

2017 Signs of Growth



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About Us

The **Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area** is a partnership of government, business, civic organizations, and individuals dedicated to the development of the region's historic, cultural, economic, and natural resources through preservation, education, and promotion of our heritage. LHV is managed by the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA).

Mission & Goals

The mission of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley is to facilitate community action in the preservation, promotion and development of the region's history, cultural heritage, and natural resources. LHV's goals include:

- ◆ Telling the story of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley.
- ◆ Facilitating partnerships.
- ◆ Preserving and enhancing the physical character and economic vitality of the communities in the Lackawanna Valley.
- ◆ Improving the visitor experience.
- ◆ Reconnecting people and communities to the Lackawanna River.



2017 Financial Overview

2017 Funding Support		
National Park Service	\$ 48,165	3%
Federal Grants	\$ 382,732	24%
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	\$ 294,453	18%
State Redevelopment Capital Assistance (RACP)	\$ 326,813	20%
PA Department of Community & Economic Development	\$ 186,226	12%
Heritage Valley Partners	\$ 152,764	10%
Private & Local	\$ 194,372	12%
LHVA Funds	\$ 12,044	1%
TOTAL	\$ 1,597,569	100%

Project Support

Lackawanna Heritage Valley (LHV) funds projects that fulfill its mission and goals. These projects stimulate the region's economic development, enhance tourism initiatives, strengthen the capacity of community organizations, and increase the quality of life for area residents.

In 2017 Lackawanna Heritage Valley expended **\$1,597,569** in total funding for new and ongoing initiatives. Of this, LHV awarded **\$22,198** through 21 grants to partner organizations.

LHV allocated **\$1,575,371** to support Heritage Area projects. Of this, **\$1,423,921** funded the planning, development, improvement and maintenance of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. The total cost for all projects, including matching funds by partners, was **\$1,910,673**.

Economic Investment

Lackawanna Heritage Valley requires a dollar-for-dollar (1:1) match for all of its grant awards. In 2017, LHV granted \$22,198 to support projects, programs and events. The total cost of 2017 partner projects was \$335,204, creating a leveraging ratio of 1:16.

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Project Support	
Ambassador Tours	\$1,032
Bike Share Program	\$16,784
Christmas in a Small Town: The Santa Train	\$1,850
Heritage Explorer Train	\$1,171
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail (construction, maintenance, signage, trail development)	\$1,423,921
Scranton Half Marathon Pavilion at Olive Street	\$117,486
Piecing Together the Past: A Geo-Tour of Historic Sites in the Lackawanna Heritage Valley	\$4,291
Railroads, Rivers and You: Ticket to Ride Program	\$3,416
Heritage Roundtable & Other Heritage Area Events	\$5,420
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Grants to Partners	\$22,198

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Funding to Community Partners and Educational Mini-Grants	
Anthracite Heritage Museum & Iron Furnaces Associates: Arts on Fire, Industrial Arts Festival	\$ 2,500
Anthracite Heritage Museum & Iron Furnaces Associates: Bonfire at the Iron Furnaces	\$ 1,000
Keystone Iron Works: My Southside Collaborative Mural	\$ 500
Lackawanna County Children's Library: Cultural Heritage Restoration Project	\$ 250
Lackawanna County Library System: Summer Heritage Passport Program	\$ 1,000
Lackawanna Historical Society: You Live Here, You Should Know This Game Show	\$ 1,500
Lackawanna Historical Society: Early Life and Career of Mary Brooks Picken Program	\$ 1,500
Lackawanna Historical Society: A Visit with Teddy Roosevelt	\$ 1,000
Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society: Steamtown Holiday Trains to Moscow Station	\$ 440
Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society: Picnic Tables & Park Benches	\$ 2,128
Moscow Elementary Center: Communities Grow Up Around Streams	\$ 1,000
National Park Service: Steamtown Spooky Spectacular	\$ 1,107
North Pocono Middle School: Water Wheels of Old Mill Park	\$ 725
Riverside Elementary School: Energy and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley	\$ 998
Scranton Jazz Festival: 13th Annual Scranton Jazz Festival	\$ 1,000
Scranton Shakespeare Festival: Summer Season	\$ 1,000
The Interdependence Hexagon Project: The Hexagon Project Community Workshops	\$ 500
The Waverly Community House: Destination Freedom - The Underground Railroad Walking Trail	\$ 2,000
Valley View School District: Lackawanna County through the Camera Lens	\$ 400
Valley View School District: The Electric City Brought to Life	\$ 1,000
Whittier Elementary School: Scranton One Community Partnerships	\$ 650



"LHVA is a partnership between so many organizations. Without the support of businesses, organizations and the community, we couldn't continue to develop the Heritage Trail, or continue to operate the educational programs we do. It is humbling to be part of an organization that has brought attention, understanding and development to the Lackawanna valley."

