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**Susquehanna Greenway
Partnership**

Bike & River Fest Set for May

The Susquehanna River Walk Trail and South Williamsport Sports Park will welcome the first ever Susquehanna Greenway Bicycle & River Fest on

Saturday, May 10th from 1-5pm

. River Fest is FREE and open to all. You'll enjoy live music, outdoor vendors, Smokey Bear and other mascot celebrities, healthy food options from local vendors, learn about plans for regional trails, and much more!



Families and friends won't want to miss registering for the two signature events of the day: Bicycle Scavenger Hunt along the Susquehanna River Walk for ages 12 and up, and the Kid's Bike Derby for kids ages 6-12. Registration includes event t-shirt, health meal, water bottle, and an exclusive chance to WIN a bike and helmet from The Bicycle Center! Registration is just \$15 for Scavenger Hunt and \$10 for Kid's Derby. [Click here to register and learn more.](#)

This event would not be possible without partnership and sponsorship from many community organizations excited about healthy, outdoor activities and clean, green, connected Susquehanna communities. Signature sponsors include [Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania](#), [Lycoming County Visitors Bureau](#), and [Susquehanna Health](#).



"Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania is pleased to



support an event that promotes an active and healthy lifestyle in a way the whole family can enjoy," said George Johnson, BCNEPA's market director. Pictured at the check presentation are: (L to R) SGP

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Your gift will help us protect the natural and cultural resources of the Susquehanna, revitalize river communities and build connected parks, trails, and public river access points.



Our Mission

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is a leading champion for the Susquehanna River Watershed, Pennsylvania's most important natural resource and the largest tributary to the Chesapeake Bay. We work to advance for public and private efforts to connect people with our natural and cultural resources, and promote a sustainable and healthy environment.

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping with a local Greenway project, or would like to assist us with an event, photography, office work, etc. visit our website and [click on volunteer](#).



Upcoming Events

To see more events, or list your event, please visit our [Calendar of Events](#).

Kidsburg Community Build
Bloomsburg
April 30 – May 4

Dam History Lecture
Holtwood
May 1

River Towns Marathon
Danville
May 3

Bird Walk
Millersburg
May 3

Litter Pick Up
Laceyville
May 3

River Cleanup
Lewisburg-Sunbury
May 3

Tree Planting
Lancaster County
May 3

Trail Clearing
McElhattan
May 3

Artsfest
Athens
May 3

Turtle Creek Tour
Lewisburg
May 3

Buffalo Creek Paddle
Union County
May 3

Bike Ride
Harrisburg
May 4

Bridget Kane; Susan Browning, SGP board of directors; George Johnson, market director - western region, BCENPA; and Christine Zavaskas, grant and program specialist, BCNEPA.

To get involved and become a sponsor, partner vendor, or event volunteer during the Fest, [contact Bridget Kane](#).

Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant: Berwick's New Riverfront Trail

Each month learn about a local project being funded through the Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant Program that is helping to build the Greenway and connect people to the Susquehanna River. The program is funded in part by the PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources.



As the weather has warmed Berwick's Public Works Department has come closer to completing a one-mile trail that provides Test Track Park visitors with a safe and attractive venue for enjoying the Susquehanna River, thanks in part to funding support from a Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant.

Berwick was awarded a grant to build the trail, and install mile markers, benches, tables and informational kiosks. The kiosks and mile markers were designed and constructed by the Public Works Department. The tables and benches are wheelchair accessible so that people of all abilities can enjoy the riverfront and stunning views. The city has plans to extend the trail once additional funding is identified and secured.

[See photos and learn more about plans for the park and trail here.](#)

Spectacular Susquehanna! Photo Contest Winners

Bluebell Festival
Tunkhannock
May 4

Greenbelt Ride
Harrisburg
May 4

PA Trail Symposium
Mayfield
May 5

Parks & Forests Banquet
Camp Hill
May 6

Groundwater Symposium
State College
May 7

Envi. Professionals Meeting
Seven Springs
May 7-9

Susquehanna Book Event
Millersburg
May 8

North Branch Sojourn
Sayre to Sugar Run, PA
May 9-11

Better Birding
Danville
May 10

Bike & River Fest
S. Williamsport
May 10

MayDay 5k/10k
Williamsport
May 10

Conservation Tour
Lewisburg
May 10

Paddle Trip
Selinsgrove
May 10



Scott Hafer, Hyner View Overlook - 1st Place, Landscapes

Once again our judges were blown away by the amazing stories and moments shared in our 4th annual *Treasured Towns & Landscape of the Susquehanna Greenway* Photo Contest. You shared **over 3 images** of landscapes, historic river towns, and inspiring photos of life along our incredible Susquehanna Greenway. Entries poured in from across the state and we even had our first international entry from a visitor from Hungary. Clearly our mighty Susquehanna is a destination not to be missed - Thank you!

