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2014 Progress Report

It's our pleasure to share our 2014 Progress Report, which highlights the ways we work to make it possible to walk, bike, or paddle from river town to river town.

Inside, you'll learn about, new trails, new public river access, and many local projects along the Susquehanna Greenway!

We hope the progress illustrated here is informative and inspires you to get involved, volunteer, or donate to become a member.

Every day is an adventure along the Susquehanna River, and we look forward to accomplishing great things together in the future.

Sincerely,

Trish Carothers, Executive Director

We're Hiring!

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DONATE Online Now!

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

Our Vision

The connected walking, biking, and water trails, unique river towns, and conserved lands of the Susquehanna Greenway improve the quality of life for the people who share it. The Susquehanna Greenway enhances the economic vitality of the communities that foster it, and preserves the natural resources of the River itself. The Greenway helps to protect our water quality, encourages healthy 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.

Conservation Presentation
Middleburg
Sept. 15

Public Planning Meeting
Jersey Shore
Sept. 16

Third Friday
Wilkes-Barre
Sept. 18

Paddle, Music & Meal
Wrightsville
Sept. 18

Applications Due September 23, 2015

We are pleased to announce the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is seeking candidates for the following position:

River Towns Planner to develop and implement programs that build the capacity of local partners to envision, plan, construct and sustain riverfront parks, walking and biking trails, river accesses, green infrastructure, and signage.

See position description and application information here.

Photo by Tim Scott/Flickr.

Mini-Grant Spotlight:
New River Signage in Millersburg

The last operating ferry boats across the Susquehanna River have a new way to tell their unique stories thanks to new interpretive signage at the Ferry Landing in Riverfront Park, Millersburg, PA.
The Millersburg Borough and the Millersburg Ferry Boat Association partnered with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership to make the project possible.

The sign includes extensive historical information about the ferries as well as a panel to display community announcements about the ferry boats. The project used the Susquehanna Greenway Sign Design Guidelines available for many projects along the Susquehanna River and Greenway.

Join us and other project partners for a formal ribbon cutting on **Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 11a.m.** at Ferry Landing in Riverfront Park.
See photos and read more at our website.

News from the West:
Take Survey, WIN Prizes!

Have you visited Jersey Shore, Lock Haven, or Williamsport lately? Take our online survey about your experience by September 15, 2015 for a chance to win great local prizes like a new bike, kayak, and more!

Let us know what you liked and what improvements you would like to see to make your your next visit better.

Ferry Boat Ceremony
Millersburg
Sept. 19

5k Run
Milton
Sept. 19

Greenways & Trails Summit
Warren
Sept. 20 - 22

Fort Hunter Day
Harrisburg
Sept. 20

Family Paddle
Millersburg
Sept. 20

Mystery Route Paddle Trip
Sept. 20

Flower Walk
Harrisburg
Sept. 20

Healthy Kids Run
Millersburg
Sept. 20

Joseph Priestley Meeting & Music
Northumberland
Sept. 23

Riverboat Wing Night
Williamsport
Sept. 24

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Prizes include a bike from Bike Gallery in Lock Haven, a picnic basket from Woolrich, a kayak from Country Ski & Sports in Montoursville, and a framed print of Phelps Chapel by Steve Getz of the Station Gallery in Lock Haven, with framing donated by the Susquehanna Gallery and Frame Shoppe in Jersey Shore. For more information about this project, visit our website.

Visitors to Jersey Shore, PA explore town during the Paddle & Pedal Sojourn. Photo by Jeremy Quant.

News from the North:

Volunteers Improve Riverside Property

The trails at Howland Preserve near Tunkhannock, PA are getting longer and longer thanks to the intrepid work of volunteers and the Friends of Howland Preserve. Recently, the Howland Trail Crew built 1 mile of new trail in just 3.5 hours! The trails along the property are for the enjoyment of hikers and cyclists only.

The land for the Howland Preserve was donated to the North Branch Land Trust by Ernie Howland in 2006. It came with 669 acres along the North Branch of the Susquehanna River with 2 colonial houses and draft horse barn; it is adjacent to Camp Lackawanna. The land is open to the public from dawn to dusk with a public river access.
To get involved, volunteer, or learn more visit: www.howlandpreserve.com

Middle Susquehanna News:

Urban Bicycle Trail System for Harrisburg

Get ready for 8 miles of urban, singletrack bicycle trails within Harrisburg's city limits thanks to Susquehanna Area Mountain Bike Association (SAMBA), the Capital Area Greenbelt Association, the city of Harrisburg, and many others. The proposed trail system will be made up of two main areas: Cameron Parkway and Paxtang Parkway, with a beginner area at Dock's Woods that will help to maximize unused green spaces in South Harrisburg. These areas are connected and accessible traffic-free via the Capital Area Greenbelt nature trail from anywhere in the city.
Learn more and get involved here.

Lower Susquehanna News:

Mason-Dixon National Recreation Trail

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To learn about Business Partnership Opportunities, contact Bridget Kane, Membership & Volunteer Coordinator.

