



## RIVER TOWN E-CONNECTIONS

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### RIVER TOWN THROWBACK

#### THE 1904 ICE FLOOD

Winter is just starting up for our Susquehanna Greenway River Towns, but in 1904, Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Danville, & Espy saw the Susquehanna River nearly frozen solid with serious flooding in the months to follow. Click below to learn more about this history-making event.

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### RIVER TOWN STORIES

#### ECOMONIC IMPACT OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN PA



New economic data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that outdoor

#### A NEW STUDY ON HOW OUR LOCAL TRAILS ARE USED



A new study by SEDA-COG MPO was completed to better understand how people use

#### VIDEO HIGHLIGHT: LEWISBURG, PA



Lewisburg, PA is a celebrated Susquehanna Greenway River Town with fantastic connections

recreation in Pennsylvania is growing by leaps and bounds.

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trails in the Middle Susquehanna Region.

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to the outdoors. Click below to check out the video feature.

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## OPPORTUNITIES WITH SGP



### JOIN THE SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY CLEANUP MONTH

SGP is looking for towns and volunteers who are interested in participating in the 2024 Susquehanna Greenway Cleanup during the month of April in celebration of Pick Up PA and Earth Month. Last year's locations included Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Newberry, Montgomery, Bloomsburg, Danville, Lewisburg, Selinsgrove, Sunbury, Athens, and Sayre, and we welcome others to join the ranks! Planning and material resources are available for towns considering participation. SGP is actively recruiting additional locations, interested organizations, and individual volunteers to take part in the 2024 cleanups. Click below to learn more.

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### OUTDOOR EXPO: CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is currently seeking exhibitors for the Susquehanna Greenway Outdoor Expo to be held at Shikellamy State Park on June 3, 2023. Regional and state outfitters, nonprofits, gear manufacturers, and activity-specific instructors are all welcome. For more information on eligible exhibitors, please [click here](#). Booth space sizes vary depending on need. \$25 for non-profits; \$50 for all other vendors. **Those interested should email Alana Jajko at [ajajko@susquehannagreenway.org](mailto:ajajko@susquehannagreenway.org) or click below to learn more.**

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## WORKSHOPS

**AMERICAN TRAILS: ONLINE TRAIL TRAINING WORKSHOPS** | *Times & Dates Vary*      **THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHS** | *Times & Dates Vary*



American Trails offer various workshops on trail building, planning, management, land protection, organization development, leadership, tools, GIS data, parks, bike/ped facilities, nonmotorized transportation, funding, and stewardship.

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The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) is a statewide, non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to serving 956 borough governments. Various trainings & webinars for municipalities & boroughs are available.

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## GRANT CORNER



### Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grants Awarded & Second Round Announced

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program, as well as the exciting opening of a second application round to distribute funds still available.

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### Lumber Heritage Region Mini-Grant Program | February 8 Deadline

LHR in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), has funding of \$25,000 available to support projects with a usual maximum award of \$5,000 per application. Projects must be located within the Lumber Heritage Region. [LEARN MORE](#).

### Community Giving Foundation Grants | February 29 Deadline

Grant rounds include opportunities through Berwick, Bloomsburg, Danville, Selinsgrove, and Sunbury affiliate foundations. To be eligible to receive a grant, an organization must hold a 501(c)(3) nonprofit status or be a governmental organization. [LEARN MORE](#).

### Active Transportation Planning Grant | February 7 Webinar, March 22 Deadline

PA WalkWorks is offering grants and technical assistance to a limited number of municipalities and other governmental bodies to assist with the development of Active Transportation Plans during 2024

and 2025. The proposal may be termed an Active Transportation Plan, a Vision Zero Action Plan, a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, a Complete Streets Implementation Plan, a Safe Routes to School Plan, a Safe Routes to Parks Plan, or a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. [LEARN MORE](#).

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#### [Community Conservation Partnership Program Grants](#) | *April 3 Deadline*

Be sure to read up on DCNR's 2020-2024 PA Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan to see how your projects align with priority areas in preparation for the next Community Conservation Partnership Program grant round. [LEARN MORE](#) or contact your DCNR Regional Representative for more information.

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#### [Endless Mountains Heritage Region Partnership Grants](#) | *Open Spring 2023*

The EMHR's Partnership Grants program, also known as mini-grants, provide financial support to heritage partners across the four-county region of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, & Wyoming. [LEARN MORE](#).

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#### [First Community Foundation Partnership Grants](#) | *Various Deadlines*

Projects in Lycoming, Northumberland, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties are eligible for grants. [LEARN MORE](#).

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#### [Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program](#) | *Rolling Basis*

Administered by The Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) and Community Heart & Soul, this program seeks to help PA small cities, townships, and boroughs to implement the Community Heart & Soul model by providing \$10,000 matching grants to resident-led groups in communities with populations of 2,500 to 30,000. [LEARN MORE](#).

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#### [2023 Urgent Issue on a Water Trail Mini Grant](#) | *Rolling Basis until September 30*

Administered by The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), this pilot project is an approach to providing funding for urgent, unforeseen situations on designated water trails that impede or impair access, create unsafe conditions/ safety concerns for paddlers or others who want to access the water trail, affect safe ingress/egress from the water trail, etc. [LEARN MORE](#).

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#### [Statewide Waterway Access Grant](#) | *Rolling Basis*

Administered by The Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR), this program will provide grants of up to \$30,000 for design and engineering, construction, or upgrade and rehabilitation of non-motorized public access projects throughout the Commonwealth. [LEARN MORE](#).

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#### [Peer & Circuit Rider Grants](#) | *Open Year-Round*

These DCNR grant programs fund projects that help municipalities, counties, multi-municipal partnerships, and council of governments to increase local capacity for recreation, parks, and conservation. [LEARN MORE](#).

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#### [RecTAP Grants](#) | *Open Year-Round*

The Recreation and Parks Technical Assistance Program (RecTAP) is a statewide technical assistance service designed to help organizations receive expert advice on recreation, park, and trail issues. It is funded through DCNR and administered by the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society (PRPS). [LEARN MORE](#).

### ABOUT THE SGP



The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to advancing the vision of a Greenway in Pennsylvania. SGP works to build connections along the Susquehanna River, inspire people to engage with the outdoors, and transform communities into places where people want to live, work, and explore.



The Susquehanna Greenway River Towns Program works with communities to envision, plan, and implement community-sourced projects that connect residents to the Susquehanna Greenway, create trails and river accesses, and celebrate their natural and cultural assets.



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