



## RIVER TOWN E-CONNECTIONS

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### RIVER TOWN NEWS

#### TRAILS & TOURISM IN WILLIAMSPORT

This summer, SGP's very own, Poppy Breining, was invited to the Williamsport Business Association to speak on a panel about 'Trails & Tourism' alongside PA State Representative Jamie Flick and Lycoming County Planning Office's Mark Murawski.

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#### NEW ADAPTIVE BOAT LAUNCH AT MONTOUR PRESERVE, DANVILLE

The Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association and Montour Area Recreation Commission collaboratively installed a new adaptive kayak launch at Montour Preserve's Lake Chillisquaque on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024

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## NEW TRAIL OPENS IN BLOOMSBURG

A stunning new trail opened in the Susquehanna Greenway River Town of Bloomsburg this season. Named the Bloomsburg Area Recreation Trail, or BART, the path meanders 2.2 miles along Fishing Creek and the North Branch of the Susquehanna River.

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## RIVERBOAT COMING TO NORTHUMBERLAND

Early this year, the Central Susquehanna Valley Riverboat Society announced they have advanced their plans to build a new paddlewheel riverboat at a dock site in Northumberland's Pineknoller Park.

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## LEWISBURG RECEIVES FUNDING FOR ACCESSIBILITY

As a part of a \$49.5 million funding pool from PennDOT, the Susquehanna Greenway River Town of Lewisburg was awarded \$296,797 to support community projects designed to enhance public accessibility.

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## JERSEY SHORE CELEBRATES NEW TRAIL CONNECTION

The Susquehanna Greenway River Town of Jersey Shore was excited to see completion of the Whitetail Recreation Area parking project, which helps expand access of the Pine Creek Rail Trail to the community.

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## STORIES & INSPIRATION

### PAST: A LITTLE DANVILLE HISTORY



### PRESENT: STARUCCA VIADUCT IN SUSQUEHANNA



### FUTURE: STRIVING FOR ACCESSIBILITY



Everyone loves a little weird history! Here's a throwback to when a tightrope walker came to Danville and spectators broke the canal bridge.

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Click to watch this neat feature on the Starrucca Viaduct landmark structure in Susquehanna County.

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"Access isn't about making things easy but making them possible."  
- Pennsylvania's Director of Outdoor Recreation, Nathan Reigner

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## WORKSHOPS & OPPORTUNITIES

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**AMERICAN TRAILS: ONLINE TRAIL TRAINING WORKSHOPS** | *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** | *Times & Dates Vary*



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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### DCNR VIRTUAL GRANT WORKSHOP | *November 7*

On 11/7/24 from 9 am-12 pm join this free, virtual workshop that is designed to help applicants develop project ideas in preparation for submitting a grant application to the 2025 Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2). DCNR's Bureau of Recreation & Conservation staff will present about grant program selection criteria, review current program priorities, & discuss eligible project types. 2025 potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. [LEARN MORE](#).

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### PENNSYLVANIA GREENWAYS & TRAILS SUMMIT | *September 18-20, Sayre, PA*



Co-Hosted by the Endless Mountains Heritage Region (EMHR), join friends and colleagues in the field to workshop outdoor recreation topics and experience the Endless Mountains of PA, where EMHR strives to create 'endless access' to the outdoors. Learn and grow your skills with workshops and mobile seminars, make and renew connections, and be inspired by panels, breakout sessions, and keynote speaker, Cindy Adams Dunn.

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## GRANT CORNER

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### [Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Round Announced](#)

The Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program is set to open on August 26 and will be open for applications through October 25. Click below for more details and updates as they become available.

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### [Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership](#) | *August 16 Deadline*

Supports conservation partners with local projects that help protect, restore & enhance critical wetlands on agricultural lands & help mitigate climate change as part of the Investing in America agenda. NRCS is prioritizing proposals that focus on producers who conserve wetlands in/that are anticipated to benefit disadvantaged communities, contributing to NRCS' effort to advance equity & EJ in its delivery of conservation programs. [LEARN MORE](#).

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### [Digital Connectivity Technology Program](#) | *August 19 Deadline*

The Digital Connectivity Technology Program aims to increase access to technology devices where affordability has been identified as a barrier to broadband adoption and use. Eligibility includes but not limited to, libraries, schools, municipalities, workforce training organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and other community anchor institutions. [LEARN MORE](#).

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### [Sportfishing & Boating Safety Act](#) | *September 18 Deadline*

The Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) Program provides funding for the construction, renovation & maintenance of boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels at least 26 feet long that are operated, leased, rented, or chartered primarily for pleasure. [LEARN MORE](#).

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### [Urgent Issue Water Trail Mini Grants](#) | *September 30 Deadline*

For projects that can quickly & efficiently address an 'urgent' issue on a designated PA Water Trail that is causing/could reasonably be expected to cause, an unsafe/dangerous situation for those wishing to access the river for recreation/enjoyment. [LEARN MORE](#).

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### [Environmental Community Change Grants Program](#) | *November 21 Deadline*

Funds community-driven projects that address climate challenges & reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation. [LEARN MORE](#).

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

Funds community-driven projects that address climate challenges & reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation. [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.](#)

### [DCNR's Small Community Program](#) | *Rolling Basis*

DCNR's Small Communities Program offers lower-match grants for municipalities with populations of 5,000 or fewer. The Small Communities Program encourages breaking large projects into several phases. Spreading your project over several years helps keep costs below funding limits, and it eases project management. [LEARN MORE.](#)

### [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.](#)

### [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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