

Lackawanna Heritage Valley

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2020 - 2022
COMMUNITY UPDATE



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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.

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Letter from the

Executive Director

Valued Friends and Partners,

As we hopefully come to the end of a somber and uncertain period brought on by the global Covid-19 pandemic, we reflect on a time marked with perseverance and a strong sense of community. By linking arms with cherished partners and neighbors within our communities, we have been able to continue telling the story of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley's proud industrious past, while moving forward together toward a brighter future.



Perhaps our most visible contribution lies in the continued development of our Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, an artery that connects more than 30 communities across four of our region's counties. As families sought ways to take care of their mental and physical well-being during Covid-19, we saw a record number of residents and visitors turn to our Lackawanna River Heritage Trail as a recreational escape and, from Taylor and Scranton through the Mid Valley and Carbondale, trail usage doubled and, in some cases, tripled compared with previous years' usage. Many people are proud to have the trail in our communities, especially now, and estimated visits to our trail exceeded 450,000 in 2020. 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.

Our mission of reconnecting families to the Lackawanna River is not complete until we reach every unique and vibrant community in which the river flows. As more and more runners, cyclists and families begin exploring one of our region's favorite recreational assets, we're working hard on efforts to ensure the trail is as accessible as possible for all residents and visitors. Here in northeastern PA, we have reached a point where access to open space and the outdoors is more important than perhaps ever before. We hope that, by closing trail gaps and furthering the connection between neighborhoods, we can enhance recreational opportunities and the quality of life for families in the region and attract residents and visitors to the many small businesses within these communities.

To that end, Lackawanna Heritage Valley will officially open two new sections of trail along the site of the former Marvine Colliery in Scranton and the site of the former Olyphant Colliery in Dickson City. Our team has also worked alongside regional partners to create a comprehensive plan for developing a six-mile trail corridor between the Lackawanna River's confluence in Pittston and the already developed corridor beginning in Taylor.

All of our traditional annual events needed to be cancelled or adapted to best serve our region's families in a time of staying home and social distancing, but new programs emerged that allowed for individualized or virtual participation. LHVA hosted a Luminary Memorial Walk to pay tribute to the 429 Lackawanna County lives lost in the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic, lighting one luminary in honor of each of the lives of our loved ones and neighbors. Our staff worked quickly to develop a memorial tree program to serve as a living tribute to the memory of a loved one lost. Though adaptation was necessary, it was clear that our communities are strongest when we work together.

When it became safe to do so, LHVA proudly reconvened some of our region's favorite events, including the Heritage Explorer Bike Tour, our Santa Train, and Fall Family Fun Day celebration. Building on the momentum, LHVA worked with partners to introduce our region's first Outdoor Adventures Train Excursion and a weekend-long Indigenous Peoples' Celebration. We received distinct recognition as one of Pennsylvania's "Greatest Places" and were named the host site for the 2023 Pennsylvania Greenways and Trails Summit, bringing hundreds of outdoor recreation experts and enthusiasts to Lackawanna County for education, advocacy and networking. Through adversity, we came together. We must continue to move forward together in the spirit of the region that shaped us and with our eye to a brighter future.

Joseph J. Corcoran, Executive Director
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES TRAIN EXCURSION LINKS REGIONAL HISTORY & RECREATIONAL FUN

The inaugural Outdoor Adventures Train Excursion brought passengers from Steamtown National Historic Site along for a scenic, summer ride along the rails of the former Delaware & Hudson rail line before embarking on an outdoor afternoon adventure along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. Families chose to participate in walking or biking excursions for an extra special day in the Lackawanna Valley.

Families explored the path less traveled with a four-mile walk along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. The group disembarked at the Laurel Street Trailhead in Archbald for a serene and leisurely four-mile trek. For those adventure seekers who sought to explore more of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, families were invited to bring their bikes along for the ride. Cyclists and their bikes rode the train in style before disembarking in Carbondale for an 11-mile group bike ride to meet back with the train at the Olyphant Train Station.

In partnership with Steamtown National Historic Site and the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority, the inaugural Outdoor Adventures Train Excursion brought more than 50 cyclists, walkers, park rangers and volunteers aboard the diesel-electric Nickel Plate 514 locomotive to hit the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail for an afternoon of outdoor fun!