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A 30 mile-long section of the Mason-Dixon Trail has received National Recreation Trail designation. This section follows the western slopes of the Susquehanna River Gorge between Wrightsville, PA and Norman Wood Bridge (at PA Rt. 372). This blue blazed hiking trail rolls along river hillsides and drops into deep ravines while crossing a number of tributaries to the Susquehanna River. Along the way are an abundance of wild flowers, ferns, broad leafs and evergreens. Rock formations, stream crossings and scenic overlooks add to the beautiful setting of the mile wide Susquehanna River valley. Learn more, get involved, plan your visit!

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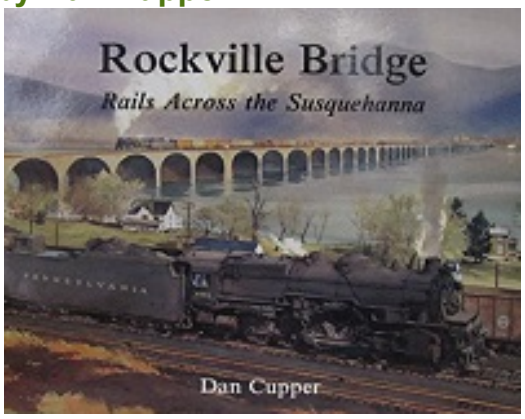
River Reads:

Rockville Bridge: Rails Across the Susquehanna by Dan Cupper



Review by Emilie Hettinger
Built in 1902, the Rockville Bridge is the longest stone arch railroad bridge in the world. The bridge crosses the Susquehanna in Marysville, just above Harrisburg. Published in 2002, in accordance with the bridge's 100th anniversary, Dan Cupper's book, *Rockville Bridge: Rails Across the Susquehanna*, tells the bridge's story from start to finish. Read more here, and see a list of recommended River Reads at our website.

Resources for River Towns:

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How can trail groups, local governments and land trusts responsibly plan, develop and operate trails that are accessible by all people, including those with limited mobility? What are best management practices? What is legally required? When is universal accessibility not appropriate?

Find these answers and more in a free, 145-page manual from the PA Land Trust Association.

Looking for other resources to plan your Greenway projects? Check out our Planning Webpage.

Joggers enjoy the Greenbelt Trail in Harrisburg, photo by Chris Knight/Flickr.

Fund Your Greenway Project:

Grant Spotlight: Reducing Stormwater Runoff

Is your community seeking to reduce stormwater runoff and improve your section of the Susquehanna River through rain gardens, permeable pavement, or tree planting? Check out this great source of funding and project ideas.

The Department of Environmental Protection has opened a grant program to control urban stormwater and improve local water quality. Municipalities, including cities, boroughs, or incorporated towns within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed are eligible to apply. The grants will fund construction of urban stormwater best management practices (BMPs) to reduce the discharge of nutrients and sediments delivered to local waterways. Eligible projects include but are not limited to: Rain gardens, permeable pavement, urban stream restoration, urban tree planting, green roofs, wetlands and wet ponds.
Applications are due by **October 9, 2015**. Read more here.

See this and many other grant resources for your local projects at our Susquehanna Greenway Project Funding webpage. As always, let us know if you'd like our letter of support for your Greenway project. Building the Susquehanna Greenway and citizen stewards one local project at a time!

Permeable paving in the city of Lancaster, PA.

Faces of the Greenway

Thank You Summer Staff!

Our offices in Lewisburg, PA were abuzz with summer activity thanks to a long list of talented volunteers and interns. Three are featured this month.

Bitting Recreation, Inc.

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Woodlands Bank

Emilie Hettinger, Communications Intern: Emilie attends Lock Haven University where she is pursuing a degree in Communication with tracks in Public Relations/Advertising, Journalism, and Professional Communication. "I pursued an internship with SGP because I felt the organization's efforts to link people to the natural and cultural treasures of the Susquehanna River were important," says Hettinger. This summer, Emilie helped us update our Media lists and composed wonderful "River Reads" articles that will be featured in this and future newsletters.

Gabriele Singh, Communications Volunteer: A public relations student at Susquehanna University, Gabriele took charge of our public Calendar of Events this summer to make sure it was up to date and full of fun activities along the river. Thanks to her hard work, many of our readers and friends found it easy to find healthy, outdoor activities along the Greenway. Gabby hopes to work in the communications department of an international company or nonprofit in the future.

Jessica Gay, Communications Volunteer: A recent graduate from Susquehanna University, Jess adopted the Greenway's photo database and gave it a proper cleaning this summer! Thanks to her great organizational and research skills, Jess uploaded and organized hundreds of photographs for future use in promotional materials, grant applications, and signage projects. She also assisted with curating our Photo Contest Gallery at the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg. Nothing illustrates our amazing Susquehanna Greenway like fabulous photos, and thanks to Jess we can easily search and find just the perfect image.

A huge thank you to these talented summer interns and volunteers and best of luck with all your future endeavors!

Support Your Greenway

Linking over 500 miles of parks, trails, conserved areas, and river towns is no small task and we cannot do it without local partners and help from people like you. 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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