park
June 5

Wonders of the Wetlands,
Nature Walk
York Haven
June 5

Anthracite Iron Furnaces
Wrightsville
June 8

Overlook Concerts with Wine –
Cheese – Chocolate Tasting
Shikellamy Overlook
June 9

For more information on when the traveling gallery will be at a location near you and on how to enter next year's Photo Contest please [click here](#).

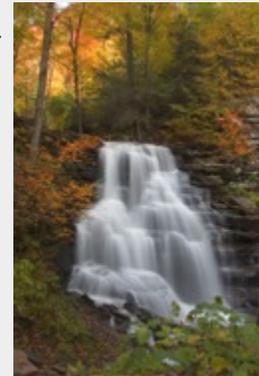
Summer Internship-Summer 2011 Corporate Campaign Assistant

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is seeking a student intern to assist in developing a Corporate Outreach and Fundraising Campaign, and promotional programs for the Susquehanna Greenway in Pennsylvania. The internship will involve: developing program strategies for corporate sponsorships and contributions; researching and contacting prospective corporate sponsors; tracking prospects in a database; developing sponsorship proposals. Skills required for the internship include: excellent communications and research abilities; sound marketing knowledge; desire to work with corporate prospects; database management; graphic design skills a plus; MicroSoft Word, Access and Excel required, social networking skills desired.

To view the entire intership description, please [click here](#). If you are interested, please send a resume and letter of inquiry to [Trish Carothers](#) by **May 24**.

PA Hiking Week May 28-June 5

DCNR has once again teamed with the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) to offer nearly 100 organized hikes and walks available throughout Pennsylvania during the nine-day event. All of the scheduled hikes have leaders. Most hikes are on the two weekends of the event, but several weekday and evening hikes also are offered. Special hikes include night hikes; wildflower walks; hikes for people with disabilities; pet walks; geology walks and much more. Most hikes will take place in state parks and state forests, with some hikes scheduled on the Appalachian Trail, in Allegheny National Forest, and in city and community parks. To find a hiking event near you or to submit an event for hiking week [click here](#).



Sustainable Economics for River Towns Workshop

More Workshops in May and June

If you would like to have an event included in our newsletter, please send event and contact information to: info@susquehannagreenway.org

Special Thanks to Our Major Sponsors



The Susquehanna Greenway River Towns initiative seeks to revitalize towns, generate tourism, and create business activity, through a focus on the communities' river-based assets. A series of four

workshops sponsored by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership and SEDA-COG will provide information for river towns to decide each one's unique course as it prepares for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The second workshop was held on April 27 at Montour Preserve in Danville and focused on Sustainable Economics for River Towns. Andrew Miller from the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau started the workshop by explaining the trends in tourism in our area and the importance of using tourism promotion agencies in your area. Prof. Bonita Kolb, Lycoming College, talked about how tourism can effect economic development and that it is important for towns to market their product and involve the whole community. People visit places and it is important for communities to highlight what is unique about them and to market that identity. Prof. Tom Kinnaman elaborated on two of his papers: *The Economic Impact of Shale Gas Extraction: A Review of Existing Studies* and the *Estimating Willingness to Pay for River Amenities and Safety Measures Associated with Shale Gas Extraction*. Some of the other speakers included Sheri Ross from Mifflinburg Main Street Program and Charlie Ross from Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce. To view the power point presentations from the workshop please [click here](#).

The next River Town Workshop: *Treasured Towns and Landscapes* will be held on **May 23, 10am-2pm** at Montour Preserve in Danville. The registration deadline is **May 19**. For more information about this upcoming workshop and to register [click here](#) or contact [Amy Davis](#).

Hyner Challenge

April 18, 2011 was a very wet and windy day in Clinton County, but that did not deter the spirit of 815 people who finished in the 5th annual Hyner Challenge. This grueling 25k race traverses Hyner Mountain, which provides runners spectacular scenic views while making three significant climbs totally over 4000 feet of





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elevation. This popular event is becoming an annual pilgrimage for many, including the first place runner Jeffrey Buechler, who completed the race in 2h22m12s.

