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# **Education & Outreach**



#### Welcome to The Team!

Two STEP AmeriCorps Members and a Director Join SGP

SGP is pleased to welcome a few new members to the Greenway team this Fall! Christine Tamburri and Anna Jordan have joined as <u>STEP AmeriCorps</u> members for the 2020-2021 term of service. The STEP AmeriCorps program provides members with opportunities to develop new skills while helping local organizations work towards their visions.

We are also so happy to welcome Cindi Hron as our new Director of Trails and River Towns. Christine, Anna, and Cindi will be working on various projects related to trails, community outreach, Communications, and more. Welcome to the team!







### A Great Year in Review! Read our 2018-19 Annual Report



What a great year! 2018-2019 brought several advancements to the SGP vision and mission. From a stunning photo contest, two trails earning top marks from state agencies, and several stunning SGP events, it was one for the record books.

Christine Tamburri: AmeriCorps Greenway & Trais Assistant

Anna Jordan: AmeriCorps Communications & Outreach Assistant

Cindi Hron: Director of Trails and River Towns See more and review other great projects of SGP in our 2018-2019 Annual Report; it is now available online. Click below to view the full report.

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## A New Year is just around the corner!

Purchase your 2021 Photo Contest Calendars today

We are happy to announce that our 2021 Photo Calendar is now available for sale just in time for the Holidays. Purchase yours today for only \$15!

The calendar features the 13 winning images from the 9th Annual Photo Contest. All proceeds will go toward supporting the 10th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest and Traveling Gallery. Click the link below to order.



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# **Trails**

# Middle Susquehanna Bike-Ped Decal Now Available

Bike Safety Decal Gets an Upgrade

On behalf of the Middle Susquehanna Active Transportation Committee (MSATC), the SGP is excited to announce the release of a new Bike Safety Decal to help promote bicycle safety in our towns and communities. The new design revamps the original sticker decal produced and distributed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). The



graphic was updated to provide a better visual representation of Pennsylvania's 4-feet passing law, which denotes the distance that must be maintained as vehicles pass cyclists on roadways. It is available in stickers and magnetic decals.

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### River Roots: Unique Geology A Blog from Susquehanna Heritage



Geologists have looked at the Susquehanna for explanations of the formation of the East Coast. It has always inspired visitors, many attempting to unlock the secrets of the Susquehanna. In this story from Susquehanna National Heritage Area's *River Roots* blog, you'll learn all about the unique geology of the Susquehanna River Corridor and the processes that shaped it.

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## Shop Amazon Smile this Holiday

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# **River Towns**

## **Traveling Gallery in Two River Towns**

See the 9th Annual Photo Contest winners in Danville and Selinsgrove

SGP's Traveling Gallery will be hosted in two designated Susquehanna Greenway River Towns for the remainder of the year. The Traveling Gallery showcases winning images of the Susquehanna Greenway from SGP's annual photo contest. You can check out the winners of our 8th Annual Photo Contest at Old Forge Brewing Company in Danville during November, and the 9th Annual winners will make their debut at the



Kind Cafe in Selinsgrove beginning in December. Click below to view the Traveling Gallery's full schedule of locations for 2020-2021.

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## **Partner News**

#### **DCNR: 2020 Grants Announced**

Awards include funding for Community Parks, Small Communities, Rivers, and more!

They're here! DCNR recently announced grant awards for 158 park and partnerships grant projects and 22 rivers and buffer grant projects.



The projects together total about \$26.2 million. Funding comes from a variety of state and federal sources including:

- Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund
- Environmental Stewardship Fund
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Pennsylvania Heritage Area Program

Congratulations to all of our friends and partners who received funding, including those along the Susquehanna Greenway!

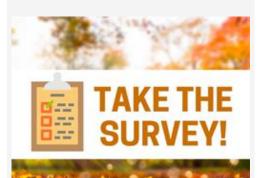
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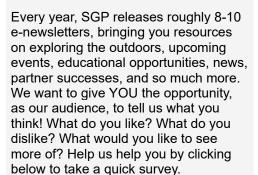
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## We Want to Hear from YOU!

