

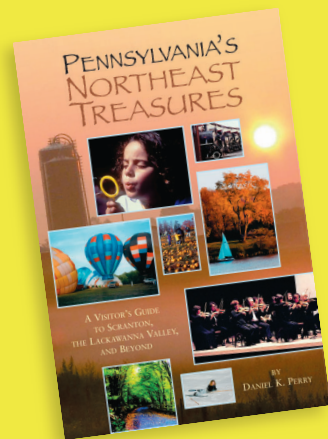
## The Lackawanna Heritage Valley



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## HERITAGE VALLEY PRESS PUBLISHES GUIDEBOOK TO SCRANTON & THE LACKAWANNA VALLEY



The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority released a new guidebook, the first of its kind in the region, *Pennsylvania's Northeast Treasures: A Visitor's Guide to Scranton, the Lackawanna Valley, and Beyond*. This is LHVA's inaugural publishing venture under its new imprint, the Heritage Valley Press.

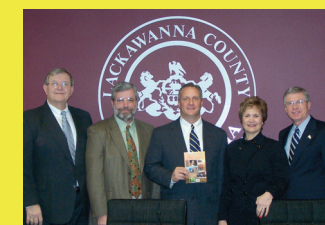
Author Daniel K. Perry takes readers on a wide-ranging tour of the beautiful Lackawanna Valley, including its visitor attractions, outdoor recreational opportunities, ethnic festivals, tasty delicacies, and more. From the tops of the ridgelines to the subterranean world of the anthracite miner, the guide is a fascinating and comprehensive look at Scranton and the surrounding communities.

The guidebook includes over 150 spectacular photos by a dozen local photographers, many of whom donated their work to the project. The photographers include Jack Carling, Kenny Ganz, Pat Rokos Hennessee, Brian Manning, Greg Raymond, Amelia Suraci, Mel Wolk, Guy Cali, and Rich Banick. Their combined talents add immeasurably to the book's visual appeal. The photographers were recognized and honored at a celebration on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at Keystone College in LaPlume, PA.

Walter Barbe, Ph.D., was also honored at the event. Dr. Barbe is the editor-in-chief of the new guidebook, contributing his extraordinary expertise as an author and editor to the project. A prolific author and renowned educator, Dr. Barbe was the editor-in-chief of *Highlights for Children Magazine* for twenty-five years.

*Pennsylvania's Northeast Treasures: A Visitor's Guide to Scranton, the Lackawanna Valley, and Beyond* retails for \$19.95. The book is available at local book stores and heritage sites, and can be ordered online from Amazon.com ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) or Stourbridge Distributors ([www.stourbridgedist.com](http://www.stourbridgedist.com)).

Funding and support for the guidebook was provided by the National Park Service, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Lackawanna County Commissioners, and First National Community Bank.



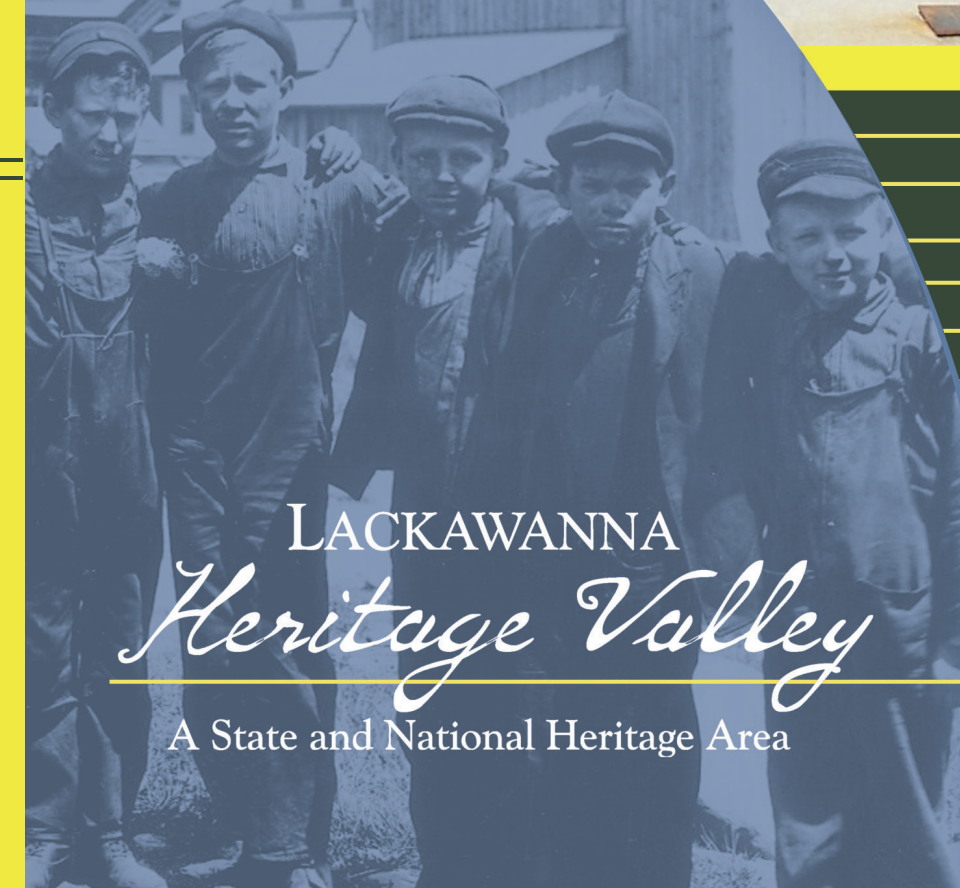
November 14, 2006. Pictured from left: Commissioner A.J. Munchak; guidebook author, Daniel K. Perry; Commissioner Robert C. Cordaro; LHVA Executive Director Natalie G. Solfanelli; and Commissioner Michael J. Washo.

