

SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY

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TRAILS PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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# The Susquehanna Greenway provides a multitude of resources to residents and visitors, serving as a foundation of extraordinary value from which communities in Pennsylvania can prosper.

At nearly 500 miles in length, the Susquehanna Greenway is an evolving corridor of interconnected parks, trails, river access points, conserved lands, and communities. Envisioned as the longest greenway in Pennsylvania, the Susquehanna Greenway links people to the recreational, natural, and cultural treasures of the Susquehanna River and its surrounding lands.

The Trail Designation Program is designed to work alongside trail managers to enhance and continue to grow your trail system. Becoming a designated 'Susquehanna Greenway Trail' opens the door for new

opportunities for your trail. These include increased marketing and visibility on a state-wide platform, opportunities to engage with like-minded trail managers in your region and across the state, and access to the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership's technical assistance resources for planning and trainings.

By advancing the vision of the Susquehanna Greenway, we create healthier and greener communities, grow connections, attract investment, encourage appreciation for nature, and improve the potential for tourism, especially outdoor recreation tourism.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Heightened local and regional recognition
- Integration into the larger Susquehanna Greenway Trails System
- Trail feature on the Susquehanna Greenway website and social media platforms
- Production of a trail itinerary card to share with the public and partners
- Susquehanna Greenway branded trail signs (# to be determined by trail length and need)
- Competitive advantage for select grants to support ongoing trail planning and implementation
- Yearly summit of trail managers to share best practices and ideas

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Trail managers may seek designation for existing trails at any time. Trails must be open to the public, managed regularly by a public or private entity, and have a secured right of way either through ownership, conservation easements, or signed landowner agreements. If your trail is within the planning stages, designation can still be pursued; however, formal designation will not take place until the trail is on-the-ground.



## NEXT STEPS

- ❑ Connect with the staff of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership to discuss the designation process and its benefits.
- ❑ Submit a Trail Designation Application with supporting documentation to SGP
  - o Complete a Trail Designation Application
  - o Gather and submit support materials
    - Map - showing trail extent, trailheads, and access points
    - Photographs – at least five images depicting trail surface, typical signage/blazing, significant trail features
    - Designation Request Approval Letters of support from trail managers, land owners, and municipal authorities.
    - List of access sites/trailheads and their available amenities/conditions.



## DESIGNATION REVIEW

Once you have submitted your application, SGP will begin the review process. A member of our team will reach out to you to schedule a site visit, which is SGP's opportunity to confirm details of your application with you and your organization. Following the site visit, your submitted documents and site visit findings will be reviewed by the SGP Trails Committee and SGP Board of Directors. This process may take up to three months.

**Designation** – Following designation approval by the SGP Trails Committee and SGP Board of Directors, SGP will work with your team to write a joint press release

and plan a designation celebration. Trail managers will receive a number of SGP trail designation signs to install at defined points along the trail, which will be determined based on the trail's length and existing signage landscape.

**Recertification** – Designation status must be updated every five years. This is our opportunity to check-in with your organization. Additional paperwork such as a trail conditions report may be requested to ensure that all marketing and communications are current.

### Your Trail Designation Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE CONTACT  
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