See Winners



You Be The Judge: We need your help to decide which Honorable Mention image should be framed and include in our Contest Gallery! Visit our [Facebook page](#) to "Like" your favorite photos by **5pm, May 14th** and get your friends to do the same.



Get Ready: Our 5th annual Photo Contest will open Summer 2011. To celebrate five years of our contest, we're adding a new twist - a Video Category! Stay tuned and in the meantime, grab your camera, get outside, explore, and create your Susquehanna moments.

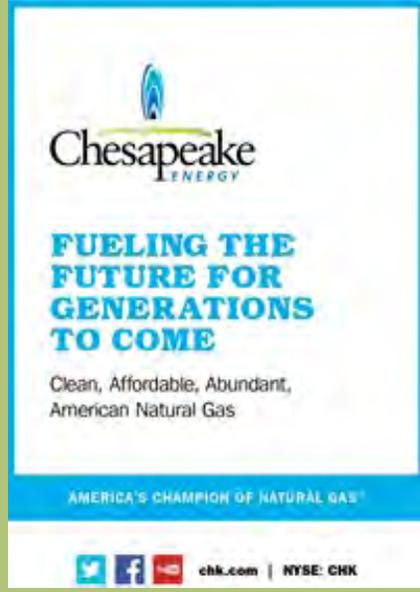


Special thanks to our sponsor, [Hershey's Track and Field Games](#) - *Inspire a lifetime of family activity!*

We are seeking sponsorship for our next Contest. For information about getting involved, please [contact Bridget Kane](#).

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News from the North:

Susquehanna Warrior Trail Update

Many race course records were shattered at the 7th annual Susquehanna Warrior Trail (SWT) 5K this month, including the overall male and female records. 227 runners and 96 walkers followed the course from Shickshinny, PA along the Susquehanna River. See race photos on their [Facebook page](#).



Read more about the trail and plans for future expansion, [click here](#)

News from the West:

Friends Group Lends A Hand

Curwensville Lake Recreation Area, a 790-acre lake along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River is getting a boost with a little help from friends! The [Friends of Curwensville Lake](#) volunteer organization formed to help improve habitat, promote conservation, and encourage recreational use of the lake area. Projects include establishing birdhouses, starting a recycling program, organizing recreational activities (like a nighttime Haunted Walk in October!), and fundraising to complete the [new guest cabins](#) that will be available to rent starting May 1, 2014. To get involved with group and learn more, [click here](#).



Middle Susquehanna News:

Honoring A Friend of the River - Jim McNulty

The Susquehanna River community lost a dear friend recently with the passing of James "Jim" W. McNulty III. Many knew Jim through his position as president of the [Susquehanna River Trail Assoc.](#), a volunteer organization that cares for the river trail and island



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Harrisburg. A Pennsylvania native, Jim was an avid outdoorsman and world class kayaker who will be dearly missed along the River that he loved. To read more, [click here](#).



Lower Susquehanna Wormleysburg River Da

Back for another day of excitement and celebration along the Susquehanna River, Wormleysburg will hold its 2nd annual River Day on **June 28, 2014** from 1-5pm at Pine St. Park. Expect live entertainment

from favorite local bands, pontoon boat rides for the family, kayak paddleboard rides, food, games for the kids, and informational booths - Be sure to stop by the Susquehanna Greenway booth to say hi! See photos from last year's event (yup, there was a skatepark!) on the Wormleysburg River Day [Facebook Page](#).

Susquehanna Sojourns

Educational Paddle Trips To Explore the River



What is a Sojourn? Consider the Susquehanna River sojourns as a mini-summer camp, for adult and youth alike. They are group-oriented journeys that emphasize environmental and cultural education, sharing stories and experiences, and

enjoying and caring for the river. These professionally guided events are a great way to visit a section of the Susquehanna that you've never paddled before! Even experienced paddlers are surprised to discover the unique opportunities for reflection and community that this kind of group river journey offers.

- **May 9 - 11, 2014:** Endless Mountain Heritage Sojourn from Sayre, PA to Sugar Run, PA on the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. [Register Here](#).
- **June 27 - 29, 2014:** Mini-North Branch Sojourn from Shickshinny, PA to Northumberland, PA. [Register Here](#).
- **August 13 - 17, 2014:** West Branch Sojourn from Renovo, PA to Jersey Shore, PA. Information will be available this spring on the [Susquehanna Greenway website](#).

Looking for other river activities? Check out our [Calendar of Events](#)

Bonner Sports & RV

CNB Bank

Jersey Shore Area
Lioness Club

Jersey Shore Moose
Lodge #214

Lycoming Mall

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Woodlands Bank

Photo by Kristen Hand

Transportation Planning

Moving Forward

As a corridor of connected parks, trails, and river towns stretching across 22 counties, the Susquehanna Greenway is composed of many local projects.



