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Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

Dear Greenway Friends,

As 2014 is quickly coming to a close and we would like to give special thanks to our steadfast partners, dedicated community leaders, energetic volunteers, tireless advocates, members and donors up and down the Susquehanna Greenway. You have done amazing things this year to turn the Vision for the Susquehanna Greenway into a reality!

This Vision for 500 miles of connected walking and biking trails, riverfront parks, revitalized river towns and conserved lands is happening because of inspired and hardworking volunteers and community leaders.

Riverfront trail and park projects that were once just a dream are taking shape and making communities along the Susquehanna healthier and more attractive places to live, work and visit. None of this would have happened if it weren't for years of patience and persistence by people that want to make a difference.

Thank you for making a difference and Happy Thanksgiving!



Trish Carothers

Trish Carothers, Executive Director
Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

Revitalizing River Towns:



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Thanks! Your gift helps revitalize river towns; connect parks, trails, and river access areas; and protect clean water.



Our Vision

The Susquehanna Greenway with its connected walking, biking, and water trails, unique river towns, and natural land improves the quality of life for the people who live near it, enhances the economic vitality of the communities that foster it, and preserves the natural resources of the Susquehanna River itself. It protects our water quality, encourages active lifestyles, and inspires stewardship and civic pride in places where people love to live, work, play and visit.

Upcoming Events

To see more events, or list your event, visit our [Calendar of Events](#).

[DCNR Grant Workshop](#)
Nanticoke
Nov. 20

[Victorian Christmas](#)
Williamsport
Nov. 21-23

[Science for Solutions](#)
Webinar
Nov. 21

[Friday Art Walk](#)
Wilkes-Barre

Athens & Sayre Designated SG River Towns

We are pleased to announce the riverside communities of Athens and Sayre in Bradford County have been designated [Susquehanna Greenway River Towns](#) thanks to their hard work and commitment to improve community connections to the Susquehanna River and Susquehanna Greenway.

The designation effort has been spearheaded by [Futurescapes](#), a local non-profit organization created after severe flooding devastated the communities in 2011. As part of the recovery process, Futurescapes plans and implements projects that improve the quality of life for residents and businesses. The designation effort is also supported by the [Endless Mountains Heritage Region](#). Projects along the Susquehanna Greenway include the proposed Diahoga Trail, a levee-top trail system that will provide river views and active outdoor recreation. Congratulations Athens and Sayre and stay tuned for project updates!



Susquehanna Scenes & Sips Over 100 Support Susquehanna Greenway!



River art, local brews, and Greenway projects were the focus of our Susquehanna Scenes & Sips reception at Old Forge Brewing Co. in Danville on November 3rd.

Thanks to the over 100 supporters who enjoyed the gallery of Photo Contest images, live music, brews, and showed their support for connected parks, trails, and river towns of the Susquehanna Greenway! See photos from the evening on our [Facebook page](#).

Special thanks to event partners [Old Forge Brewing Co.](#), music from [Tim Latshaw](#), [Montour Area Recreation Commission](#), and support from [Hershey's Run Jump Throw](#) program.

News from the North: New Logo and Map for Seneca Trail



Winding six miles through Eaton Township in Wyoming County, the Seneca Trail parallels scenic Bowmans Creek, township roads, and portions of state Route 29 to deliver cyclists and pedestrians to the Susquehanna River at Riverside Park in Tunkhannock. With assistance from the [Endless Mountains Heritage Region](#), a local group of volunteers have created a new logo

and map to promote the trail and local Seneca Nation history. Read more about the development of the logo [here](#).

The Seneca Trail logo is unveiled in Wyoming County recently by (from left) Endless Mountain

Nov. 21

River Symposium

Lewisburg
Nov. 21-22

Market Street Races

Berwick
Nov. 22

Wings over Water

Danville
Nov. 22

Run for the Diamonds

Berwick
Nov. 27

Small Business Saturday

Various River Towns!
Nov. 29

North Pole Express

Bloomsburg
Nov. 29

Zimmerman Open House

Wrightsville
Dec. 6

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To learn about Business Partnership Opportunities, [contact Bridget Kane](#), Membership & Volunteer Coordinator.

Heritage Region Executive Director Phil Swank, Eaton Township Supervisor Randy Ehrenzeller, graphic artist Betsy Green, Carson Waterman of the Seneca Nation, Township Secretary Brenda Novak, and Debbie Waterman. Photo courtesy of EMHR.

**Middle Susquehanna News:
Danville: Mountain Bike Destination**

Less than one mile from the Susquehanna River near Danville, PA, a mountain biker's dream is waiting for those who love the singlettrack life.

Built by mountain bikers for mountain bikers, the 5.6 mile Hopewell Park/Danville Borough Farm Trail network is designed to challenge experienced riders while still allowing beginners to enjoy a great day on the trail. Trails make use of fun natural terrain (read: elevation! curves! ravines!), and there are enough twists and turns to keep you coming back for more.



Check out the [new trail brochure here](#), get trail updates and find out about workdays at the [Hopewell Park Mountain Bike Trails Facebook page](#), and enjoy this fun [video preview](#) of the trails on Facebook.

Photo courtesy of Montour Area Recreation Commission.

