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Workshop on Creating Greener, More Flood Resilient Communities

The Susquehanna is one of our nation's most scenic rivers, but it is also one of its most flood-prone. Major floods in north-central Pennsylvania have resulted in increased expenditures for infrastructure maintenance and damages to homes and businesses. To assist communities in reducing future flood damage, the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) and Bloomsburg University invite the public to a Susquehanna River Towns Workshop on *Creating Greener, More Flood Resilient Communities*.

This workshop will help municipal leaders and residents understand why we are experiencing more frequent and severe flooding and what can be done to help minimize future flooding. Experts will present examples of successful programs to manage stormwater and reduce flooding by creating rain gardens, pervious pavements, green parks, tree plantings and other green infrastructure.

Workshop participants will learn about cost-effective financing options for stormwater management and how higher standards for floodplain ordinances can reduce insurance rates. State and federal agency representatives will present information on technical assistance and funding programs for green infrastructure projects.

"This is an exciting opportunity for elected officials, planning commission members, municipal managers, watershed organizations, land conservancies, and river town residents to learn what has worked for other communities and what they might like to see in their own towns," said Trish Carothers, Executive Director of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. "Additionally, the workshop will provide the opportunity to speak with organizations that provide technical assistance and funding for green infrastructure projects. We want the workshop to be a forum for new learning, questions, and to kick-start local projects that will help alleviate future flooding."

The workshop will be held Monday, September 30, 2013 from 10:00am-4:00pm at 345 Kehr Union Building, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA. Registration is \$15 and includes morning refreshments and buffet lunch. Registration deadline is September 20, 2013. Space is limited.

To register and view a detailed schedule visit: www.SusquehannaGreenway.org.

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