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Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program Announced

The Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program will open on Wednesday, May 28 for applications with the theme of ***Susquehanna Greenway Signage and Interpretation***. This is a competitive grant program for interpretative planning and signage projects that will help to improve the experience of people who are using walking and biking trails, water trails, community parks, or visiting river towns, within the Susquehanna Greenway.

“We have a vision for the Susquehanna Greenway with over 500 miles of connected walking, biking, and water trails, unique river towns, and conserved land that improves the quality of life for the people who live near it, enhances the economic vitality of the communities that foster it, and preserves the natural resources of the Susquehanna River itself,” says Trish Carothers, Executive Director of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP). “The Greenway helps to protect our water quality, encourages healthy lifestyles, and inspires stewardship and civic pride in places where people live, work, play and visit.”

A total of \$60,000 is available to be awarded for: 1.) Developing plans to interpret and promote a community’s heritage, natural and recreational resources, and, 2.) Designing, fabricating and installing signs based on the [Susquehanna Greenway Sign Design Guidelines](#).

Funding for Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Keystone Fund. “We are pleased to partner with DCNR on this program that will help communities to tell their story, and encourage exploration, discovery and learning.”

Eligible applicants include municipalities, council of governments, conservation districts, and any “authority” recognized by the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act. Non-profits alone are not eligible to apply and are encouraged to partner with their local municipality or any other eligible applicant to apply. Any non-profit should call or email Zach Pyle, River Towns Program Coordinator at 570-522-7339, or zpyle@susquehannagreenway.org to discuss their project. A 50/50 match requirement applies to all projects, and the match cannot be from other DCNR funds.

Projects must be located within the Susquehanna Greenway 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.

Grant guidelines and application forms will be available on May 28 at www.susquehannagreenway.org/mini-grant-program.

The deadline to submit an application is **July 22, 2014**. All questions and comments can be directed to Zach Pyle, River Towns Program Coordinator at 570-522-7339, or zpyle@susquehannagreenway.org.

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