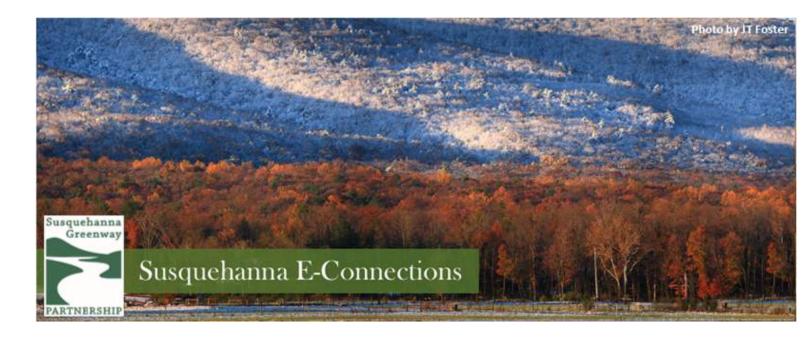
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What is the Susquehanna Greenway Anyway?

A Network of parks, trails, and communities right in your backyard!

If trails, parks, and opportunities for enjoying outdoor recreation sound good to you, then you're in luck. The **Susquehanna Greenway** has all of that and more, but few know what a greenway entails. So, let's learn a little bit more about this statewide system that's right in your backyard.

In order to understand the Susquehanna Greenway, let's first break down the terms that comprise the word "greenway."



A greenway is a corridor of undeveloped land [a **GREEN**space] that is often located near an urban area and utilized to connect people and places together, similar to our road system [a park**WAY**]—minus the cars...



Save the Date! Scenes & Sips is Coming to Reptiland



SusquehannaGreenway.org/scenes

We are getting in touch with our wild side in 2020! Mark your calendars for a very special occasion of Scenes, Sips,

Want to See Scenes of the Susquehanna all year long?

Purchase your 2020 Photo Contest Calendars today!

We are happy to announce that our 2020 Photo Contest Calendar is now available for pre-sale. Purchase yours today for <u>only \$10</u>!

The calendar features the 13 winning images from the 8th Annual Photo Contest. All proceeds will go toward supporting the 9th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest and Traveling Gallery. Click the link below to order.



and <u>SCALES</u> at Clyde Peeling's Reptiland on April 24, 2020.

Enjoy a walk through the interactive zoo exhibits as your sip a local wine and view the winning images of our traveling gallery and photo contest.

It's sure to be an evening full of fun, drinks, wildlife, and friends among the Scenes of the Susquehanna Greenway.

More details will be released in 2020.

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Trails

The West Branch Water Trail has a Logo!

Pennsylvania Water Trail logo for the West Branch Susquehanna River

In addition to updating our *Susquehanna River Water Trail - West Branch* map, we have also been working to bring to you an official logo for the West Branch Susquehanna River Water Trail.

The West Branch logo captures the 'wild' spirit of the West Branch and includes elements honoring the Susquehanna Greenway, Lumber Heritage Region, PA Wilds, and the many unique river communities along the water trail. A big thank you to <u>Graphics & Design</u> for helping us bring the design to life.

In the meantime, check out our online map of the Susquehanna Greenway and Water Trail below.





Loaner Life Jackets Available in Williamsport

REMEMBER: November 1st starts mandatory life jacket season

There is a new resource for boaters visiting the West Branch at Susquehanna State Park in Williamsport: a <u>Life Jacket Loaner Station</u>. The Sea Tow Foundation, with support from the <u>Williamsport Rotary Club</u>, announced the placement of the new life jacket loaner station at the boat ramp at Susquehanna State Park.

#1 holiday hack:

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.



1. Go to <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, and sign-up/sign-in.

2. Search for and select Susquehanna Greenway Partnership as your beneficiary organization.

3. Start shopping! Amazon donates a portion of all your sales to your selected organization to support their mission.

Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon.com with the same great products, prices, and shopping features of Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.



The station holds life jackets that local boaters may borrow and return, at no charge. Available in sizes ranging from infant to Adult XL, these life jackets help to ensure each boat's passengers have access to necessary safety equipment.

Don't forget: November 1st marks the beginning of colder weather and mandatory life jacket season on the Susguehanna through early Spring.



Diahoga Trail Now Open

Connecting Athens to Sayre along the Upper North Branch

Congratulations to the SGP River Town communities of Sayre and Athens: the Diahoga Trail is now complete! The 1.5mile trail, located on the upper North Branch of the Susquehanna River, runs from Riverfront Park in Sayre Borough along the banks of the Susquehanna River to the Valley Playground in Athens Borough, connecting two valuable assets and communities together.