To promote the consideration of bicycle, pedestrian, and river access development in local transportation plans and programs, the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership recently convened a meeting of transportation planning partners.



Advocating for safe, convenient trails, paths, and river access for every community along the Susquehanna Greenway, the group discussed funding, coordination, and the need to include these important projects in local long range transportation plans and programs. We are excited and pleased with the

momentum that has developed to continue these discussions, identify priority projects, and advocate for their implementation through transportation funding. Stay tuned!

Investing In River Towns:

Teens Assist Downtown Merchants

Each month we feature a story of a local business or organization that is opening or expanding in an established Susquehanna River town - helping to preserve our greenspace and invest in our towns



Fourteen Central Columbia and Columbia Montour Vo-Tech high school students make up the first group in an exciting new program called T-Biz Bloomsburg. Designed by the students, the "T-Biz", or Teen Business Innovation Zone program matches young people

with Main Street merchants to provide website design and social

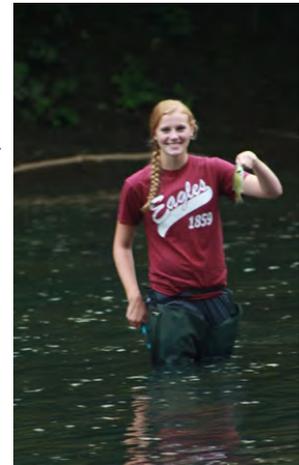
media assistance. By setting up and taking part in the program, the students are learning how to run a business, gaining valuable experience, and providing a unique service to their community. [Re more and see photos here.](#)

Photo: Bailey Wech presents the T-Biz Program to Bloomsburg American Legion. Photo courtesy of Moose Exchange.

Researchers on the River Take Part in Teen Camp 2014

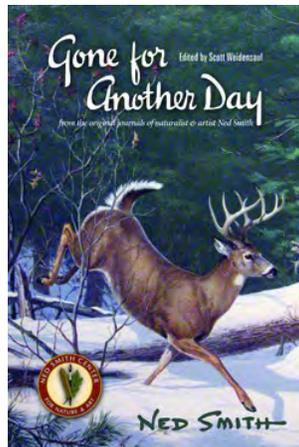
Kicking through streams to discover what insects reveal about the health of the water, learning to fly fish, field trips, and learning about environmental career and internship opportunities from professionals in the field - its all just a day in the life of a camper at Trout Unlimited's River Researchers Teen Camp!

Students ages 14-17 are encouraged to apply for camp that will take place June 22-28, 2014 in Penfield, PA. **Deadline for applications is May 1, 2014.** Learn more or recommend students to the [program here.](#)



River Reads:

Gone For Another Day edited by Scott Weidensaul



2013 marked the 20th anniversary of the Ned Smith Center and as part of the celebration, the Center published *Gone for Another Day*, a sequel to Ned Smith beloved *Gone for the Day*, now in its eleventh printing. *Gone for Another Day* is edited by Pulitzer Prize-nominated author, Scott Weidensaul, and is drawn from nearly 50 years of Ned Smith's previously unpublished field journals. This new edition features art, field sketches, and hand-drawn maps that have never before seen by the public until now. [See our River Reads here.](#)

Meet Our Intern: Erin Leonard

This semester we welcomed Erin to our team! A senior at Susquehanna



University majoring in Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations, Erin is assisting our staff with publicity to help attract tourism to our river towns and get people active outside!



"Working with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership makes me appreciate all the hard work non-profit organizations put into making river towns vibrant," says Leonard. "Through my past three years as a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, I conducted a lot of different community service. Giving back is something that makes me excited to be a part of the Susquehanna Greenway!" Thanks for all your hard work Erin!

Support the Greenway

Creating over 500 miles of connected parks, trails, conserved area and revitalized river towns is no small task and we cannot do it without local partners and help from people like you who care about the future of the Susquehanna Greenway. Here are different ways you can get involved:

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Volunteer/Internships: Whether you're interested in volunteering in our Lewisburg office, or you'd like to hear about different volunteer opportunities (river clean-ups, photography, event volunteers, etc.) needed throughout the year along the river, we'd love to get to know you! Check out our [volunteer needs or sign up](#) to learn about volunteer opportunities with the SGP and our many different community partners.

Membership: We hope you will consider [making a tax-deductible donation](#) to show your love for the Susquehanna! Your contribution will help us to be a stronger champion for the River, create an environment that is attractive to business, and advocate for protection of our water, farmlands, and forests. [Click here](#) to become a member of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership or give the gift of membership to that special someone. Thank you!

***Banner photos (L to R): Halifax barn by Lindsey Shoop; Squirrel by Rita Kurtz
Isle of Que flowers by Lynn McCann; Williamsport park bench by Jocelyn
Owens.***

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