Jeffrey Buechler traveled all the way from Colorado to participate in this race, with family members coming from Virginia to support his efforts. Participants this year traveled from as far away as California and Florida, bringing friends and family with them to enjoy the race and support the local economy. Congratulations are due to all who made this year's event a success - including race participants, planners, and sponsors. For additional information please [click here](#).

West Branch Susquehanna Road Trip



Clearfield County's featured trip this month is the West Branch Susquehanna Road Trip, which starts in Cherry Tree, and winds its way along the river to Clearfield. The great thing about this trip is in the choices- you can drive it all the way, or float, hike or bike sections at a time. We

recommend getting out from behind the wheel and walking the downtown area to experience the unique architecture of business district buildings and the Historic District, which runs for several blocks. And if you're hungry again, there's something for every food eccentricity downtown. Just follow your nose and your taste buds will soon be pleased.

Upper and Lower Witmer Parks are great places to stop, stretch, and let the kids run off some energy. If you've paddled from Curwensville or from the Hyde Bridge, Witmer Park is a good place to take a break before heading down river. Be sure and take your visitor guide, camera and extra batteries. You never know what you'll find. Please visit [Clearfield County's website](#) for more information.

Improvements Planned at Muncy Heritage Park

Bids will be awarded this month for construction at Muncy Heritage Park, located in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County. Plans were developed through the SEDA-COG Community Resource Center (CRC). An access road, parking area, and pavilion will be constructed, in addition to a trail linking the parking area with the pavilion, bridge, fishing platform and wildlife observation blind.

Over 170 years ago, two locks of the Pennsylvania Canal were located on the 11-acre site of the Park. Archaeological research has also uncovered the foundation of the lock-tender's house, i.e., the individual responsible for opening and closing the locks for boats on the canal. Plans for the new timber-frame pavilion are patterned on construction techniques one might have experienced during the peak of the Pennsylvania Canal era.

According to Bill Poulton, president of the Historical Society, "This has been a shared vision for the past five years, but soon we are hoping to move earth and create park access. Instead of parking in a soggy pasture, soon visitors will have a handicap-accessible parking lot and marked trails. They'll be able to meander through the park and learn about the local wildlife, birds and trees, as well as the history of the West Branch Canal and how a canal lock works."

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Third Annual Civil War Re-Enactment Berwick Heritage Days

Come down to Riverfront Test Track Park off of South Eaton Street for the 3rd Annual Civil War Re-Enactment & Berwick Heritage Days on May 21-22, 2011 to enjoy a piece of living history in remembrance of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the



Civil War. This event includes Civil War encampments, live cannon fire, skirmishes, blacksmiths, food, crafts, and a weekend full of historical fun. Saturday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. you will not want to miss the free concert by local blue grass favorite, Stained Grass Window, followed by a live cannon night fire. This is truly an incredible site to see! This event is led by local citizens Bob Yohey and Vern Slusser. If you are interested in becoming a food vendor or crafter for this event or would like to participate as a re-enactor please contact the Yohey's at 570-336-8718 or [click here](#) for more information.

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp



Applications are now being accepted for the 17th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. The camp will be held June 19-24, 2011 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Cumberland County. The purpose of the camp is to educate students in the

importance of coldwater conservation. The camp also provides hands-on classes in fly tying, fly casting, streamside ethics, the evolution of an angler, wader safety and survival, and streamside botany. The students will also participate in a watershed project to repair stream habitat. Plenty of time is set aside for the students to fish the world famous Yellow Breeches Creek. The selection committee will choose students based upon each candidate's qualifications and their desire to attend as stated in the application. The cost to attend the event is \$350. For more information or to download an application, [click here](#). You may also contact [Mike Klimkos](#) at (717) 243-3056.

Kodak Greenways Grant Application Deadline Approaching

Do you know an organization that is working to create or improve a greenway, trail or waterway? Apply for a Kodak American Greenways Award grant, and your organization could receive up to \$2,500 in grant funds and recognition that comes with selection by this prestigious national program.

