



Ribbon cuttings highlighted the events that celebrated the openings of five additional miles of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail in Scranton and Archbald as well as the opening of three historic railroad bridges that crisscross the Lackawanna River between Carbondale and Simpson.

This trail activity represents \$5.2 million of economic investment in the Heritage Valley. The two mile CNJ Extension, named for the Central New Jersey Railroad, connecting Scranton to Taylor, features the region's Native American heritage. The three miles between Archbald and Jermyn travel along Laurel Street to the historic Powder Mill trail, providing alternative transportation between the two boroughs. The newly

re-decked bridges create an important link between the urban trail south of Simpson and the rural section to the north, also strengthening the partnership between the Lackawanna Heritage Valley and the D & H Rail Trail Council (Delaware and Hudson Railroad), the developer of the northern trail.

In addition to closing the gaps in the trail, LHV continued to conduct many cultural, historic and environmental programs, including the monthly Heritage Roundtable, Santa Train, Arts on Fire at the Historic Scranton Iron Furnace, educational mini-grants, Art on the Trail (in partnership with Keystone College and Lackawanna County Arts and Culture), as well as the increasingly popular Heritage Explorer Bike Tour in early June.

A development consortium of community partners is working on the exciting Iron Arts District and Historic Scranton Iron Furnaces, a major historic preservation and cultural project that is in the planning stage.

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley is where America's story lives, working to tie the past to the future. Thank you to the community for its great support!

Sincerely yours,

Natalie Gelb

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Executive Director

Become a "Heritage Valley Partner" and **Support Our Heritage**

While the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority was established as a municipal authority, dependent on government funding to develop and sustain its programs, Heritage Valley Partners was incorporated as a 501(c)3 partner to provide strategic and fiscal support of the authority's efforts.

As government funding for LHVA diminishes and threatens to disappear, the fund raising efforts of Heritage Valley Partners become more critical to assure the authority's sustainability. The financial support of individuals, businesses, institutions, corporations and foundations is necessary to continue the programs and to preserve the heritage of which we are all proud.

Become a member of HVP and add your private support to help tell the story of our heritage and to enrich our communities.



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About the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area (LHV) 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), a municipal authority of Lackawanna County. In 2009, Heritage Valley Partners, Inc. was created as a nonprofit support entity to diversify funding and to attract additional public awareness to the mission and programs of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. 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. The goals of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley are to:

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

National Heritage Areas

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley is one of forty-nine National Heritage Areas recognized by Congress for their important contributions to the American experience. In partnership with the National Park Service, LHV celebrates the nationally significant history of the Lackawanna Valley, preserving it for the benefit of current and future generations.

Pennsylvania Heritage Areas Program

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley was designated as Pennsylvania's first heritage area in April 1991. Administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Heritage Areas Program is a catalyst for diverse groups within a region to protect, preserve, develop, and promote its heritage and natural resources. There are twelve state heritage areas in the Commonwealth.

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The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail

The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail had an amazing year. After much anticipation, eight new miles of trail opened in the Lackawanna Valley, creating a whirlwind of excitement. The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail (LRHT) is part of a 70+ mile trail system that begins at the New York State border then travels south and west through Susquehanna, Wayne, Lackawanna, and Luzerne counties. The combined trail travels through 30 municipalities, including the cities of Carbondale, Scranton and Pittston.

Herrick

Union Dale

Forest

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority develops, manages and maintains the LRHT south of Simpson, Pennsylvania. The Delaware and Hudson Rail-Trail Council manages and maintains the northern section of the trail, which is more rural in character and allows equestrian and snowmobile activity.

CNJ Extension Ribbon Cutting - July 26, 2013

The former Central Railroad of New Jersey (CNJ) ran through this new section that has generated so much interest and excitement in the community. The two mile CNJ Extension has unique aspects, including a dual surface and numerous art works that depict and interpret the Native American heritage of the area.

Its natural setting, near Downtown Scranton's central business and historic district, offers scenic views of the Lackawanna River and chance encounters with wildlife in the heart of the urban setting.

Long before Europeans settled in Northeastern Pennsylvania, members of the Iroquois League utilized a system of trails along the Lackawanna River to form and maintain peaceful alliances, according to Seneca representative, Dr. Gere Resinger. "This part of the trail was sacred ground for these tribes. The river has always been a 'coming together' area. There is a spirit here. There is a tremendous feeling. The minute you enter you know you are in a special place." Linking the present to the past, it is a popular site for fishermen, and it offers access for canoes and kayaks, mirroring its importance as Native American fishing grounds. Bald eagles and ospreys fly overhead regularly, competing with local fishermen for the trophy trout that thrive there.