CHRISTMAS IN A SMALL TOWN: THE SANTA TRAIN



Community leaders gather at Steamtown National Historic Site, in Scranton, to finalize plans for the Dec. 3 Santa Train event across Lackawanna County.

First Row (From L to R): Jim Waltich and Doug Smith, Dixieland All-Stars; Sgt. Jason Dombrosky and Staff Sgt. Salvatore Dely, United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation; Nancy Wasilchak, Jessup 21st Century Association; Jennifer Macknosky, Dickson City Freight Station; April Rogato, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority; Megan Stevens, Steamtown National Historic Site; Dominic Keating; Rep. Thom Welby; and Lance Cpl. Muhammad Jarbie, USMC Toys for Tots Foundation.

Second Row (From L to R): Superintendent Cherie Shepherd, Steamtown National Historic Site; Tom and Dave McHugh, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Ryan “the Balloon Guy” Cornelius.

Steam is still the preferred method of travel for Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their friends visiting the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. Lackawanna Heritage Valley conducted their annual ‘Christmas in a Small Town’ Santa Train event on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The Santa Train is a unique Northeastern Pennsylvania Christmas celebration that

brings Santa to each community along the historic D&H railroad line. The train also brings musicians, entertainers and U.S. Marines to each station.

Santa and friends visited train stations in Carbondale, Archbald, Jessup, Olyphant and Dickson City before approaching his final stop – the Steamtown National Historic Site,

LHVA Conducts Return of Holiday Tradition

in Downtown Scranton. Hundreds of families assembled at the train station in each community to welcome Santa as the train pulled into town. At each stop, Santa and his friends met with all of the children, hearing their lists for special Christmas wishes. After visiting with Santa, families enjoyed refreshments, live entertainment and special activities.

Children were encouraged to share in the gift of giving by bringing along an unwrapped, new toy as part of a collection for the United States Marine Corps’ Toys for Tots program. This element of the event aims to teach children the values of compassion and helping others within the community whose family may be facing a disadvantage.

The Santa Train has been rolling since 1996 and has become a local holiday tradition. It allows a piece of our region’s history to live on and be celebrated while encapsulating the magic of the holiday season. Over the years, the Santa Train has become a beloved part of the holidays in NEPA, but the event was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Santa Train is sponsored by LHVA, in partnership with Steamtown National Historic Site, the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority, Community Bank, and Peoples Security Bank & Trust, along with a number of local officials and representatives of each of the participating communities.

‘TREE OF PEACE’ NATIVE AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Lackawanna Heritage Valley and the Scranton Municipal Recreation Authority hosted dual Native American celebrations honoring the history and heritage of Indigenous Peoples within Lackawanna County. Events of this weekend-long celebration were intended to remind and reconnect the public to the deep roots of Native American residents in this region and the role that they historically played in the journey of our Nation.

On Saturday, October 15, families were invited to Scranton’s Nay Aug Park from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. The Allegany River Seneca Dancers performed traditional Native American singing and dancing and Storyteller Perry Ground brought the stories

of traditional Haudenosaunee legends to life before families ceremoniously planted the “White Pine of Peace.”

On Sunday, October 16, the ceremonies continued as families met at the Elm Street Trailhead in Scranton for an Interpretive Walk along a section of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail where the Oquaga trail, a Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) diplomacy trail leading to Syracuse, once passed through the Lackawanna Heritage Valley.

Those in attendance saw interpretive signage, carvings and tributes to Native



American culture and the six Iroquois Nations along this two-mile trail corridor, between Elm Street in Scranton and the Borough of Taylor, before arriving at “Ohn Te Oak”, the site of a former Native American Fishing Village, and the Six Nations Amphitheatre. Native American Ceremonies of Peace continued at the Six Nations Amphitheatre,

featuring traditional storytelling, Native American singing and dancing, and a second ceremonial planting of the White Pine of Peace.



YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL PARK



NAY AUG AVENUE NATURAL PLAY AREA VOTED NEPA'S "FAVORITE LOCAL PARK"

Lackawanna Heritage Valley's Nay Aug Avenue Natural Play Area has been honored as the region's 'Favorite Local Park' and our Lackawanna River Heritage Trail was named 'Favorite Place to Go Running' in Access NEPA's 2022 "Best Of" Contest. As we continue our goal of making outdoor recreation as accessible to as many families as we can, we always appreciate hearing that we're on the right track!