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#### Visit the SGP Shop

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## **Great Plastic Purge of the Lower Susquehanna**

Volunteers Remove Trash from Lake Clarke

The Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association and partners hosted the 1st Annual Plastic Purge of the Lower Susquehanna on October 31st and November 7th. During this large-scale cleanup, volunteers took kayaks and boats out to islands in the middle of the river to pick up plastics that had washed up there, while others stayed on shore to gather waste.

Many thanks to all those who helped make our mighty Susquehanna cleaner! Click below to read more about the injutive.



### **Preserve Near Harrisburg to Quadruple in Size**

Nature Conservancy Plans Expansion of Cove Mountain Preserve

The Pennsylvania and Delaware chapter of The Nature Conservancy announced on September 8, 2020 that it is preparing a major expansion of the Cove Mountain preserve, which will create a 14-mile stretch of protected land along the Kittatinny Ridge. This purchase will expand the size of the preserve from 353 to 1411 acres. New trails will connect with existing trails on Pennsylvania game lands, which in turn connect with the Appalachian Trail and the town of Duncannon.



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## 85-mile Trail Corridor Designated as a Statewide Greenway

Schuylkill to Susquehanna Greenway gets State Designation

The Schulykill to Susquehanna Greenway was designated as a statewide major greenway in September. This status is reserved for trail corridors that are at least 50 miles long, that pass through two or more counties, and are recognized in official planning documents. The greenway, which runs through Chester, Montgomery and Lancaster counties, enables people to travel between the Schuylkill and Susquehanna rivers. It will combine





Visit the SGP shop to purchase 2021 Photo Contest Calendars, as well as North and West Branch Susquehanna Water Trail stickers and decals. All proceeds go directly back towards supporting programs and trails of the Susquehanna Greenway. Click below to start shopping.



## Find Trails Near You!

Visit our Trails page



Get out on the Greenway and explore! Visit our Trails page to find opportunities for walking and hiking near you.

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### **Upcoming Events**

November 13, 2020 Millersburg: Nocturnal Night Hike

November 15, 2020 Lewisburg: Hidden Lewisburg Nature Tour

November 16, 2020 Lewisburg: River Town Meeting existing trails, connecting Falmouth in Lancaster County to Norristown in Montgomery County.

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## Middle Susquehanna Riverkeepers Debut HERYN Program

Program Aimed at Connecting Youth to the Outdoors

With the help of a grant from the PA Fish & Boat Commission, the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association is launching its HERYN (Helping Engage our River's Youth with Nature) Program. The program is designed to engage young people



with the outdoors through interactive experiences including instruction in fishing and kayaking. The Riverkeeper Association plans to offer sessions in the southern end of the watershed, extending up from Selinsgrove and Sunbury, with a plan to eventually offer classes throughout the region of northcentral and northeast Pennsylvania that feeds into the Susquehanna River system.

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## **Avis Canoe Launch Ready for Reopening!**

Improvements Made to a Canoe Launch on Pine Creek

The Northcentral PA Conservancy has been working to improve the Avis Canoe Launch on Pine Creek, off of Route 150. For years, people have used this launch to get on and off the creek with their kayaks, canoes, and tubes. Enhancements to the parking area and boat launch at the Avis Canoe Launch wrapped up a few weeks ago, and a grand "reopening" ceremony is planned for Spring 2021!

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November 22, 2020 Clearfield: Kayak Skills & Roll Clinic

November 26, 2020 Berwick: Run for the Diamonds

December 4, 2020 Lewisburg: Walk it! Bike it! Meeting

December 6, 2020

Clearfield: Kayak Skills & Roll Clinic

\*This list of events is not exhaustive.\* Visit our <u>online events calendar</u> for more information.

About the SGP



SGP is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the vision of a Greenway in Pennsylvania that builds connections along the Susquehanna River, inspires people to engage with the outdoors, and transforms communities into places where people want to live, work, and explore.





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