*"This book helps accomplish our goal of 'tying it all together,' creating a comprehensive package which highlights all of our attractions."*



Lackawanna County Commissioner Robert C. Cordaro

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 Atty. Joseph O. Haggerty, Solicitor



The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority Board of Directors. Seated from left: Barbara Colangelo, Alan Sweeney, Jenine Ikeler, Marisa Bevilacqua. Standing from left: Harry D. Lindsey, Natalie G. Solfanelli, Thom Welby.

## LHVA Staff

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Cover Photo: Ms. Byron's first grade class at Neil Armstrong Elementary School in Scranton enjoys a field trip to Steamtown National Historic Site as part of their Educational Mini-Grant program, "The Railroad: From Great-Grandpa to Me." Pictured from left to right: Jonathon May, Noah Schaulfer, Justin Sheridan, Scott Padden, Damien Geeting, Aviana Gruss, Kaitlyn Kipp, Rosie Wilson, Deven Fanning, Joshua Walsh, Zachary Oljivie, Billy Greenburg, Brittany Manley, Amy Weiksnor, Marissa Rutkowski, Demi Burye, Ashley Dunn, Lindsay Cocker, Shyla Rodriguez.  
 All photos courtesy of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority unless otherwise noted.

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Robert C. Cordaro  
 A. J. Munchak  
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## Lackawanna Council on Historic Preservation & Attractions

The Council includes every member of the Boards of Directors of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley and the Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

### Council Staff

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 Tracy Barone

### Council Members

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 Atty. Tim Hinton  
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 Natural Resources  
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## Mission

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) 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.

## LHVA's Goals

1. Tell the region's story.
2. Facilitate partnerships.
3. Preserve and enhance the physical character and economic vitality of the communities in the Lackawanna Valley.
4. Improve the visitor experience.
5. Reconnect people to the Lackawanna River.

## National Heritage Areas

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley is one of the nation's thirty-seven National Heritage Areas, regions recognized by the United States Congress for their unique contributions to the American experience. In partnership with the National Park Service, LHVA preserves, promotes, and celebrates the historic, cultural, economic, and natural resources of the Lackawanna Valley for the benefit of current and future generations.

## Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Program

The Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Program (PHPP) conserves, develops, and promotes Pennsylvania's heritage, especially its industrial heritage. Administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, this program supports heritage development opportunities in twelve heritage parks. The Lackawanna Heritage Valley was designated the first Pennsylvania Heritage Park in April 1991.

