



2018

Lackawanna Heritage Valley

COMMUNITY UPDATE | 2018





THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY
NATIONAL AND STATE HERITAGE AREA IS
DEDICATED TO FACILITATING COMMUNITY
ACTION IN THE PRESERVATION, PROMOTION
AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION'S
HISTORY, CULTURAL HERITAGE AND
NATURAL RESOURCES.

We aim to tell the story of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley; facilitate lasting local partnerships; preserve and enhance the physical character and economic vitality of the communities within the Lackawanna Valley; improve visitor experiences; and reconnect people and communities to the Lackawanna River.



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Letter from the Executive Director

Valued Friends and Partners,

As we close the calendar on our 27th year, we reflect on another period rich in the preservation of our past and look towards 2019, and beyond, as a time for developing our future.

With the support of our cherished partners and the connections we have built within our communities, we have been able to continue telling the story of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley.

We have now seen programs that began as good-natured ambitions develop into pillars of tradition. 2018 was a year that celebrated our region's rich history, improved our communities, and reconnected families to the resources and experiences that have been integral to the region since our beginning days.

While our free bike share program saw continued growth, so too did the linkage between our communities. With each new mile of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, forgotten portions of our watershed have been revived, now rich in family-friendly activities and environmental education that will ensure it continues to thrive.

The stories of our coal mines, our railroads, our past industrious power, and our communities have continued to be shared with the next generation so that we may end the year knowing the powerhouse of America's Industrial Revolution is preserved in the minds of our future leaders. Festivals, events, exhibits, parades and programs have helped to keep our diverse ethnic traditions alive.

Still, there is plenty of work to be done. In 2019, we will rely, once again, on the support of our communities, as we rally together to build upon the stories of our past and foster an even brighter future. We must continue on in the spirit of the region that shaped us; the region that draws visitors in; the region we call home – *our Lackawanna Heritage Valley.*



Joseph J. Corcoran

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Executive Director
Lackawanna Heritage Valley
National and State Heritage Area

PRESERVING OUR PAST AND DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

The 2018 calendar of Lackawanna Heritage Valley events and programs brought a rich assortment, boasting events that highlighted our rich history and cultural heritage & educational programs that brought preserving and enriching our resources to the forefront of the conversation.



22ND ANNUAL SANTA TRAIN DELIVERS HOLIDAY CHEER TO SIX LOCAL, HISTORIC TRAIN STATIONS

Lackawanna Heritage Valley conducted our 22nd Annual 'Christmas in a Small Town' Santa Train event on Dec. 1, 2018.

The Santa Train, a unique local holiday tradition, brought Santa to each station along the historic D&H railroad line. Along with Saint Nick, the Santa Train brought along musicians, entertainers, local celebrities and United States Marines to each station.

Santa began his journey on the steam engine at the Carbondale train station, with stops in Archbald, Jessup, Olyphant and Dickson City, before arriving at his final destination - the turntable of the Steamtown National Historic Site in Downtown Scranton.

The event was free for families to attend, but children were encouraged to share in the gift of giving by bringing along an

unwrapped toy as part of a collection for a new Toys for Tots initiative. This new element of the event aimed to teach children the values of compassion and helping others, with the toys being gifted to other children in the community whose families may be facing disadvantages.

Over the years, the Santa Train has become a beloved part of the holidays in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Joseph Corcoran, executive director of LHVA, finds the event is a unique opportunity for families to embrace the holiday spirit while enjoying the rich history surrounding our local rail system.

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"The Santa Train has been rolling since 1996 and has become a unique holiday tradition," Corcoran said. "It allows a piece of our region's history to live on and be celebrated while encapsulating the magic of the holiday season."

The 'Christmas in a Small Town' Santa Train celebration is made possible by partnerships with the Steamtown National Historic Site, the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Company, and the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority, along with a number of local businesses, organizations and communities.