Because the park is wood-based and well-loved, rehab and revitalization is necessary. Needed updates, new features and volunteer events will be scheduled for Spring 2023.



FALL FAMILY FUN DAY AT OUR NATURAL PLAY AREA

As leaves began to change and the air grew a little colder, Lackawanna Heritage Valley invited families to join us for our Fall Family Fun Day at the Nay Aug Avenue Natural Play Area. On November 6, 2022, families gathered in Scranton for an unseasonably warm afternoon of snacking, crafting, playing and gathering.

There was plenty of fun to be had at this free community event. Families gathered around the campfire to roast marshmallows and craft s'mores made with the irresistible Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars. Warming up by the fire also meant some hot chocolate and cider sipping was in order.

Nestled beneath the new pavilion was the perfect autumn reading nook, with a semi-circle of hay bales for sitting in perfect range for fall-themed children's story-time led by the Lackawanna County Library System's

Taylor Community Library branch. Nearby, all-natural bird feeder make-and-take crafts added a special activity connecting children with nature.

Live music could be heard as families neared the region's favorite park, courtesy of John Morrow, who wandered the event serenading families. The first thing guests saw as they approached the autumn event -- a petting zoo meet-and-greet, featuring a calf, goats, rabbits and a miniature pony.

The inviting smell of comfort foods wafted through the air, thanks to the Ray's Porketta food truck on-site, but children took just enough bites to fuel their energy before hitting the playground equipment.

Decorated with a touch of fall colors and the surrounding nature, Fall Family Fun Day was a wonderful celebration of changing seasons and strong communities.



THE HERITAGE EXPLORER BIKE TOUR MAKES ITS RETURN

After a short hiatus, Lackawanna Heritage Valley's Heritage Explorer Bike Tour made its return in the spring of 2022, highlighting the northernmost section of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, from Carbondale through Fell Township.

The Heritage Explorer Bike Tour had been a local favorite for years, serving as an opportunity to both celebrate and promote the development of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. After going virtual in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, its in-person return to the calendar was made extra special as it proudly brought our communities together to celebrate the region's most beloved recreational asset.

Cyclists embarked on a 20-mile stretch of the newly-debuted scenic path linking the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail to the D&H Rail-Trail. The fun, family-friendly and noncompetitive event offered riders of all ages and abilities the opportunity to ride along the Heritage Trail from Carbondale, through Vandling, Forest City, and past the Stillwater Dam in Union Dale, going as far as Ararat Township in Susquehanna County. Riders had the choice to choose between the 3-mile, 12-mile, 22-mile, or 40-mile round trip rides.

The event, which took place on Saturday, May 21, began and ended at the John Street Trailhead in Carbondale, the site of the Greater Carbondale YMCA's newly constructed Community Park. Riders



received event t-shirts, information packets and sponsored giveaways before enjoying a complimentary breakfast, choosing their route length and hitting the trail.

Upon returning to the park grounds, participants enjoyed a catered lunch before trying their luck at raffle baskets, playing in the park, and checking out the YMCA's autumn community festival. From kids on tricycles to longer distance cyclists, hundreds of people enjoyed the returning tradition.

Gold Sponsors for the 2022 Heritage Explorer Bike Tour included Lamar

Outdoor Advertising, Linde Corporation, Rutledge Excavating, Walmart Distribution Center #6080 and Wayne County Ford. The following partners also sponsored this year's event: Bike-On; Invenergy; MMQ; UGI; Fabcor; LaBella; Thomas J. McLain Associates; The University of Scranton; Atlantic Fresh Trading; Audacy; Carbondale YMCA; DePietro's Pharmacy; Electric City Roasting Co.; ESC Design; Gallagher Law; Keystone College; Rail-Trail Council of NEPA and WNEP-TV.

Lackawanna Heritage Valley to Host 2023 Pennsylvania Greenways and Trails Summit

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area, based in Scranton, has been named as the host site for the 2023 Pennsylvania Greenways and Trails Summit, bringing hundreds of outdoor recreation experts and enthusiasts to Lackawanna County for the education, advocacy and networking forum next September.