- Joe Corcoran, LHVA Executive Director

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"The work that Lackawanna Heritage Valley does is so important. Not only is it about preserving our history, it's also about educating people about the amazing resources that we have here. I'm proud to be a part of the organization and I'm even more proud of the amazing accomplishments we have achieved."

- Dominic Keating, Esq., LHVA Board Chair



"There is no better time to be a part of LHVA. So many improvements to the trail have been made and thousands upon thousands of people are enjoying it. From our bike programs, to educational programs, to our new pavilion and many races, the response to what we have been able to do makes the hard work worthwhile."

- Ellen Q. Bush, HVP Board Chair

Lackawanna River Heritage Trail

2017 Accomplishments/Updates

- Construction of Scranton Half Marathon Pavilion
- Scranton Safety Crossings underway
- Interpretive signs installed
- Hosted 4th Annual NEPA Trail Symposium
- Began Dickson City Trail Design

2018 Projects

- ◆ Carbondale Riverwalk Opening
- ◆ Simpson to Vandling Trail Opening
- ◆ Dickson City Trail Design Completed
- ◆ Marvine Trail Design Completed
- ◆ Lackawanna Avenue/7th Street Trail Connector Design Underway
- ◆ Scranton Safety Crossings Completion

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Explorer Yoga on the Trail

A unique program combining yoga and hiking, yogis of all skill levels gather along the trail at Blakely Borough Recreational Complex in Peckville to commune with nature.



Cycling

Bike Share - Now in its third season, this free bike share program is designed to encourage the exploration of the trail in a whole new way. Six free rental sites are located throughout the City of Scranton. The program will be more inclusive for individuals with mobility concerns. Hand-cycles and recumbent cycles will be available to borrow at LHV offices and the University of Scranton Kevin P. Quinn Athletic Complex. Coming soon to Carbondale in 2018.

Heritage Trailblazer Bike Club - Riders of all skill levels traveled along sections of trail in Scranton, the Mid Valley, and Carbondale, enjoying the natural beauty of the region along the way. The club hosted 21 group rides in 2017.

Art in Nature Exhibit

People of all ages submitted original, nature-themed artwork for LHV's community art contest held in the spring. Twenty winners were chosen to have their designs displayed inside the Fidelity Fishing Shack at the Nay Aug Avenue Natural Play Area in Scranton.

Heritage Explorer Train

Families enjoy a day of old-fashioned fun with a special excursion on the Heritage Explorer Train from Scranton to Carbondale's Pioneer Days - Ethnic Heritage Festival.

Santa Train

Santa and Mrs. Claus greet children in six communities aboard the 21st annual Santa Train provided by Steamtown National Historic Site.

Piecing Together the Past: A Geo-Tour of Historic Sites in the Lackawanna Heritage Valley

Launched in April, nearly 1,000 people of all ages participated in this GPS-guided geocache hunt, encompassing 12 of Scranton's most treasured historic sites. Participants can collect puzzle pieces at each site. Completed puzzle submissions are eligible to win prizes.



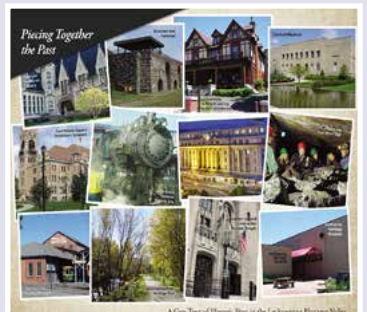
Art in Nature Exhibit



Heritage Explorer Train



Santa Train



Historic Sites Geo-Tour Puzzle



Environmental Fair Day

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More than one hundred 5th grade students enjoyed outdoor classroom learning about macroinvertebrates, streambank restoration, and environmental stewardship at Sweeney's Beach in Scranton.



All About Monarchs

Guided Nature Walk

Explore the beauty of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail on a guided tour by area naturalist Jane Frye.

All About Monarchs

Educational program for all ages about the life-cycle and conservation of the monarch butterfly population. Held at the Nay Aug Avenue Natural Play Area in Scranton.

Eco-Friendly Scarecrow Making Party

Tattered button-down shirts and raggedy gloves found new life as part of LHV's Scarecrow Making Party at the LRCA's 30th Anniversary event. The event supports the Recycling Market and promotes environmental awareness.

Historic Preservation

This sign has great information on Olyphant, including photos and historical facts. Check it out the next time you are walking by the Olyphant Train Station Platform.