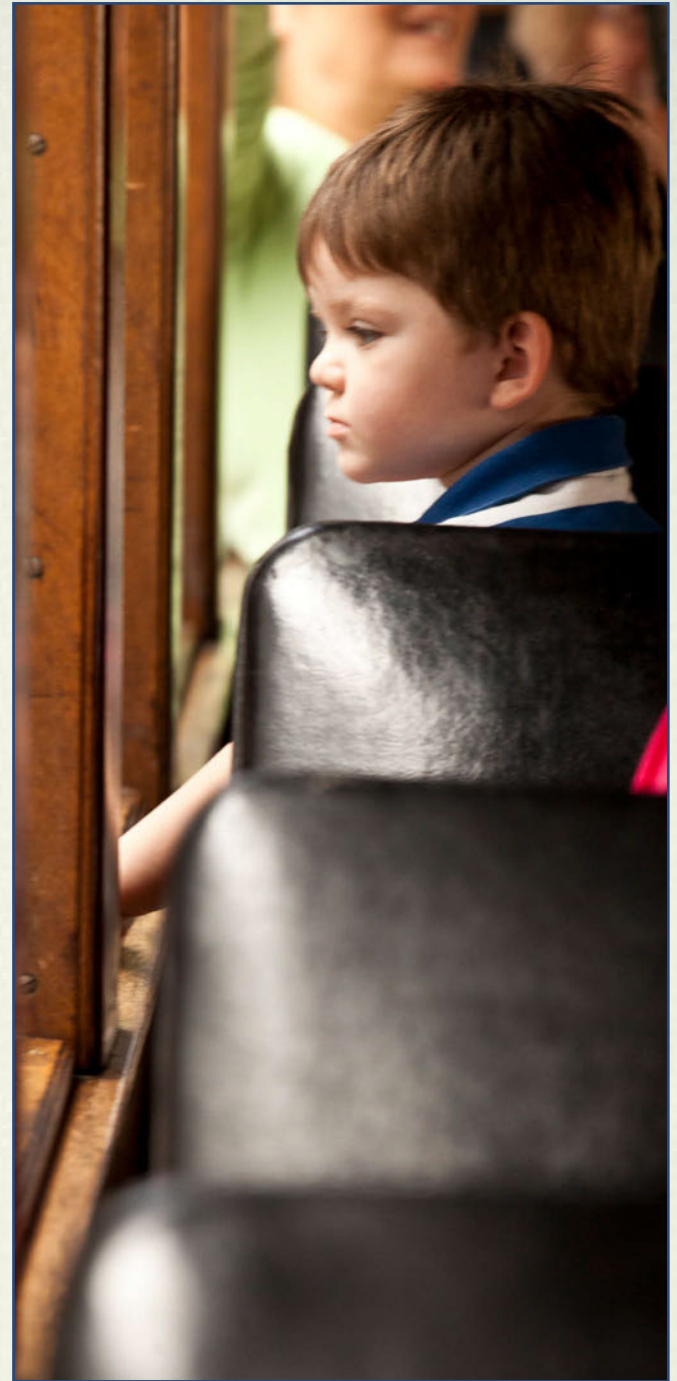
FALL FAMILY FUN DAY RETURNS WITH EXCITEMENT, INTERACTIVE LEARNING



Lackawanna Heritage Valley hosted a Fall Family Fun Day on November 4, 2018, to celebrate the region's heritage while enjoying the natural beauty of the great outdoors. In addition to enjoying the Confluence sculpture park and the phenomenal fall foliage along the trail, children enjoyed s'mores, hay rides, music by Pat Quinn and the Heritage Blazers, spooky stories and fun and educational autumn crafts. The event would not be possible without the generosity of our partners, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates and the Taylor Community Library.

JANE FRYE LEADS THE COMMUNITY IN SERIES OF INFO-PACKED NATURE WALKS

Amateur naturalist Jane Frye led a series of three Guided Nature Walks throughout the summer along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. The walks focused on lessons in edible wild plants, identifying wildflowers, and the types of native plants and flowers you can expect to see locally. This program series helped to promote environmental awareness, health and fitness along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.



