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## MiniMart donates to JS 'River Access Project' *Construction to begin this fall*

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**JERSEY SHORE —**

Nittany MiniMart recently presented a check to members of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, to help with the completion of the Jersey Shore Borough's plans to rejuvenate the river access along the Susquehanna river.

The river access and boat launch have been in disrepair for years.

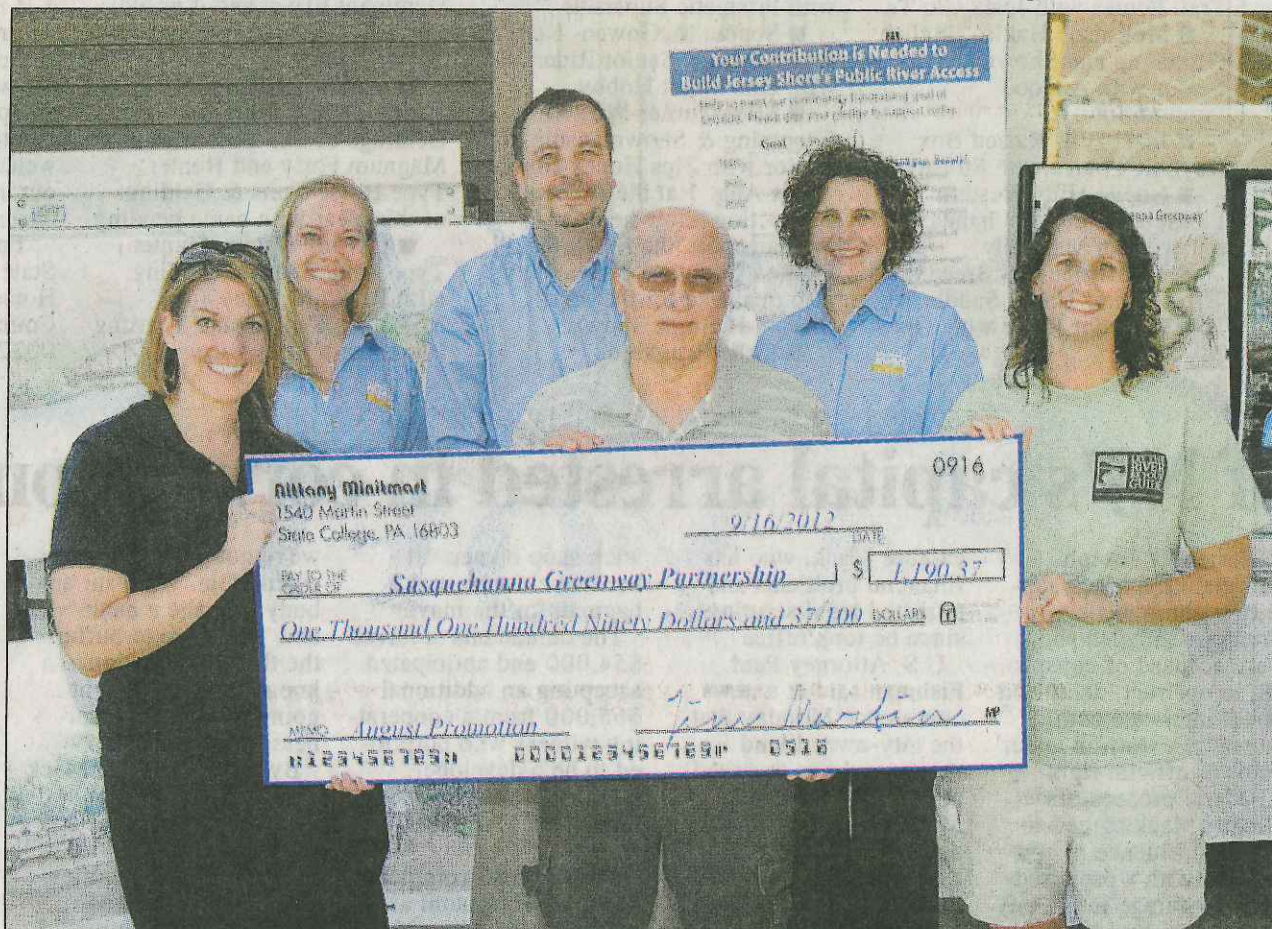
Jersey Shore Mayor Dennis Buttorff, said 90 percent of the money is in place through grants, but the town needs to come up with another \$50,000 in matching funds to complete the project.