Greenways—corridors of protected public and private lands—link recreational, cultural, and natural features and provide multiple public benefits. They provide paths for people and wildlife; protect forests, wetlands and grasslands; and improve the quality of life for everyone.

Eastman Kodak Company, The Conservation Fund and the National Geographic Society team up each year to present the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program. One major element of the Program involves “seed” grant awards to organizations that are growing our nation's network of greenways, blueways, trails and natural areas.

[Click here](#) for full details and to apply for consideration of your greenway project for Kodak American Greenway Award funding. This year's application deadline is **June 15**.

Summer Events

Shikellamy State Park, Sunbury

A busy summer is planned at Shikellamy State Park in Sunbury. The Friends of Shikellamy State Park have planned several special activities including brunches, concerts, and rowing events.

Shikellamy State park is divided into two facilities -- the Marina along the portion of the Susquehanna River known as Lake Augusta, and the Overlook on Blue Hill across the River



At the Marina, there will be four *Sunday Brunch at the Park* events this year on June 5, July 3, August 7, and September 4. Area restaurants provide the meal, for a nominal fee, and music is offered by local musicians. Evening concerts will also be held at the Overlook on Blue Hill, coupled with wine, cheese, and chocolate tasting, again for a nominal fee. Concerts on Blue Hill are scheduled for June 9, July 14, and August 11.

Julia Marano, Co-Chair of the Friends group, believes summer's special events provide more than entertainment, "By coordinating public events at the Marina and the overlook, Friends of Shikellamy encourage the use and care of this natural treasure at our doorstep." More information on special events at the Park this summer can be found at the [Friends' web site](#).

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Renovo Community Recycling Center Grand Opening



The greater Renovo area had a serious illegal dumping situation between the year's of 2002-2009, PA CleanWays (PACW, now known as Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, KPB), DCNR at Sproul State Forest, and Clinton County CleanScapes, have

organized 21 cleanup events that removed 381 tons of trash and 2,602 tires from public land. Today 97% of those sites remain debris free.

Since that time, illegal dumping has dropped substantially. Over the years, the public's acceptance and tolerance to living and working near dumpsites and highly littered areas has greatly decreased. The grand opening of the Borough of Renovo's Community Recycling Center, on Erie Avenue on May 6 signifies a culmination of those efforts and the community's dedication to responsible waste disposal. Unlike previous recycling center sites, this center was planned to be integrated into the community. By investing a \$5000 Dominion Foundation grant they utilized Pennsylvania Wilds Design Guide principals and redeveloped the standardized industrial recycling center concept into an inviting and communal gathering place by building the center within a public park.

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AmericCorps Week Watershed Cleanup

By: Erin Pierce, OSM/VISTA Volunteer SGP

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership's (SGP) AmeriCorps volunteer, Erin Pierce, and other PA members of the Appalachian Coal Country Team will team up during National AmeriCorps Week to beautify the Susquehanna River watershed. As part of the fifth annual AmeriCorps Week, these volunteers will conduct a watershed cleanup on Friday, May 20th along Fishing Creek in Columbia County with the assistance of the Fishing Creek Watershed Association. The cleanup will beautify the tributary of the Susquehanna, put garbage in its place, and provide the perfect opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alums, grantees, program partners, and friends to demonstrate AmeriCorps' impact on critical issues. Join us! To volunteer or to learn more about the AmeriCorps program contact Erin Pierce at 570-522-7244.

Meet Our Board

Suzanne Lee



Suzanne Lee is the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership's (SGP) newest board of directors member. Since 2007 Suzanne has been the President and CEO of The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania. Before moving to Williamsport, Pennsylvania she was the President of the Community Foundation of the Elmira-Corning and Finger Lakes area for 13 years in Elmira,

New York.

Suzanne is committed to the organization's mission of connecting people to our natural and cultural resources and environmental stewardship. She believes SGP is leading the way to make our quality of living better and is teaching us how to appreciate what we have. "Although I have lived all over the world really the one thing that has been a constant is the Susquehanna River. I hope I can help in some small way through this organization take care of it and celebrate it," states Lee.

