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The River Towns of the Susquehanna Greenway are celebrated for the opportunities that connect them to the outdoors and the Susquehanna River. This edition of **River Town E-Connections** highlights the latest news, grants, and workshops that help our communities to continue the important projects that maintain these valued connections, even in the face of the current COVID-19 limitations.

We'll see you out on the Greenway (from a social distance!),  
Your Susquehanna Greenway Team



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## River Town News

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### Introducing the Middle Susquehanna Active Transportation Committee

*A new resource for our communities*

In an effort to advance the action items presented in the Middle Susquehanna Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2019), a coalition of organizations, MPOs, PennDOT, advocacy group, healthcare affiliates, and nonprofits have come together to form the Middle Susquehanna Active Transportation Committee. Launched in Fall of 2019, the committee will work to advance the vision of the plan to improve and increase bicycle and pedestrian (Bike+Ped) infrastructure, grow Bike+Ped Culture, and connect communities to each other, to the Susquehanna, and to the region. The committee will also be a resource to communities as they explore implementing bike+ped project within their towns.

**Do you have news to share with us?**

*Let us know about your news & events!*



Does your River Town have news, updates, or events that it would like to share? Send us an email at [info@susquehannagreenway.org](mailto:info@susquehannagreenway.org) with the information, and we'd be happy to publish to our public online calendar.

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The Committee is split into three work groups 1) Connections, which focuses on projects that cross municipal boundaries, 2) Safety, which focuses on improvements and installation of infrastructure within municipal boundaries that improve safety and provide a better user experience, and 3) Community Engagement & Outreach, which focuses on events and activities that grow a positive bike+ped culture and educate the region on bike+ped topics. The committee is currently accepting members. Those interested in participating may contact Katherine Lewis, [kewis@seda-cog.org](mailto:kewis@seda-cog.org).



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## Road Closures for Pedestrians

*A great way to mitigate soaring trail use*

As trail use continues to soar with the outbreak of COVID-19, a few towns and cities are initiating road closures to provide their residents with more opportunities to stay active and healthy. Closures like these not only mitigate the overuse of parks and trails, but also allow more space for people to maintain social distance while recreating outdoors. Even if it's just a one-day or weekend closure, we think it would be a great opportunity for some of our River Towns! [Rails-to-Trails](#) has compiled some background and information on the initiative. Click below to learn more.



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## Grants & Opportunities

### DCNR-26 Grant Round Now OPEN

*Applications Accepted through April 22, 2020*

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) 2020 grant program for statewide, regional, and local recreation and conservation projects is now open through April 22, 2020. Click below to learn more about DCNR's grant program.



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## Do you know your Water Trail Manager?

*Here's a Quick Guide for your Reference*



**Upper North Branch** (NY border to Shickshinny): [Endless Mountains Heritage Region](#)

**Lower North Branch** (Shickshinny to Confluence): [Susquehanna Greenway Partnership](#)

**West Branch:** [Susquehanna Greenway Partnership](#)

**Middle** (Confluence to Harrisburg): [Susquehanna River Trail Association](#)

**Lower** (Harrisburg to MD border): [Susquehanna National Heritage Area](#)

Click below to learn more about the Susquehanna River Water Trail.

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## Photo Contest NOW OPEN

*A Chance to Showcase your River Town*



The 9th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest is now accepting entries through June 30th, and it's a great chance to showcase your River Town! In addition to a River Towns category, the contest is also accepting entries of Wildlife,

## Department of Community and Economic Development

### Grants & Programs Available

The Department of Community and Economic Development offers a variety of funding programs for projects such as business startups or expansions, community projects, or site revitalizations in Pennsylvania. Click below to search available programs.



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### Endless Mountains Heritage Region

#### 2020 Partnership Grants Program

The EMHR's Partnership Grants program, also known as mini-grants, have long provided financial support to our heritage partners across the four-county region of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, & Wyoming.



The next round for applications will be opening this Spring. Qualifying organizations may apply to fund projects related to historic preservation, outdoor recreation development, special purpose studies, interpretive and wayfinding signage, public engagement and educational programming, building rehabilitation projects, environmental conservation, and more! Click below for more details.

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### 2020 Foundation Grants

#### Central Susquehanna Community Foundation

Projects in lower-Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Union and Snyder counties are eligible for grants. [Click here](#) for more information.



#### First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania

Projects in Lycoming, Northumberland, and Union counties are eligible for grants. [Click here](#) for more information.



### Workshops

#### Green Infrastructure (GI) Design, Funding and Implementation Techniques Workshop for Municipalities, Engineers, Builders and Developers

May 21, 2020 in New Castle, PA; Registration: \$10 by May 1st

#### The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB)

Various trainings & webinars for municipalities & boroughs

Landscapes, and Susquehanna Adventures. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in each category. Click below for guidelines and submissions.

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### RFP: 2020 Eastern PA Greenways and Trails Summit

The Planning Committee for the 2020 Eastern PA Greenways and Trails Summit is seeking proposals for educational sessions to be presented at the 2020 Summit. The Summit will be held September 27th -29th at the Hotel Anthracite in historic Carbondale, Pennsylvania. Presentations will be one hour long (45 minutes presenting with 15 minutes for questions). Click below for topics and instructions for submitting a proposal.

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### About the SGP



The mission of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is to envision, create and sustain a greenway along the Susquehanna River to enhance river towns and the lives of current and future generations.

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