TRAIN RIDES DELIVER LESSONS IN HISTORY ALONG LOCAL RAILWAYS

Families enjoyed three train excursions within the Lackawanna Heritage Valley in 2018. The D&H Penn Division Explorer trips emphasized the rich history of the coal patch towns between Scranton and Archbald and the environmental treasures found along the way. While following the Penn Division of the former Delaware and Hudson Railroad Route, remnants of other railroads and our industrial past were in view. Families also took a step back in time with a special Heritage Explorer train excursion, traveling to Carbondale's annual Pioneer Days celebration. Passengers rode in grand, old-fashioned style to this heritage celebration, enjoying a trivia gameshow from the Lackawanna Historical Society, stories from passengers and live music on their journey.

LEADERSHIP LACKAWANNA INTRODUCES 'SCRANTON FOUNDERS' DAY'

Working alongside Lackawanna Heritage Valley, the 2018 class of Leadership Lackawanna hosted an inaugural 'Scranton Founders' Day' celebration honoring the history of the city's people, land and the industry with which the area was built.

The event, held on Saturday, April 28, 2018, helped to foster a sense of community pride and appreciation for the history of Scranton and the surrounding areas.

This free-to-attend event boasted historically relevant games, live music, reenactments, local vendors and a bounce house.

The day was filled with fun and educational family-friendly activities that brought children back in time to the early days of our region - without sacrificing the modern marvel of cotton candy, of course!

For more information regarding the Leadership Lackawanna program, those interested are asked to visit LeadershipLackawanna.com.





ADAPTIVE BIKE SHARE PROGRAM



In our continued effort to ensure the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail is enjoyable and accessible to all, Lackawanna Heritage Valley launched their Adaptive Bike Rideshare Program in the spring of 2018.

This new venture offers hand cycles and recumbent bikes to wheelchair-bound riders and people with mobility impairments, so that they may enjoy the sport of cycling and making use of the trail.

The fleet of adaptive bikes includes two recumbent bicycles, designed for people with balance impairments, and three hand cycles that allow riders to peddle with their arms.

These specialty bikes are oftentimes prohibitively expensive, but residents and visitors of Lackawanna County can use the bikes free-of-charge through the new LHV program.

Joe Salva is a resident of Olyphant and was in a work-related accident in 2004 that has challenged his mobility. Since his accident, Salva has dedicated his time serving as president of Individual Abilities in Motion, or I AM, a local organization working to support people with spinal cord injuries and disorders.

He was one of the first in the community to

put the new adaptive bikes to the test.

“When I first hand cycled, I didn’t think I was going to get as much out of it, but the first time I was able to do it, going down the trail and feeling the wind in your face - the sense of freedom. It’s definitely a different type of exercise than I would normally get,” Salva said.

The adaptive bicycle ride share program has been made possible in part due to a Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Care Foundation grant. The bikes are currently stored at the Lackawanna Heritage Valley’s main office on Railroad Avenue in Scranton and can be taken out on the trail between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays and through special event requests from April

through October.

In its first season, the adaptive bike share program has seen plenty of riders who appreciate the opportunity to get out on the trail.

“It was very heartwarming to see they were as concerned with giving people of all abilities that option to utilize their bike-share program and all of the efforts that go into making that trail accessible for everybody,” Salva said.