# MAJOR 2006 INITIATIVES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Heritage & Cultural Conservation

### Major Partnership Grants

Executive Director Natalie G. Solfanelli presented four Major Partnership Grants totaling \$130,000 for projects that promote the region's rich heritage and environmental resources at an awards ceremony on March 23, 2006. LHVA provided funds to Archbald Borough for a Structural Assessment of the Shifting Shanty and Fan House at the historic Gravity Slope Colliery (\$35,000); the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies (CASS) for the implementation phase of a local history project on the Underground Railroad in Northeastern Pennsylvania (\$40,000); the Countryside Conservancy for site improvements at "Little Rocky Glen," a nature conservation and education site in Factoryville, PA (\$10,000); and the Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour to build a new Orientation Center at McDade Park in Scranton, PA (\$45,000).

### Scranton Laceworks Project

LHVA worked with private developer, Cordaro-Limoges, to collect, identify, and tag artifacts at the Scranton Lace Company in preparation for an interpretive exhibit that will document the significance of the Laceworks to the region's history. A major mixed use center is planned for the site including residential, commercial, and retail facilities. Cordaro-Limoges is providing LHVA with an important space in the complex for an innovative and educational experience for visitors.

### The Pennsylvania Underground Railroad Colloquium

LHVA and project partner, the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies (CASS), participated in a new state-wide forum that is developing an integrated interpretation and marketing strategy for Pennsylvania's important Underground Railroad assets. LHVA and CASS jointly hosted the Colloquium in Scranton in October 2006.

### Trolley Works Restoration Shop

Lackawanna County opened its new Trolley Works Restoration Shop next to the baseball stadium on Montage Mountain in summer

2006, and extended the trolley tracks from the Electric City Trolley Museum in Scranton up to the shop. LHVA encouraged the development of the area's newest heritage attraction, and funded restoration work on the trolley cars now located in the new Restoration Shop.

## Heritage Education

### Traveling Trunks in the Libraries

In collaboration with the Lackawanna County Library System and the county's cultural and heritage sites, LHVA worked to expand the Traveling Trunks program at eight local libraries. Visual and performing artists visited libraries to engage children in fun, heritage-themed activities based on a heritage trunk. All children in the program received a passport for free admission to eight local cultural and heritage sites.

### "History of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley" Education DVD

LHVA developed the first in a series of DVDs to introduce the Lackawanna Valley's historic sites to students in a "virtual tour" format. Currently in the testing phase of development, the DVDs are designed according to Pennsylvania State Standards for use in classrooms and home school programs.

### Educators' Mini-Grant Program

In January 2006, LHVA presented individual mini-grants of \$500 to ten educators during the inaugural round of the Educators' Mini-Grant Program. The program was a great success, and LHVA awarded the second round of ten grants in fall 2006 for projects taking place in the 2006-2007 school year.



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## Environment

### Scranton Downtown Heritage Greenway

LHVA led a collaborative public/private partnership to create a master plan for the Scranton Riverfront Corridor. Senator Robert Mellow obtained \$100,000 in funding for the project through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Construction is expected to begin on the Riverfront Greenway in spring 2007.

### South Side Trail

LHVA embarked on major improvements to a 1.5 mile section of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail from Elm Street to Bridge 60 at Steamtown National Historic Site in the south side of Scranton. This was the first section of trail developed more than ten years ago.

### Other Trail News

LHVA is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Scranton on a plan to include trails on levees that are currently under construction from Albright Avenue to the Plot section of Scranton near the Scranton Laceworks.

### Environmental Education Events

LHVA hosted two successful environmental events with members of the Conservation Alliance, a forum of over 50 environmental and conservation groups in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and LHVA educational partners, the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit #19, Lackawanna College, and St. Rose Academy. The Environmental Fair held on October 12, 2006, was attended by over 600 sixth grade students from area schools for a day long series of interactive environmental activities. The Environmental Career Forum was held on November 15, 2006 at Steamtown National Historic Site. Over 125 high students learned about future career options in environmental and conservation fields.

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## Community & Economic Development

### New Website

LHVA launched its newly redesigned website, [www.lhva.org](http://www.lhva.org). The site provides news, information, and historic background about the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. It includes numerous links to partners' websites and other web-based resources.

### "Views from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley"

LHVA produced three 30-minute programs entitled "Views from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley." The programs aired on local public access television channel, Scranton Today Channel 61.

