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Images from the 2nd Annual Contest by Paul Barrett (Williamsport derby car), Holly Holdridge (view of Tunkhannock), Kara Newhouse (Wilkes-Barre festival)

Photo Contest to Feature Susquehanna Scenes

Do you have a favorite Susquehanna overlook, trail, secret fishing spot, or scenic river town that keeps drawing you back to visit and explore? The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) invites you to enter your digital images in the 3rd Annual *Treasured Towns & Landscapes of the Susquehanna* photo contest. Entries will be accepted until **February 1, 2013** at www.susquehannagreenway.org/photo-contest.

"When you hear "Susquehanna" we all imagine something different and unique," says Erin Pierce, Program Coordinator with SGP. "We want to see photos that tell your special stories of the Susquehanna and that celebrate the river and her towns as places to enjoy and treasure. This contest is a great excuse to grab your camera and head outside to explore and capture what you see and experience."

Contest categories include Treasured Towns, Treasured Landscapes, People & the River, and a Youth Category sponsored by Hershey's Track and Field Games for photographers under 18. "Kids definitely see the world in a very special way, and one category is just for them," says Pierce. "We've teamed up with Hershey's to inspire kids to get outside, get active, and explore the river. One of last year's winners, Sabrina Barner, 10, of Muncy, impressed the judges with her image of the Williamsport RiverWalk and her description of this favorite place for a long walk."

Cash prizes from \$50 to \$150 will be awarded for first through third place in each category. Participants are welcome to submit multiple entries. Photos from the following Susquehanna Greenway counties are eligible: Bradford, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Indiana, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Luzerne, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union, Wyoming and York.

Looking for a little inspiration? The winning photographs from last year's contest will be traveling throughout the Susquehanna region and will be exhibited at the **Wyoming County Cultural Center at the Dietrich Theatre** at 60 E. Tioga Street in Tunkhannock during the month of **July**. Judges selected these 15 winning photographs from over 300 entries. The winning images and gallery schedule can be viewed online at, www.susquehannagreenway.org/2nd-annual-photo-contest-winners.

The Susquehanna Greenway is a corridor of connected trails, parks, river access points, and communities, linking people to the natural and cultural treasures of the Susquehanna River and its West Branch. Over 500 miles in the length, the Greenway is one of our state's greatest resources, conserving the environment for all living things, and creating recreational opportunities for healthy communities.

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