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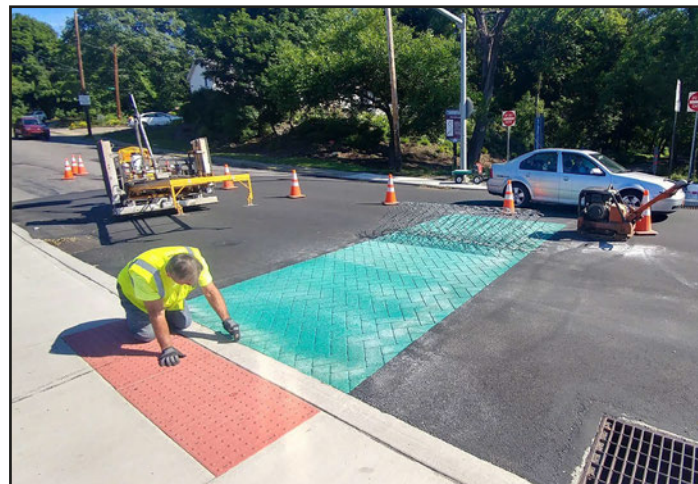
-Joe Salva

LACKAWANNA RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL



Confluence Sculpture Park Expansion

Keystone Iron Works and the International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art unveiled nine new sculptures on the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, which were submitted by artists from around the country. Named for the confluence of the Lackawanna and Susquehanna Rivers, as well as the coming together of arts, culture and the environment, these nine new post-industrial cast-iron sculptures are located on the spur across from Scranton High School and proudly showcase Lackawanna Heritage Valley's rich industrial history.



Scranton Safety Crossings

LHV made major safety improvements at six busy intersections along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail throughout the summer of 2018. Colorful green crosswalks and improved lighting and signage were put in place to help in keeping trail users safe. The crossings, in place at Elm, Broadway, Olive, Poplar, Albright and Market Streets, were made possible through grants from the Department of Community and Economic Development's multimodal program and Act 13 local share, with local match provided by Lackawanna County, the City of Scranton, the University of Scranton and LHV.

Carbondale Riverwalk Adds 1.4 Mile Stretch of Trail Connecting Carbondale and Simpson

In the spring of 2018, Lackawanna Heritage Valley officially opened the Carbondale Riverwalk, a 1.4-mile stretch of trail that serves as a vital connection between the on-street portions of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail in Carbondale and the D&H Rail-Trail extension in Simpson. It is conveniently located close to downtown Carbondale for residents, the business community, and visitors to the area and is fully accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. The construction of the riverwalk was made possible by the generosity of our partners, DCNR, PennDOT, DCED and local municipalities. Design was funded by the Scranton Area Community Foundation, the McGowan Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House of Northeastern Pennsylvania **[RIVERWALK PICTURED ON RIGHT]**

VOLUNTEERING ALONG THE HERITAGE TRAIL

From cleaning up debris along the trail to leading enthusiastic runners along the course of the Scranton Half Marathon, more than five hundred dedicated volunteers helped to fuel LHV efforts and make our communities a cleaner, safer and more enjoyable place in 2018.

This year, volunteers helped with the planning and execution of several special events, new and returning programs, and maintaining and enhancing the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.

Groups including the United States Naval Sea Cadets completed community trail service along the Mid Valley section of trail while students from the University of Scranton spent Earth Day cleaning up the

trail from Olive Street through Broadway in Scranton. Lackawanna College and Marywood University also contributed to keeping our trails and communities in beautiful condition.

Dedicated members of the Cigna Health Services family took to the trail several times throughout the year to ensure its upkeep and the Rotary Club of Scranton also pitched in their time and gave back to the community.

The Lackawanna River Conservation Association cleaned out a major section in Olyphant in the fall, while the local Freemasons from Carbondale Lodge No. 249 held a cleanup effort further north in Carbondale. Members of the local carpenters union, Brotherhood of Carpenters # 445, built fencing along the trail.

The Scranton Half Marathon brought 120 volunteers to the trail to plan for

and execute one of the region's most celebrated running events and plenty of volunteers and organizations helped lead our free BikeScranton, BikeCarbondale, and Adaptable Bikeshare programs.

Kyle, Brandon, and Brendan of Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County undertook a very unique volunteer project this fall. The three representing CTCLC Welding Lab took on the unique and well-appreciated task of welding the head back on to our previously beheaded turtle sculpture, bringing the art back to life.