The Pennsylvania Greenways and Trails Summit is a joint effort led by WeConservePA and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources who select summit host sites through a competitive proposal process. This biennial event is expected to bring more than 250 trail builders, volunteers, advocates, park and recreation professionals and trail enthusiasts to the Lackawanna Valley and the county's seat and largest city, Scranton. Participants from across the Commonwealth known for their respective trails and recreational spaces will gather for three days of mobile workshops, education sessions and networking.

Lackawanna County Visitors Bureau Sales Manager, Alexa Peregrin, and Lackawanna Heritage Valley's Director of Operations, Owen Worozbyt, will serve as the planning committee co-chairs for the 2023 summit in Scranton and are confident that the region's attractions will enrich next year's gathering.

"This conference is known across Pennsylvania for providing the essential information and resources needed to build, manage and maintain trails and outdoor recreation," said Peregrin. "We're excited that WeConservePA and DCNR saw the value in selecting the Lackawanna Heritage Valley as next year's summit host. We

have no doubt that our region's sites of historic, cultural and natural significance will garner plenty of enthusiasm from our conference guests."

Since joining the Lackawanna Heritage Valley staff in 2011, Worozbyt

has led efforts for the development and management of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail System, a 70-mile trail system that connects dozens of communities across four counties and boasts more than 450,000 annual visits from residents and visitors throughout the watershed of the Lackawanna River in the heart of northeastern Pennsylvania.



"Our mission has always been celebrating our region's proud industrious past and fostering a brighter future, particularly by building upon the many opportunities for educational exploration and outdoor recreation throughout the Lackawanna Valley," said Worozbyt. "Bringing this statewide conference home to our part of the Commonwealth is another positive stride in showcasing our efforts to use partnerships, education and outdoor recreation to enhance the quality

of life for our residents and visitors."

The Summit is financed in part by a grant from the Federal Highway Administration's Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

The planning committee, joined by the leadership teams of both the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority and the Lackawanna County Visitors Bureau, is also comprised of representatives from WeConservePA; the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Pennsylvania Environmental Council; Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; North Pocono Trails Association; Lackawanna County Parks and Recreation; Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission; City of Scranton Parks and Recreation; the University of Scranton; Countryside Conservancy; Rail-Trail Council of NEPA; Endless Mountains Heritage Region; Lackawanna River Conservation Association; and the Hilton Scranton and Conference Center.

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LACKAWANNA RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL

Recognized Among Pennsylvania's "Greatest Places"

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association has named the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail one of their distinguished "2021 Great Places in Pennsylvania".

The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, which is managed and developed by the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA), was nominated for this designation

by the Lackawanna County Visitors Bureau in April. LHVA was joined by the Lackawanna County Visitors Bureau to accept a certificate from Steve Pitoniak and Mary Liz Donato, local representatives of the APA's Pennsylvania Chapter, at a small ceremony at the Nick



display a wealth of best practices in community planning, serve as a community focal point and strengthen the local economy. They also demonstrate the rewarding results that occur through planning, partnerships and community engagement.

Including the eight "Great Places" named in 2021, there have been 46 "Great Places in

PA" designated by the APA's Pennsylvania Chapter since the program's inception. The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail was one of five designated across the commonwealth in 2021 for the "Greenways and Trails" category.

Staback Veterans Fishing Pier and Laurel Street Trailhead in Archbald on Friday, September 24, at 10:00am. The American Planning Association developed the "Great Places in Pennsylvania" program to recognize unique and memorable places that

display a wealth of best practices in community planning, serve as a community focal point and strengthen the local economy. They also demonstrate the rewarding results that occur through planning, partnerships and community engagement.

DUNMORE ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP: CELEBRATING OUR NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY & ENVIRONMENTAL BEAUTY

In the summers of 2021 and 2022, Lackawanna Heritage Valley was proud to lead several excursion days for Dunmore Elementary students along the Lackawanna River.

A fun day of environmental education was held at Sweeney's Beach, allowing summer campers to learn about environmental education in fun, hands-on workshops. Our friends from DCNR, Lackawanna State Park, Pennsylvania American Water, Lackawanna County Conservation District, Lackawanna County Recycling Center and the Lackawanna River Conservation Association all pitched in for a day of interactive learning and fun along the banks of Sweeney's Beach.



