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Grant to help improve public access to Chemung River awarded, Pickett announces

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A Bradford County recreation project will be receiving state grant funds through the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, Rep. Tina Pickett (R-Bradford/Sullivan/Susquehanna) announced.

A grant of \$8,000 is being awarded to the Athens Township Park and Recreation Commission for its Tozer's Landing Riverfront Trail Improvement Project to help implement the Bradford County Open Space, Greenways and Outdoor Recreation plan. According to organizers, the project will improve public access to the Chemung River at its confluence with the North Branch Susquehanna River near the communities of Athens, Sayre and South Waverly Township.

"Recreation plays a vital role in ensuring and protecting our quality of life," Pickett said. "We are blessed along the Northern Tier to have a wealth of natural beauty, including our rivers and streams, that lends itself to enjoying the great outdoors. This grant will help improve public access along the Chemung River, which will benefit both residents and visitors alike."

The planning committee's partners with the project are Promoting Healthier Communities, Endless Mountains Heritage Region.

The funding is made possible through a new mini-grant program by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP). The mini-grant program 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 (DCNR).

The purpose of the mini-grant program is to advance public and private efforts to connect people with the natural and cultural resources of the Susquehanna and promote a sustainable and healthy environment.

Submitted by Rep. Tina Pickett

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