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Susquehanna Greenway River Towns Mini-Grant Program Announced

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is pleased to announce its first Mini-Grant program. A total of \$60,000 will be awarded by the program whose theme is: ***Connecting Susquehanna Greenway River Towns***. This is a competitive grants program focused on projects that improve trail connections with the river, riverfront parks, river access, Susquehanna Greenway signs, or green infrastructure projects that help to protect the water quality of the Susquehanna River. Individual grant awards will be limited to a maximum of \$5,000 for Planning Grants and \$10,000 for Implementation Grants.

Projects must be located within a river community along the Susquehanna in these Pennsylvania counties: Susquehanna, Bradford, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Cambria, Indiana, Clearfield, Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Union, Snyder, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, and Cumberland. Funding for this program is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). A 50/50 match requirement applies to all projects, and the match cannot be from other DCNR funds. Eligible applicants must be a municipality, municipal agency, or 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that is registered with the PA Department of State Bureau of Charitable Organization.

“Through our River Towns Program the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership has been working with many partners over the last five years to provide technical assistance to communities who value the River as an asset for sustainable economic development,” said Trish Carothers, SGP Executive Director. “We appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with DCNR to bring financial assistance for projects to improve our river towns. The Susquehanna not only provides drinking water for six million people, it is also designated as a National Recreation Trail. Investing in riverfront parks, trails, river access points and other green infrastructure projects helps to revitalize communities, attract private investment and jobs.”

The deadline for proposals is **August 20, 2012**.

Grant guidelines and application forms are available <http://www.susquehannagreenway.org/mini-grant-program>.

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