Through scavenger hunts, train rides, special events and working outside, dozens more volunteers and partner organizations rallied alongside the LHV team, improving their communities, preserving our natural resources and developing our future.

THANK YOU!



70 Miles
Of Trail.
Thousands
of Charitable Steps Forward.

To help raise awareness for their causes, dozens of local organizations chose to host running events along the scenic Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.

In 2018, the LRHT hosted 25 timed races and brought out more than 7,000 runners, all looking to give back to a charitable cause. Combined, these active and involved residents and visitors ran, walked, or jogged more than 70,000 miles in the spirit of giving back to community organizations and causes.



34
VOLUNTEER
EVENTS



567
VOLUNTEERS



6,273
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

GRANTS, FUNDING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Lackawanna Heritage Valley funds projects that help to preserve, promote and develop our region's history, cultural heritage and natural resources.

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.

TELLING OUR STORY.
TOGETHER.

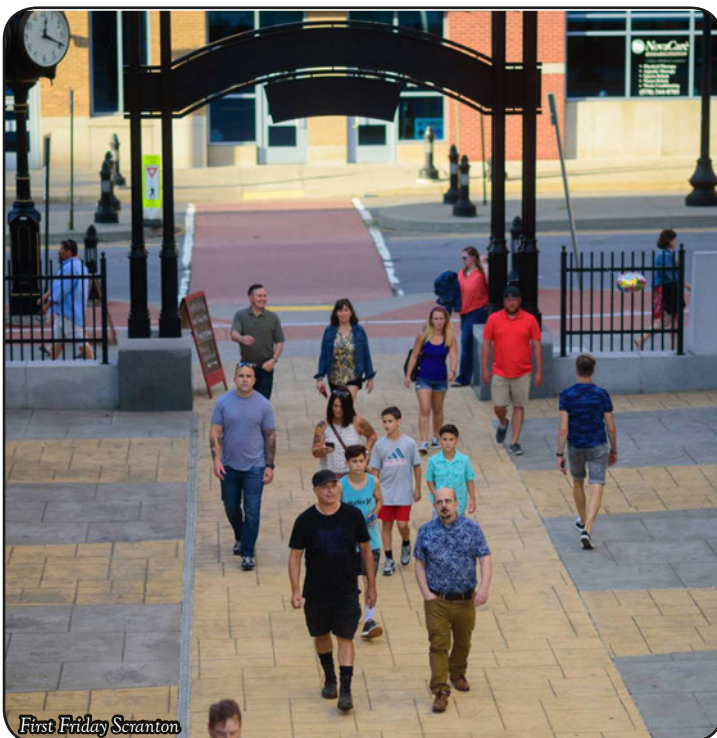
2018 EXPENDITURE FUNDING SUPPORT

National Park Service	\$109,454	9%
Federal Grants	\$119,391	10%
PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources	\$625,095	54%
PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development	\$133,769	12%
Heritage Valley Partners	\$13,275	1%
Private & Local	\$131,750	11%
LHVA Funds	\$32,088	3%
TOTAL	\$1,164,822	100%

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Lackawanna Heritage Valley allocated **\$1,133,736** to support Heritage Area projects. Of this, **\$1,094,158** funded the planning, development, improvement and maintenance of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.



2018 LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY PROJECT FUNDING

Ambassador Tours.....	\$1,126
BikeScranton/BikeCarbondale Bike Share Program.....	\$5,805
Christmas in a Small Town: The Santa Train.....	\$1,985
Heritage Explorer Train Excursions.....	\$763
Heritage Valley Roundtable.....	\$57
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail and Trailhead Construction.....	\$870,067
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Development.....	\$211,126
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Maintenance.....	\$1,255
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Map and Brochure.....	\$10,815
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Signage.....	\$895
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Events.....	\$16,105
Railroads, Rivers and You: Ticket to Ride Program.....	\$8,737
Web Design.....	\$5,000
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Grants to Partners.....	\$31,086