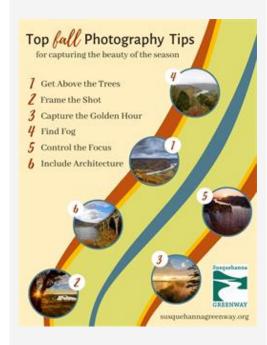
During this seven-year initiative, SGP staff

assisted the local planning team Futurescapes, and other partners including the Bradford County Conservation District, Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Bradford County Commissioners, Carantouan Greenway, Todd Babcock, PLS., Civil and Environmental Consultants, Stiffler McGraw and Associates, NTRPDC, Athens Borough, Sayre Borough, and the Valley Joint Sewer Authority.





Fall Photography Tips How to Capture the Last of the Season



Though we are at the end of the season's best colors, there are still opportunities to get out on the Greenway and capture those last glimpses of autumn.

Inspired by one of the most photographic times of year, we've pulled together some tips for capturing the best fall photos in our region. Plus, some of these tips can be used to capture the beauty of the Greenway year round! So, grab your cameras, get out on the Greenway, and start snappin'!



River Towns

River Valley Ride a Success!

10.5-mile Bike Ride Attracts 50 Riders to Williamsport

A big thank you to all who made this year's inaugural River Valley Ride a success! We were proud to showcase the connected trails of the greater Williamsport area amidst the beautiful scenery of the Susquehanna River.

This year's event saw about 50 riders cycling the 10.5-mile route along the





River of the Year 2020

<u>Photo Credit</u>: Frank Burnside, Wyoming County The Pennsylvania Organization Montoursville Bikeway, Loyalsock Bikeway, and the Susquehanna River Walk & Timber Trail. Photos from the event are now available on our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Please like, share, and feel free to tag yourself!



The River Valley Ride was financed in part by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program Environmental Stewardship Fund under the administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation administered through the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's September Trails Celebration Mini Grant Program. Thank you also to our trail, cycle, and mile sponsors, which can be found here.



A New Resource for Paddling Itineraries

Paddle the Susquehanna website launch

The Chesapeake Conservancy and the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office have launched a new partnership website,

<u>www.PaddletheSusquehanna.com</u>, to help engage people with activities along the Susquehanna River.

The new website serves as a home for launch information, water trails, and trip

itineraries for the four regions of the river, including the North Branch, West Branch, Middle, and Lower sections. Blog content highlights specific places, activities, and personal first-hand experiences, and content will continue to be added to the site.

The content has also been a result of collaboration with partners including the Susquehanna National Heritage Area, the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, and the Susquehanna River Trail Association. Click below to start exploring!



for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR) is accepting nominations for the 2020 Pennsylvania River of the Year. The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 15, 2019.

Pennsylvania's River of the Year is an honor designed to elevate public awareness of specific rivers and recognize important conservation needs and achievements.

After a waterway is chosen, local groups implement a year-round slate of activities and events to celebrate the river, including a River of the Year Sojourn. The nominating organization of the winning river will receive a \$10,000 leadership grant to help fund their River of the Year activities.



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.



Canoe Access Development Fund

Apply by Friday, November 15th

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Canoe Access Development Fund helps to make the region's rivers and streams more accessible for outdoor recreation such as canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. This fund provides modest grants to watershed groups, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

conservation organizations, paddle clubs, agencies and other eligible parties to develop canoe and kayak access sites across Western Pennsylvania.

Upcoming Events

November 13, 2019 Columbia: Tadpole Time

November 15, 2019 Lewisburg: Hidden Lewisburg Tour Applications for the 2019 Canoe Access Development Fund must be postmarked by November 15, 2019. Click below to learn more.

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Fall Grant Workshops

For recreation and conservation projects

DCNR is offering free, in-person grant workshops at six locations across Pennsylvania in November in preparation for the 2020 grant program which will open January 15, 2020, and close on April 22, 2020.

These workshops will provide technical assistance to potential applicants on DCNR grants available for recreation, conservation, riparian buffer, trail, and community based projects.

Community leaders, municipal officials, consultants, land trusts, volunteer board members, trail managers, and park and recreation professionals are encouraged to participate.

Pre-registration is required for the workshops. Participants can register by accessing the <u>DCNR Calendar of Events</u>.

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November 23, 2019 Lewisburg: Live Stake Collection

December 13-15, 2019 Williamsport: Santa Express Train Rides

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



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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