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Photo 1: Flood waters begin to recede in Lewisburg (Photo by Matt Messer)



Photo 2: Volunteers help with cleanup in Sugar Run, PA (Photo by David Buck)

New Flood Category and Extended Deadline for Photo Contest

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership's 2nd *Treasured Towns & Landscapes of the Susquehanna* photo contest has just been expanded and the deadline extended! Entries will now be accepted until **February 29th, 2012** at www.susquehannagreenway.org.

Trish Carothers, SGP Program Director says, "We are looking for photos that tell the stories of the Susquehanna that celebrate the river and its towns as places of timeless value, shared memories and experiences, places to enjoy and to treasure always. Show us what you treasure, like images of friends and family being active in the outdoors, or enjoying one of our Susquehanna river towns."

Contest categories include Treasured Towns, Treasured Landscapes, Wildlife, and a Youth Category for budding photographers under 18. Due to the historic flooding of this past year, a new Flood Category has been added. This category invites you to share your images of the September 2011 flood and the ways your community coped and came together. An intense demonstration of the destructive power of nature, the flood had severe and far-reaching effects on many families and communities. At the same time, this disaster provided an unprecedented opportunity for neighbors, local businesses, and community organizations to help one another. Share your images and stories in this category.

Participants are welcome to submit multiple entries. Photos from the following Susquehanna Greenway counties are eligible: Bradford, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Indiana, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Luzerne, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union, Wyoming and York. Cash prizes from \$50 to \$150 will be awarded for first through third place, with one first place winner receiving the Grand Prize title and additional \$50. A gallery of the winning photos will travel throughout the Susquehanna Greenway in 2012.

The Susquehanna Greenway is a corridor of connected trails, parks, river access points, and communities, linking people to the natural and cultural treasures of the Susquehanna River and its West Branch. Over 500 miles in the length, the Greenway is one of our state's greatest resources, conserving the environment for all living things, and creating recreational opportunities for healthy communities.

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