She enjoys canoeing, kayaking, hiking and biking and will throw in the occasional fishing line. Her husband and daughter love to canoe and have an active lifestyle, which is one of the reasons they have chosen to live here, because they spend a lot of time outdoors on and around the creeks and rivers in our area.

Researcher's on the River

Professor Brian Schwartz



Dr. Brian Schwartz is a professor of Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology and Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHBSPH) and School of Medicine. He also serves as co-director for the Environmental Health Institute (EHI), a joint effort of the Geisinger Center for Health Research and the JHBSPH and is also co-director for the Program on Global Sustainability and Health at JHBSPH.



The environmental projects that Prof. Schwartz is working on seek both knowledge about health and the environment, and the translation of knowledge into sustainable solutions. The EHI was established in 2007 to work on a myriad of projects related to health and the environment. One of those projects is the public health effects of the built environment and sprawl. A study was conducted of 400-500 communities that looked at community design aspects such as, population density, average block size and connectivity of the street networks and how these were related to childhood obesity. He found that if a community is developed more compactly and in turn more walkable and bikeable, it is associated with a lower body mass index in older children, but not younger children, as might be predicted by changing interactions that children have with the environment as they get older. The data suggest that utilitarian physical activity, that is, physical activity that is used for daily activities, such as by walking and biking to locations, are an effective form of weight control in children.

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Renew Growing Greener Sign the Resolution Today!



Growing Greener has done more than preserve Pennsylvania's land, water and air quality. It has contributed millions of dollars to the Pennsylvania economy in jobs, taxes, tourism, and other revenue. After a decade of success, the funding sources that support

Growing Greener are nearly gone. Renewing and expanding funding for Growing Greener is an essential investment in the state's long-term prosperity. This will affect our region's ability to restore and protect our local environment.

We urge Susquehanna Greenway counties to show their support for the renewal of Growing Greener by adopting the Renew

Growing Greener resolution. By adopting this resolution you will be letting the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Governor know how important it is to establish a sustainable revenue stream for planning and project development. So far, 20 counties, 2 cities, 26 townships, 17 boroughs and over 200 other organizations have adopted resolutions calling for the renewal of Growing Greener.

To ensure that our communities can continue their work, contact your State Representative and State Senator and [click here](#) to find out more about how to fund Growing Greener and a template of the resolution.

Fish Kill Hotline Announced

1-855-FISH-KIL

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) introduced a new toll-free hotline for the public to report suspected pollution incidents or fish kills on April 12.

The number – 1-855-FISH-KIL (1-855-347-4545) – provides the public with a way to quickly alert PFBC staff to suspected environmental incidents, according to Board President William Worobec. “Timely notification is the number one critical factor in dealing with suspected pollution cases and protecting our aquatic resources,” he said. “The sooner we know about an incident, the sooner we can evaluate it and, if necessary, implement a response plan. As more time passes between an incident and our evaluation, we reduce our chances of clearly identifying the source of the suspected pollutant.”

Worobec emphasized that the number is to be used only for reporting suspected cases of pollution or fish kills and is not meant for general inquires related to license sales, boat registrations or other agency issues. For more information please [click here](#).



Job Announcement for E.L. Rose Conservancy Position Available: Executive Director

The E. L. Rose Conservancy is seeking applications for its first Executive Director position. The Conservancy is a rapidly growing land trust in Northeastern PA and owns several nature preserves in addition to conservation easements. The organization's office is in Montrose the county seat of Susquehanna County, PA.

The Executive Director will oversee the operation of the organization, and will work collaboratively with and report to the Board of Directors. The primary responsibilities are to provide dynamic leadership; guide and coordinate the direction of the organization's programs and activities; inspire staff and volunteers to meet the mission of the Conservancy; and promote the Conservancy to the community and through other environmental initiatives. Other responsibilities include interaction with the Board of Directors regarding administration, projects, and programs, and to help the Board secure a strong, viable future for the Conservancy. For the complete job description [click here](#).

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