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PROP Invites 2013 Waste Watcher Award Nominations

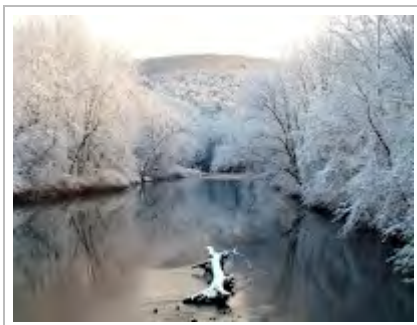
The [Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania](#) this week invited nominations for the 2013 Waste Watcher Awards to recognize recycling, waste reduction, reuse and composting programs in the Commonwealth. The deadline for nominations is May 31.

Consideration will be given to program showing outstanding achievements in one or more of these areas: recycling, composting/organics, public education, special event recycling, special collections, reuse, environmental rehabilitation, recycling innovations, waste reduction and closing the loop.

[Click Here](#) for nomination details and an application.

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Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest Winners, Vote For Honorable Mention



The winners of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership third annual [photo contest](#) were announced Wednesday and invited visitors to their [Facebook page](#) to vote for an additional honorable mention photo.

It was a record-breaking Photo Contest. The Partnership received over 700 entries of breathtaking landscapes, images of cozy river towns, and

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inspiring photos of life along in the Susquehanna Greenway!
(Photo: 3rd Place Landscape winner Patrick Greenbaum)
The first, second and third place winners in each category

were--

-- Landscape: David Fraiser, Marysville; Jeff Stover, Lock Haven and Patrick Greenbaum, Lycoming Creek.

-- River Towns: Josh Klina, Riverside; Beverly James, Tunkhannock; Toni Viola, Lock Have.

-- Youth: Carissa Phillips, Susquehanna County; Izaiah Calpin, Buttermilk Farms; Sabrina Mussare, South Williamsport.

-- People & The River: Rick Mason, Lycoming County; Amy Spangier, Columbia; John Alaimo, Falls.

See all their beautiful photographs on the [Photo Contest](#) webpage.

You Be The Judge

Visit the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership [Facebook page](#) and "like" the image you think should be framed and join the Travelling Photo Contest Gallery. Voting ends on April 19.

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Juniata College Scientists Hope Crowdfunding Will Finance Fracking Research

Dr. Regina Lamendella's and Dr. Christopher Grant from Juniata College are using crowdfunding to finance a \$10,000 study of how Marcellus Shale fracking is impacting headwater streams in northwestern Pennsylvania. So far they have collected over \$3,300 in contributions.

Their proposed research overview says: In this study we will assess the ecosystem response (bacteria, microinvertebrate, macroinvertebrate, and fish) to Marcellus Shale Fracturing for natural gas in headwater streams in northwestern Pennsylvania. Chemical and biological samples are being collected from 26 streams in western Pennsylvania at various stages of drilling exploration to accurately capture the impact of fracking on these headwater ecosystems.

Further, several streams with documented frackwater contamination (according to PADEP) are being studied.

[Click Here](#) to review a video and other details about the research and the researchers and for information on how you can contribute.

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