D&H Extension - November 1, 2013

Known as the D&H Extension, this three mile northern trail has an unimproved stone surface for walkers, runners and bikers. This rural landscape is the only part of the trail that accommodates snow mobiles and equestrian use. Its southernmost trailhead is located near the Carbondale Industrial Park. The adjoining three miles create an access for trail users to the urban part of the Lackawanna Valley. The 5th Annual Heritage Explorer Bike Tour will take place on this section on June 14, 2014.

Three newly redecked bridges on the D&H extension crisscross the Lackawanna River, offering magnificent vistas in all seasons.

Powdermill Section - December 5, 2013

The Powdermill Section spans three miles from Delaware Street in Jermyn, to the Laurel Street Trailhead in Archbald. The section is named "Powdermill" because of the nearby remains of a gunpowder mill that operated along the Lackawanna River. It completes an eight mile section of trail linking eight municipalities in the Mid-Valley. It also creates a vital connection between the on-street portions of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail in Jermyn and to the rail-trail section from Archbald to Blakely that is known as the Mid-Valley Trail.

The trail is not only for recreation and transportation, but it also interprets the historic and cultural life of the region. The Powdermill Section takes trail users along the abandoned Ontario & Western Railroad where there are many pieces of railroad history visible, including a 300 foot retaining wall where LHV hopes to create an historic and cultural mural.



Roaring Brook

LACKAWANNA

Spring Brook

Montage Mountals

Imhurst

Madison

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Upcoming Events



SUNDAY APRIL 6 2014

Inaugural Scranton Half Marathon Starts and ends at Memorial Stadium www.ScrantonHalf.com



FRI-SUN JUNE 6-8 **2014** **Arts on Fire**

Scranton Iron Furnaces, Cedar Avenue, Scranton www.artsonfirefestival.com



SATURDAY JUNE 14 2014 **5th Annual Heritage Explorer Bike Tour** - Blakely Borough Recreational
Complex, Peckville
www.LHVA.org/biketour



AUG 16 2014

Heritage Explorer Train
Steamtown to Carbondale
www.lhva.org/heritage-explorer-train/



DEC 6 **2014** Santa Train, Christmas in a Small Town - Carbondale, Archbald, Jessup, Olyphant, Dickson City, Scranton www.lhva.org/santa-train/

Engagement of Community and Volunteers

The LRHT has been a catalyst for community engagement, encouraging wellness, recreational and social activity. Anecdotal stories abound from users who have become active walkers, runners and bicyclists. The trail is well used by Baby Boomers riding bikes for the first time in years, families pushing baby strollers or running and biking together, retirees meeting for socialization, high school cross country teams...the list goes on and on.

Perhaps the most popular attraction is the sculpture of a Native American Chief that was created on a spur of the CNJ Extension by Tom Austin, a local artist who volunteered more than a thousand hours to carve the massive red oak sculpture. Mr. Austin, whose work also includes numerous rock carvings of Native American animals and symbols, has transformed the trail into a virtual museum, inspiring other volunteer donations such as a large cast iron turtle, a tepee, and lovely landscaping enhancements.

Hundreds of volunteers participate in cleanups and fundraising events. Scout troops, high school and college students, summer campers and other groups donate community service hours. Community leaders are organizing the first annual "Scranton Half Marathon" to be held on April 6, 2014, with proceeds to the Heritage Trail. A group of Ambassadors in Action is planning a variety of fundraising efforts throughout the coming year.

Benefits to the Region

The trail not only is a free amenity for the community, but it is also an economic engine. Trail users patronize local businesses, including restaurants, grocery stores, equipment and clothing stores. Owners of new businesses, such as the Scranton Running Company and Cedar Bike and Paddle, testify to the impact of the LRHT on their successful ventures. The trail enhances the visitor experience at the historic sites and cultural and sporting events that attract tourists to the area.

Business leaders acknowledge that the trail increases residential, commercial and industrial property values and it helps attract and retain companies and qualified employees. The trail transcends political and philosophical boundaries, and it engenders consensus and collaboration among partners, municipal entities and interest groups. It has transformed an abandoned, blighted rail corridor into a community asset, and it is an ideal example of conservation, preservation and education about the region's beautiful natural resources.



Development at Scranton's Historic Iron Furnaces

After years of inactivity, the site of Scranton's Historic Iron Furnaces has come alive with events such as community festivals, weddings, local farmers' markets and cultural bonfires. Located along the Roaring Brook at the site of the founding of the City of Scranton, the Iron Furnaces are the centerpiece of an exciting project that will restore, renew and repurpose this historic landmark. Although visitors have limited access to the stately grand structure, a proposed Iron District will highlight the Furnaces as a mixed use destination.

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley is leading a consortium of partners that is funding a comprehensive feasibility plan for the restoration and development of the Historic Scranton Iron Furnaces and designation of an Iron District in the adjacent Cedar Avenue Corridor with connections to the Downtown Scranton commercial and historic district. A team of architects, landscape architects and cultural programming experts will lay the groundwork for a massive project that will revitalize and expand this important site of Scranton's beginning and its legacy as an industrial center.