"We (Greenway Partnership) have been going around to the various organizations, clubs and businesses in town and showing them our presentation," said Buttorff. "Nittany MiniMart, located at 815 Allegheny St. was one of those businesses."

"We thought it was a great way to enhance the Jersey Shore community. We wanted to help them out and be part of it," said Mindy Knepp, marketing manager for Nittany MiniMart, a subsidiary of Nittany Oil, based out of State College.

The company donated a penny from all gasoline sales at all of their stores located around Pennsylvania, along with special food and beverage items, throughout the month of August. Their contribution totaled \$1,190.

"I think it's great. I mean it's super that they supported this. We have



**Nittany MiniMart recently presented a \$1,190 check to Susquehanna Greenway partnership toward renovations to the river access area in Jersey Shore. From left are, Mindy Knepp, Marketing Manager for Nittany MiniMart; Katie Martin, Food Services Supervisor for Nittany MiniMart; Jeff Greeley, Operations Manager for Nittany MiniMart; Jersey Shore Mayor Dennis Buttorff; Rhonda Richards, Territory Supervisor for Nittany MiniMart, and Bridget Kane, Communications and Outreach Coordinator for the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.**

been reaching out to a number of businesses and individuals in the community," said Trish Carothers, executive director of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. "We have received \$11,000 in contributions. We still need \$39,000, but it's a start," said Carothers.

Jersey Shore is one of 70 river towns located along the Susquehanna River. Most were settled

during the industrial era, but have long since lost the industries such as logging, mining, train yard maintenance, etc. Now the Greenway Partnership sees the river as an asset for sustainable economic development to encourage recreation, tourism and a healthier living for the community.

Mayor Buttorff believes the town has a bright future.

"Since the early 1800's Jersey Shore has been known as the gateway to the Pine Creek Valley. Eventually the town will be a hub for four different trails. The water trail, the Pine Creek Rails to Trails, the Clinton County Trail and the Williamsport Trail ... and they all center around the river," said Buttorff.

The mayor also said he is looking for residents to

maybe use part of their homes as a bed and breakfast to support tourism. "It's nice to come and use the river for a day but we would like to see visitors stay for a week or weekend, but we need places for them to stay," he said. The town is also looking to have small businesses pop up, such as canoe rentals and more shops along Main and Allegheny streets, he said.

Dan Smyth, 52 of Slate Run, said he would love to see improvements done to the river access. "Right now it's very limited access. I'd like to use the river for more small mouth fishing and opportunities to take my granddaughters out in canoes. We could use a better ramp for sure," said Smyth.

Jim Cliver, of Levittown, has made the four-hour trip to Pine Creek for the last 30 years to enjoy the area. He plans to retire to Jersey Shore eventually.

"I love coming up here but the river access is a disgrace. You would think companies like Range, Exco, PVR, and others that draw water from the river to do their fracing operations would contribute some of the millions they make to help restore the river access," Cliver said.

Construction of the access should begin this fall and be finished by the end of next year, Carothers said.

"We don't like to call it a boat launch project. We like 'River Access Project' because not everyone puts a boat in the river, but many people like to take walks along the Susquehanna and just enjoy the river access," said Carothers.

The group is looking for anyone interested in volunteering or donating to the project. Go to [www.susquehannagreenway.org](http://www.susquehannagreenway.org) or contact Mayor Dennis Buttorff at the Jersey Shore Borough Hall, 570 398-0104, or by e-mail at [mayor@jerseyshoreboro.org](mailto:mayor@jerseyshoreboro.org)

## BEFORE & AFTER 'RIVER ACCESS PROJECT'



At left, the river access today, with a lone fisherman ready to try his luck. At right, an artist rendition of what the new river access will look like.

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