We got to say "Sago!" to our friends from the Dunmore Elementary Center's Summer Camp once again, as the kids learned all about the Native American presence in the Lackawanna Valley.

The morning celebrating indigenous peoples was spent learning a friendship dance, inspecting carvings and sculptures, visiting

a medicine village and teepees, seeking peace around the white pine and learning more about the historic Diplomacy Trail where the Taylor section of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail now sits. Interpretive Volunteer Pat Quinn and Dr. Gere Reisinger led the day's adventure into our cultural roots.



LUMINARY MEMORIAL WALK HONORS LACKAWANNA LIVES LOST IN THE WAKE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

429 Luminaries

One for every life lost in
Lackawanna County

Lackawanna Heritage Valley hosted a Luminary Memorial Walk to pay tribute to the 429 Lackawanna County lives lost in the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic. The self-guided, luminary-lit walk along their Lackawanna River Heritage Trail in Scranton took place on the evening of March 23, 2021, to mark the one-year anniversary of the first life lost to the ongoing pandemic in Lackawanna County.

From 7 p.m. through 9 p.m., the

Lackawanna River Heritage Trail was lit by candlelight from the 7th Avenue Trailhead through to the Broadway Trailhead, a half-mile section of the popular trail in Scranton. One luminary was placed every six feet along the trail in honor of every life lost since March 23, 2020. Some families and friends personalized luminaries to honor the life of a loved one by adding their name to a luminary for remembrance.

A Living Tribute: LHVA's Memorial Tree Program

Honor the memory of a loved one with a memorial tree planted in their honor along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. This commemorative tree will live on as a living tribute to a special person while helping us facilitate a healthier Lackawanna River watershed. Like the memory of a loved one lost, we can expect these living memorials to take deep roots and live on for generations to come.

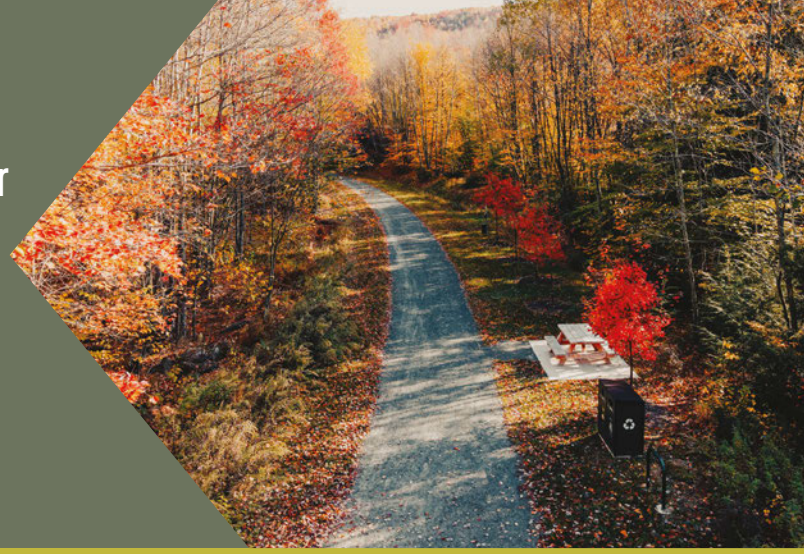
With your contribution to our Memorial Tree Program, Lackawanna Heritage Valley will be able to plant the sapling of your choosing along a preferred section of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. The tree will be marked with a personalized plaque and a certificate of appreciation will be issued in appreciation for your generosity.

To plant a tree in memory of a loved one, or for more information on other memorial and honorary options along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, please call Lackawanna Heritage Valley at (570) 963-6730.



In a time of uncertainty, walkers, runners and cyclists turned to the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail more than ever before.

More than 450,000 residents and visitors turned to the trail in 2020, throughout the height of the pandemic.



TRAIL VISITS FROM MARCH THROUGH DECEMBER 2020:

187,888

Scranton Riverwalk

97,439

Peckville

63,451

Archbald

62,629

Taylor

26,643

Carbondale



Some sections of the trail saw double and even triple the usage than what was reported in previous years, making it one of the most widely used recreational assets of its kind throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond.

