



## Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority

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## The Lackawanna Greenway, Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Feasibility Study, and the CNJ Trail Extension Master Site Plan

### The Lackawanna Greenway

The Lackawanna Greenway is a network of interconnected trails and paths, streams and lakes, forests, parks and outdoor recreational facilities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Greenway stretches from Stillwater Lake in Susquehanna County south through Lackawanna County to the Susquehanna River in Luzerne County.

### The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail (LRHT)

The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail is the primary trail in the Greenway. This multi-use recreational trail closely follows the Lackawanna River for forty miles from Union Dale to the confluence of the Lackawanna and Susquehanna Rivers at Duryea and Pittston. The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) is developing the LRHT as a linear park that will provide safe, easily accessible green space for residents to use on a daily basis.

Several sections of the LRHT are open to the public. The Scranton Riverwalk is currently under construction. LHVA is developing plans to extend the Scranton Central New Jersey Rail-Trail from Elm Street, Scranton, to Depot Street, Taylor, and to extend the Mid-Valley Ontario and Western Rail-Trail from Laurel Street, Archbald, to Delaware Street, Jermyn.

The LRHT is suitable for non-motorized uses including walking, jogging, cycling, and cross-country skiing. The northern section of the trail allows equestrian and snowmobile use. The river provides a parallel water trail for boating and fishing. Each improved section of the LRHT has a trailhead with a parking lot and amenities.

When completed, the LRHT will connect to local and regional trails and to the Pennsylvania greenway and trail network, as well as to the trail networks in New York State, the Mid-Atlantic, and New England, including access to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

### The Lackawanna Greenway Plan and Feasibility Study of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail

LHVA is conducting a comprehensive study of the Lackawanna Greenway and the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. The project will:

- Inventory and assess the cultural, historic, and natural resources of the Lackawanna Greenway.
- Examine improved section of the LRHT to determine a maintenance plan and future enhancements.
- Study each undeveloped section of the LRHT and propose trail routes, assess acquisition issues, and prepare cost estimates.
- Identify spur trails in the Lackawanna Greenway for possible connection to the LRHT.
- Identify potential interpretive trails such as nature trails and historic sites.
- Outline an action plan for the immediate implementation of the study's recommendations.

LHVA has engaged the consulting team of Arora & Associates, P.C., Campbell Thomas & Co. Architects, and Urban Partners for the year-long study. The team will use a combination of public information meetings, focus groups, and an interest survey to get feedback from the public. This input will help determine the vision and the future development of the Lackawanna Greenway Plan and the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.

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