**News from the West:
Race Leaves Runners in the Dark**



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While you were likely tucked in your warm house on the evening of October 11, over 60 outdoor enthusiasts were tackling the extreme course of the [Dam Darkness Trail Race](#).

This awesome 5k and seven-mile event is hosted by the Clearfield County Conservation District along the banks of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River at Curwensville Lake (hence the name!). Participants are decked out in glow sticks and headlamps, the course is flagged with reflective tape, and a [secret night vision trail camera](#) catches everyone's best Bigfoot impression. Proceeds of the event support environmental programs throughout Clearfield County.

If night running isn't quite your style, feel free to walk, hike, or bike the [trails at Curwensville Lake](#) during daylight hours.

Photo courtesy of CCCD.

**Lower Susquehanna News:
New River Walkway in Lancaster County!**

A critical trail gap was closed November 1, 2014 when a 330' long, 6' high riverside walkway opened to the public near Bainbridge, PA along the



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Northwest Lancaster County River Trail.

The walkway allows trail users to navigate under the Shock's Mill Bridge between sections of trail from Bainbridge to East Donegal Township. Now pedestrians and cyclists can enjoy the river views and trail continuously from Decatur Street in Marietta to the riverfront park in Bainbridge, a distance of 6.5 miles.



[Click here to read more](#) about this exciting project, its partners, and to see photos and a map. Plan your visit soon!

Photo courtesy of LCSWMA.

Water Blues Green Solutions Penn State's Clean Water Initiative

Record breaking droughts, devastating floods, and polluted water systems have galvanized ordinary citizens, governments, and communities large and small into looking to nature for solutions to our water crisis. Will their fledgling efforts be too little too late, or are we on the path to creating a sustainable future?



The public service media project Water Blues Green Solutions is integrated initiative built around a nationally distributed public television documentary telling evidence based stories of visionary leaders who are adopting green solutions for our water blues. Produced by Penn State Public Media, this initiative is designed to promote public education and awareness of "green infrastructure" and how natural processes can interface with and complement existing gray or manmade infrastructure. Check out [Water Blues Green Solutions](#) and get inspired to help find specific strategies for addressing water issues in your hometown.

Photo by Angela Haines.



Trail Training for Youth

Scholarship Available for Int'l Trail Symposium

Through funds provided by generous sponsors, American Trails will offer 20 scholarships for the Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program to young adults between the ages of 19-25 to attend the [22nd International Trails Symposium](#) in Portland, Oregon, May 17-20, 2015. [Read more here.](#)



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Researchers Along the River River Symposium To Gather Scientists & Public

Invasive plants, American eels, hellbenders, economic impacts of cleaning up the Bay, dam failures and complex river hydraulics - Scientists are about to unleash these fascinating topics and more during the 9th Annual Susquehanna River Symposium November 21-22, 2014 at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.



The symposium brings together researchers, managers, consultants, and the public to discuss ongoing scientific research and innovative projects, to share ideas, and to increase awareness of watershed health, management and sustainability issues facing the Susquehanna today. To see a full program schedule, [click here](#).

Dr. Peter J. Petokas of Lycoming College studies native hellbender salamanders.

Fund Your Greenway Project: Grant Spotlight: Creating Nature-Based Play Areas



Are play areas in your community looking a little long in the tooth? [Pennsylvania American Water's Building Better Communities](#) grants of \$50k-to-\$150k will fund projects in public parks that build and enhance nature-based playgrounds and natural play areas for children and educate people on stewardship practices related to water. Folks within 30 miles of Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Hershey, and

Mechanicsburg are eligible. Application due Dec. 5. Please share this with your river town! As always, [let us know](#) if you'd like our letter of support for your Greenway project. Building the Susquehanna Greenway one local project at a time!

River Reads: Susquehanna Water Trail Maps

We've featured novels, poetry, fiction, and non-fiction publications related to the Susquehanna in this standing article. ([See all our River Read recommendations](#)) With the gift-giving season quickly approaching, we've decided to highlight one of our favorite river reads: Susquehanna River Water Trail Maps! Perfect for the fisherman, boater, paddler, river town explorer, historian, or avid map-lover in your life, each of these maps illustrates a different geographic section of the water trail. Purchase a map from a local retailer or outfitter near you!

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North Branch Water Trail Map & Guide

West Branch Water Trail Map & Guide

Middle Section Water Trail Map & Guide

Lower Section Water Trail Map & Guide

Photo by Chuck Haupt.



Support Your Greenway

Creating over 500 miles of connected parks, trails, conserved areas, and revitalized river towns is no small task and we cannot do it without local partners and help from people like you who care about the future of the Susquehanna Greenway. Here are different ways you can get involved:

Membership: Consider making a tax-deductible donation to show your love for the Susquehanna! [Click here to become a member](#) of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership or give the gift of membership to that special someone. Thank you!

Volunteer/Internships: Whether you're interested in volunteering in our Lewisburg office, or you'd like to hear about different volunteer opportunities (river clean-ups, photography, event volunteers, etc.) needed throughout the year along the river, we'd love to get to know you!

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Banner photos (L to R): Mural in Williamsport by Swati Verma; Cornfield in Dauphin County by Lindsey Shoop; Foliage in Columbia County by Mike Philippe; Wildwood Park clean-up by Diane Peresie.

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