As usage continues to climb, Lackawanna Heritage Valley looks forward to developing new sections of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, making outdoor recreation and our natural resources as accessible as possible for all of our residents and visitors.





MEET THE MARVINE

Winding through the historic land of the former Marvine Colliery, a new 1-mile corridor of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail connects Parker Street in Scranton and Boulevard Avenue in Throop, opening up access to the Lackawanna River, and outdoor recreation as a whole, to as many of our residents and visitors as possible.

At one point in time, the Marvine Colliery was one of the largest coal operations in the Lackawanna Valley. This formerly abandoned mining site has been reclaimed, once again reconnecting people to the Lackawanna River and remaining relics of history. Today, all of the huge structures are gone, but interpretive signage and existing structures help to tell the story of the site's proud industrious past.

Accessibility for as many people as possible is always a driving force behind Lackawanna Heritage Valley's projects. This paved trail corridor also features an ADA accessible canoe and kayak launch and an expanded ADA accessible parking area.

As part of Lackawanna Heritage Valley's mission to develop and maintain spaces for outdoor recreation, we're excited to be able to reclaim this abandoned mine and industrial site to develop a reinforced fish habitat and open up accessibility to the river and outdoor recreation opportunities. This project should go a long way in reconnecting people and communities to the Lackawanna River and its watershed.





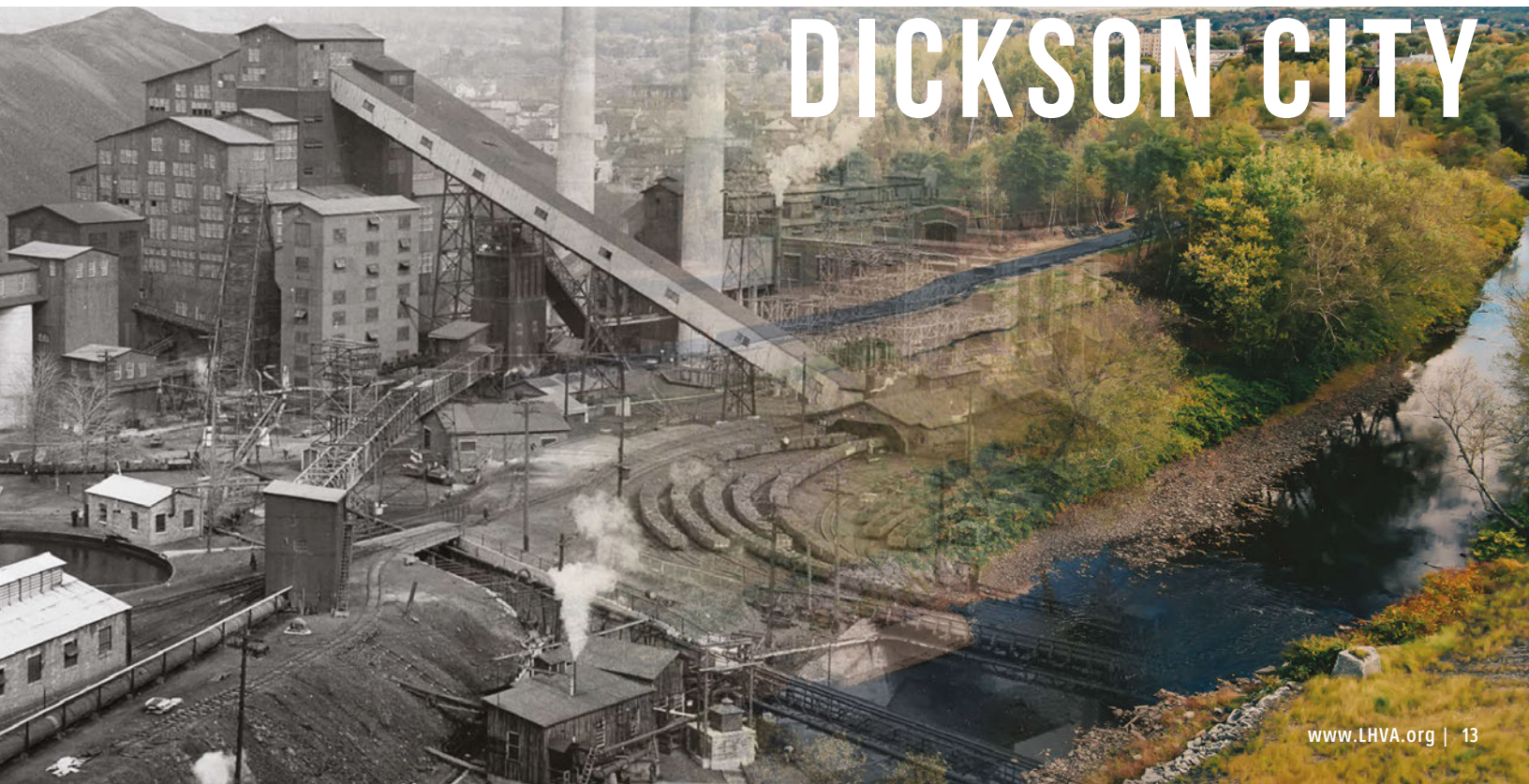
Lackawanna Heritage Valley has completed the latest section of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail in Dickson City. A one-mile trail corridor along the site of the former Olyphant Colliery has been built between Railroad Street and Hull Creek in Dickson City.