2018 FUNDING SUPPORT AWARDED TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Anthracite Heritage Museum, Bonfire at the Iron Furnaces.....	\$2,500
Civic Ballet Company Of Scranton, River Reflections.....	\$926
Electric City Trolley Museum, Scranton Transit Trolley Project.....	\$2,000
The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art, Women of the Everhart.....	\$626
First Friday Scranton.....	\$2,500
Forest City Area Historical Society, Anthracite Coal Signage.....	\$1,050
The Interdependence Hexagon Project - Community Workshops.....	\$500
Jewish Discovery Center, Jewish Food Festival.....	\$1,000
Lackawanna Historical Society, Anthracite Fields.....	\$5,000
Lackawanna Historical Society, 'You Live Here, You Should Know This' Gameshow.....	\$1,500
Lackawanna River Conservation Association, Riverfest 2018.....	\$1,000
Leadership Lackawanna, Inaugural Scranton Founders Day.....	\$1,794
Scranton Jazz Festival.....	\$1,500
Scranton Shakespeare Festival - Summer Season.....	\$500
United Nations Association of NEPA, United Nations Day Luncheon.....	\$500
The University of Scranton, Global Tastes of Scranton.....	\$1,000
The Waverly Community House - The Underground Railroad Walking Trail.....	\$1,500

2018 LHVA EDUCATIONAL MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

Everhart Museum/Bancroft Elementary - Art and Science Exploration.....	\$1,000
The Greenhouse Project - Environmental Field Trips.....	\$1,000
North Pocono School District - Environmental Center Restoration.....	\$1,000
North Pocono School District - Water Wheels Engineering Competition.....	\$730
Riverside School District - The LHV Experience.....	\$960
Valley View School District - Biohydration Station.....	\$1,000

**HELP US TELL
THE STORY.**

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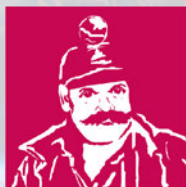
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Borough of Taylor
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Brotherhood of Carpenters # 445
Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Carbondale Free Masons Lodge
Carbondale Public Library
Cigna
City of Carbondale
City of Scranton
 Department of Public Works
 Fire Department
 Police Department
Community Bank, N.A.
Cosgrove's North End Plumbing
Dickson City Borough
Dunmore Historical Society
Edventures Consulting
The Electric City Trolley Museum
Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society
ESC Design
Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art
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Fell Township
First Friday Scranton
Forest City Historical Society
Geisinger Community Medical Center
Greater Carbondale YMCA
Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce
The Greenhouse Project at Nay Aug Park
Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
The Hawk Family Foundation
Heritage PA
Heritage Valley Partners

Hilton Scranton and Conference Center
Hinerfeld Commercial Real Estate
Interdependence Hexagon Project
JHA Associates
Ken Liebold
Keystone College
Individual Abilities in Motion (IAM)
LaBella Associates
Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Regional Historic Society
Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour
Lackawanna College
Lackawanna County Arts & Culture Department and Council on Arts
Lackawanna County Commissioners
Lackawanna County Conservation District
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Lackawanna County Library System
Lackawanna County Parks & Rec. Department
Lackawanna Historical Society
Lackawanna River Conservation Association
Leadership Lackawanna
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Moscow Elementary School
National Park Service
NBT Bank
North Pocono Middle School
North Pocono Trails Association
Olyphant Borough
Peckville Business and Professional Women
Penn State Master Gardeners in Lackawanna County
Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum and 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.
Propst Transportation
Quinn's Market
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 Jazz Festival
Scranton Running Company
Scranton Shakespeare Festival
Scranton Tomorrow
Sea Cadets, U.S. Navy
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Steamtown Marathon
Steamtown National Historic Site
Strauss and Associates - Planners
Strive Multisport
Stroud Region Open Space & Recreation Commission
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