Scarecrow Making Party



Historic Preservation



Guided Nature Walk with Jane Frye



The New Scranton Half-Marathon Pavilion

Located at the entrance of the Scranton Riverwalk at the Olive Street Trailhead, the pavilion is now a popular site for the start of dozens of annual charity races and walks, as well as educational and community events.



New Interpretive and Wayfinding Signs

Owen Worozbyt, Trail & Environmental Projects Manager at LHVA oversaw a comprehensive interpretive and wayfinding sign project along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. The new signs are in place guiding trail users from Taylor through Fell Township, including on-street sections of the trail. This project was funded through the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP).



Owen Worozbyt



Natalie Gelb Retires as LHVA Director

After 12 productive years of service to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley, Natalie Gelb retired as Executive Director of LHVA and HVP in March 2017. Although she had many accomplishments during her tenure, her signature accomplishment was the expansion of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. The Boards of Directors, LHVA Staff and the Community thank Natalie for her commitment and service to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley.

2017 Partners

Albright Memorial Library
Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA)
Amazon Smile
Anthracite Bicycle Coalition
Anthracite Scenic Trails Association
Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.
Blakely Borough
Borough of Archbald
Borough of Jessup
Borough of Mayfield
Borough of Taylor
Boy Scouts of America
Carbondale Public Library
Cigna
City of Carbondale
City of Scranton
· Department of Public Works
· Fire Department
· Police Department
Civic Ballet Company of Scranton
Community Bank, N.A.
Cosgrove's North End Plumbing
Countryside Conservancy
Delaware & Lehigh Natl. Heritage Corridor, Inc.
Delaware Lackawanna Railroad Company, Inc.
Dickson City Borough
Diocese of Scranton
Duryea Borough
Endless Mountains Heritage Region
Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society
ESSA Bank & Trust Charitable Foundation
Everhart Museum of Natural History,
Science & Art
Eynon Archbald Lions Club
Fabcor, Inc.
Fell Township
First Friday Scranton
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
Geisinger Community Medical Center
Greater Carbondale YMCA
Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce
Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
Heritage PA
Heritage Valley Partners
Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Hilton Scranton and Conference Center
HRG Engineering
Interdependence Hexagon Project
Individual Abilities in Motion (IAM)
Jaya Yoga
LaBella Associates
Lacawac Sanctuary
Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour
Lackawanna College
Lackawanna County Arts & Culture Department
and Council on Arts
Lackawanna County Commissioners
Lackawanna County Conservation District
Lackawanna County Convention and
Visitors Bureau
Lackawanna County Electric City Trolley Museum
Lackawanna County Library
System/Children's Library
Lackawanna County Office of
Environmental Sustainability
Lackawanna County Parks and
Recreation Department
Lackawanna Historical Society
Lackawanna River Conservation Association
Latona Trucking
Leadership Lackawanna
Lehigh Gap Nature Center
Linde Corporation
Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Margaret Briggs Foundation
Marywood University
McGregor Industries
McTish-Kunkel and Associates
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management
Moscow Elementary School
National Park Service
NBT Bank
NEPA Alliance
North Branch Land Trust
North Pocono Middle School
North Pocono Trails Association
Northeast Intermediate Unit #19
Northeast Pennsylvania Conservation Partners
Northeastern Pennsylvania
Healthcare Foundation
Olyphant Borough
Penn Foster
Penn State Master Gardeners in
Lackawanna County
Pennoni Associates
Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum
& Scranton Iron Furnaces
Pennsylvania Department of Community
& Economic Development
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation
& Natural Resources
Pennsylvania Department of
Environmental Protection
Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation, District 4-0
Pennsylvania Environmental Council
Pennsylvania Northeast Regional
Railroad Authority
Peoples Security Bank & Trust Co.
Peoples Security Charitable Foundation
Pocono Forests & Waters
Propst Transportation
Quinn's Market
Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel
Rail-Trail Council of NEPA
Reilly Associates
Riverside Elementary School
Rotary Club of Scranton
Sanofi Pasteur
Sawmill Cycles
Scranton Area Foundation
Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple
Scranton Half Marathon
Scranton High School
Scranton Jazz Festival
Scranton Running Company
Scranton Sewer Authority
Scranton Tomorrow
Simone Collins Landscape Architects
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Steamtown Marathon
Steamtown National Historic Site
Strauss and Associates-Planners
Strive Multisport
Susquehanna Warrior Trail Council
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United Nations Association of NEPA
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Urban Partners
Valley View High School
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Waverly Community House
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Whittier Elementary School,
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