Lackawanna Heritage Valley proudly reclaimed this site of our region's industrious strength, which had been left abandoned and privately held for decades. In early 2020, Lackawanna Heritage Valley worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation to remove a collapsed bridge at the site. Looking toward the future, Lackawanna Heritage Valley turned their attention to reclaiming the site, turning what had largely become a dumping ground into a public space residents and visitors can turn to for access to open space and the outdoors.

Lackawanna Heritage Valley turned to many regional partners and volunteers to lend a hand in cleaning up the property before carving out the one-mile long trail corridor, paving the trail surface and parking lots and building out retaining walls to secure the integrity of an existing and active railroad trestle bridge, and developing a defined river access point. Lackawanna Heritage Valley has also acquired a half-mile strip of land from the Pennsylvania Regional Railroad Authority that will be used to construct a connection between the active Olyphant Colliery construction site and Eagle Lane in Dickson City. The connection project is expected to be completed by Spring 2023.

After recording a significant rise in trail usage throughout the Mid-Valley, it is clear that we have reached a point where access to open space and the outdoors is more important than perhaps ever before. By closing these trail gaps and furthering the connection between our neighborhoods, we are able to enhance recreational opportunities and the quality of life for families in the region and attract residents and visitors to the many small businesses within these communities.

LHVA has received funding for the construction through grants from Pennsylvania's DCNR, PennDOT, and the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation.



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.

PROJECT FUNDING SUPPORT

EXPENDITURE FUNDING SUPPORT BY FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR		
	2022	2021	2020
National Park Service	\$96,331	\$85,951	\$103,882
Federal Grants	\$97,458	\$644,929	\$354,502
PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources	\$176,208	\$474,067	\$162,766
PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development	\$472,473	\$307,496	\$8,454
PA Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation	\$0	\$1,569	\$545,190
PA Fish and Boat Commission	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Valley in Motion	\$2,918	\$2,975	\$570
Private & Local	\$4,071	\$1,636	\$1,010
LHVA Funds	\$131,619	\$53,909	\$49,507
TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT:	\$986,078	\$1,572,532	\$1,225,881

LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY PROJECTS FUNDED

LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY PROJECT FUNDING	TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR		
	2022	2021	2020
Ambassador Tours	\$1,626	\$0	\$2,071
Free Bikeshare Program	\$375	\$1,229	\$0
Christmas in a Small Town: The Santa Train	\$2,375	\$381	\$1,211
Heritage Explorer Bike Tour	\$2,188	\$5,713	\$3,934
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Construction	\$97,845	\$1,738,330	\$860,582
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Development	\$719,751	\$711,876	\$68,601
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Maintenance	\$13,537	\$15,062	\$15,891
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Map and Brochure	\$0	\$4,320	\$0
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Events	\$349	\$390	\$498
Railroads, Rivers and You: Ticket to Ride Program	\$0	\$6,563	\$0
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Grants to Partners	\$41,500	\$30,110	\$21,155

Between 2020 and 2022, Lackawanna Heritage Valley expended **\$916,088** in total funding for **new and ongoing initiatives.**

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Lackawanna Heritage Valley allocated **\$892,488** to support Heritage Area projects. Of this, **\$813,723** funded the planning, development, improvement and maintenance of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.