### New Guidebook Published

On November 14, 2006, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority released a new guidebook to the region, "Pennsylvania's Northeast Treasures: A Visitor's Guide to Scranton, the Lackawanna Valley, and Beyond." This is LHVA's first publication under its new imprint, the Heritage Valley Press. The book includes visitor attractions, outdoor recreational opportunities, ethnic festivals, maps, and over 150 photos by a dozen local photographers. Retailing for \$19.95, the guide is available at local book stores and heritage sites, and can be ordered online from Amazon.com ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) or Stourbridge Distributors ([www.stourbridgedist.com](http://www.stourbridgedist.com)).

### LHVA Hosts National Meeting

The fall meeting of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas came to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley for four days in early October 2006. Representatives from twenty seven national heritage areas around the country participated in a day-long special tour of local cultural and heritage sites complete with train and trolley rides, an underground coal mine tour, a trip to the baseball stadium. Meetings and a staff roundtable completed the event's activities.



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# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

## LHVA Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2006

### Fiscal Year 2006 Grant/Project Income

Federal Funding	
National Park Service (Project Administration & Implementation)	\$492,644
<b>State Funding</b>	
DCNR – Heritage Areas Program Management Grant	\$100,000
DCNR – Heritage Areas Program Implementation Grant	\$155,000
DCNR – Community Conservation Partnership Program (Trail Design)	\$60,000
DCNR – Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program (Trail Rehab)	\$48,000
DCED – Underground Railroad Colloquium	\$7,500

### Other Funding

First National Community Bank (Guidebook Sponsorship)	\$2,500
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### Fiscal Year 2006 Project Awards

#### Major Partnership Projects

Archbald Boro – Shifting Shanty Structural Assessment	\$35,000
Center for Anti-Slavery Studies – UGRR Project Implementation	\$40,000
Countryside Conservancy – Little Rocky Glen Site Improvements	\$10,000
Electric City Trolley Station & Museum – Trolley Car #80 Restoration	\$20,000
Lackawanna College Environmental Institute – Environmental Outreach Initiative	\$15,000
Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour – Interpretive Exhibits Project	\$45,000
Lackawanna Historical Society – Catlin House Phase II Restoration	\$25,000
Lackawanna County Cultural Council – Lackawanna County Cultural Plan	\$8,000
WVIA-TV – Race of the Saints Documentary	\$15,000
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail – Resurfacing Project	\$33,204
LHVA Education Programs	\$21,500
Pennsylvania's Northeast Treasures Guidebook	\$21,799
Scranton Lace Company – Artifact Inventory	\$6,500

#### Community Challenge Grants & Project Sponsorships

Carbondale Chamber of Commerce – Historic Carbondale Brochure	\$3,490
City of Scranton – Nay Aug Park Signage	\$5,000
Deutsch Institute – Parks & Trails Brochure	\$4,500
Electric City Trolley Station & Museum – Excursion Sound System	\$2,400
Electric City Trolley Station & Museum – Family & Children's Center	\$5,000
Lacawac Sanctuary – Lacawac Sanctuary Feasibility Study	\$5,000
Lackawanna County Library System – Traveling Trunks Summer Program	\$4,500
Lackawanna Historical Society – "Garment Workers" Traveling Theatre	\$5,000
NEIU #19 – Community Connections to Our Watershed	\$5,000
Scranton Public Theatre – Gino Merli Production	\$2,500
Slovak Heritage Society – Slovak Heritage Project	\$5,000
Steamtown National Historic Site – WebRanger Program	\$5,000
Waymart Area Historical Society – Gravity Car 43 Tracks	\$4,500
Miscellaneous Project Sponsorships	\$29,550

#### LHVA Teacher Mini-Grants Program – Multiple Projects

TOTAL ... \$387,448

## Economic Impact of National Heritage Areas

According to a study commissioned by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, the Economic Impact of Heritage Tourism Spending (2005), heritage tourism in the five National Heritage Areas generated \$8.5 billion in direct and indirect sales in 2005. These sales supported more than 152,324 jobs, paying nearly \$3.2 billion in wages and salaries. The total direct and indirect value added to local areas throughout the country from heritage tourism in the form of personal income (salaries and wages) to workers, profits and rents to businesses, and indirect business taxes is estimated to have reached \$5 billion in 2005.

In 2005, an estimated 200,000 tourists visited Lackawanna Heritage Valley sites, including Steamtown National Historic Site, Electric City Trolley Station and Museum, Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum and Scranton Iron Furnaces Site, and the Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour. These heritage tourists spent \$13.6 million and generated 294 jobs with salaries and wages of \$5.1 million.