AMBASSADORS IN ACTION

**Volunteers
by the Numbers:**

2020
287
VOLUNTEERS
5,897
HOURS

2021
596
VOLUNTEERS
5,256
HOURS

2022
742
VOLUNTEERS
5,264
HOURS



FUNDING SUPPORT AWARDED TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

2020 Partnerships | \$21,155 Awarded to Partners

Anthracite Heritage Museum, Arts on Fire 2020.....	\$350
Electric City Trolley Museum, Trolley #324.....	\$1,125
The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art, Digitizing the Everhart.....	\$2,000
The Gathering Place, Bears in the Summit.....	\$1,430
The Greater Carbondale YMCA, Pavilion Power Project.....	\$5,000
Lackawanna College, Beekeeping Certificate Program.....	\$1,500
Lackawanna River Conservation Association, RiverFest 2020.....	\$1,000
Neighborworks Northeastern PA, West Scranton Mural Project.....	\$1,000
Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Eastern PA Greenways and Trails Summit.....	\$3,000
The Scranton Half Marathon, 2020.....	\$2,000
Scranton Jazz Festival, 2020.....	\$750
The Waverly Community House, 100th Anniversary Album.....	\$2,000

2021 Partnerships | \$30,110 Awarded to Partners

Archbald Borough, Gravity Slope Site Restoration.....	\$5,000
Boy Scouts of America, Restoration of the Jermyn Administration Building.....	\$500
Carbondale Historical Society, D&H Caboose Visitor Center Relocation.....	\$2,000
Clifford Township Historical Society, Children's Garden Glacier.....	\$2,000
Electric City Trolley Museum, Scranton Transit #505 Restoration.....	\$3,000
Greater Carbondale YMCA, Splash Pad.....	\$2,000
The Iron Horse Society, DL&W Coal Hopper Restoration.....	\$500
Jermyn Historical Society, Museum Restoration.....	\$2,000
Lackawanna Historical Society, Remembering the Wholesale Block Documentary.....	\$2,000
Nativity Miguel School of Scranton, Impacting Our Next Generation of Immigrants.....	\$2,360
O&W Railway Historical Society, Project #105 Engine.....	\$500
Scranton Fringe Festival, Fringe Under Glass.....	\$1,750
The Scranton Half Marathon, 2021.....	\$2,000
Scranton Municipal Recreation Authority, Native American Educational Programming.....	\$2,500
Scranton Tomorrow, Ode to Vaudeville Mural.....	\$1,000
VNA Hospice and Home Health, Health Fair on the Trail.....	\$1,000

2022 Partnerships | \$41,500 Awarded to Partners

The Actor's Circle, For One Brief Moment Documentary.....	\$2,500
The Anthracite Heritage Museum, Arts on Fire.....	\$1,500
The Anthracite Heritage Museum, Bonfire at the Iron Furnaces.....	\$1,500
Carbondale Historical Society, D&H Caboose Visitors Center.....	\$3,500
Dunmore School District, Exploring the History of NEPA.....	\$3,500
Electric City Aquarium and Reptile Den, Interactive History Exhibit.....	\$1,000
Electric City Trolley Museum, Philadelphia Trolley #80.....	\$3,000
Jessup 21st Century Association, Ethnic Heritage Melting Pot.....	\$1,000
Lackawanna County Arts & Culture Department, Electric History!.....	\$2,000
PA Jazz Alliance, PA Jazz Institute.....	\$1,500
Riverside Elementary East, A Walk Along Riverside's History.....	\$1,000
The Scranton Half Marathon, 2023.....	\$4,500
Scranton Jazz Festival, 2023.....	\$2,500
Scranton Municipal Recreation Authority, Brooks Mine Restoration.....	\$5,000
Scranton Tomorrow, Good of the Hive Mural.....	\$1,500
University of Scranton, Scranton's Story, Our Nation's Story Oral History Project.....	\$2,500
The Waverly Community House, Destination Freedom Program.....	\$3,500



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