Get Involved

Ambassadors in Action is a group of committed and enthusiastic individuals who dedicate their time and talent to support and supplement the work of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. Not only are they Heritage Partners, but they are also active volunteers who spend time improving the Heritage Area. If you like history, care about the environment, enjoy learning about cultural heritage, like to meet interesting people and want to make a difference in your community, Ambassadors in Action is right for you! Contact Owen Worozbyt, Director of Community Engagement.



Lackawanna Heritage Valley Conservation Alliance

The Conservation Alliance began in 2003 as a modest grassroots effort to heighten environmental awareness. Over the past several years the group has expanded to include eighty regional organizations and individuals who meet regularly at LHV Headquarters to share information and ideas and to plan collaborative projects, programs and events. The goals of the Conservation Alliance are to improve stewardship of parks, forests, and greenspace, to promote land and water conservation, to build sustainable and attractive communities, and to create outdoor connections for citizens and visitors.

Members of the Alliance share a common purpose to protect, preserve, and promote the beautiful natural resources of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Educational Mini-Grants

The Educational Mini-Grants Program is a best practice model for the heritage movement. For the past nine years, Lackawanna Heritage Valley has provided area educators with ten annual \$500 grants for innovative projects that encourage students to become stewards of the environment and to develop pride in their heritage. These small grants have produced extraordinary results, with a diversity of creative projects that have had lasting impact on the students and their families.

2013 Financials

Funding Partners

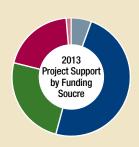
In 2013, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area (LHV) received funding from the National Park Service, as well as from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources through the Pennsylvania Heritage Areas Program, the TreeVitalize Metro Program, and the Pocono Forest and Waters Conservation Landscape Initiative. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation provided funding for the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail through the federal Transportation Enhancements Program. Additionally, LHV received generous support through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, the Lackawanna County Commissioners share of the Commonwealth's Growing Greener Bond Fund, Keystone College, the Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture, municipalities along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, and private sponsors.

Project Support

LHV funds projects that fulfill its mission and goals as outlined in the "Plan for the Lackawanna Heritage Valley" (1991), the "LHV Management Plan Update" (2001), and the "Management Action Plan and Environmental Impact Study" (2004). These projects stimulate the region's economic development, enhance tourism initiatives, strengthen the capacity of community organizations, and improve the quality of life for area residents. In 2013:

• LHV provided \$2,888,441 in total funding support for 37 new and ongoing initiatives.

- LHV awarded \$48,455 through 29 grants to partner organizations.
- LHV allocated \$2,839,986 to support 8 internal projects. Of this, \$2,818,728 funded the planning, development, improvement, and maintenance of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.
- The total cost for all 37 projects, including the matching funds raised by partners, was \$3,216,525.



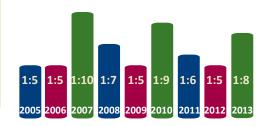
- Federal National Park Service \$166,890 (6%)
- Federal Transportation Enhancement \$1,401,208 (49%)
- State PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources \$717,813 (25%)
- State Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program \$563,080 (19%)
- Local Gov. & LHV Funds \$39,450 (1%)

TOTAL \$2,888,441 (100%)

Economic Benefits of LHV's Investment

LHV requires a dollar-for-dollar (1:1) match for all of its grant awards. In some cases, organizations bring additional matching funds to a project, building on LHV's initial investment. For example, when LHV awards \$5,000 to a project that has a total project cost of \$15,000, the leverage ratio is 1:3.

In 2013, LHV granted \$48,455 to partners to support projects, programs, and events. The total cost for these partner projects was \$376,539 creating a leveraging ratio of nearly 1:8. This means that for every \$1 that LHV granted for a community project, the partner organization provided almost \$8 in additional funding.



2013 Project Support by Funding Amount

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Projects Lackawanna River Heritage Trail -New Construction.....\$ 2,568,223 Lackawanna River Heritage Trail -New Trail Planning & Development......\$ 229,777 Lackawanna River Heritage Trail -Maintenance\$ 20,728 Heritage Explorer Bike Tour & Festival\$ 13,835 Lackawanna River Heritage Trail -Events\$ 1,808 Ambassador's Tours......\$ 1,877 Heritage Valley Roundtable\$ 1,790 Heritage Explorer Trains\$ 1,949 Lackawanna Heritage Valley **Funding to Partners** Marywood University School of Architecture -Sustainable Architecture Pavilions of NEPA 2013\$ 3,063 Lackawanna Historical Society -George Catlin Memorial National Register Application.....\$ 2,013 Lackawanna County Library System -2013 Summer Heritage Passport Program\$ 2,000 Keystone College/partnership with Anthracite Museum -Fire Arts & Trail.....\$ 18,300

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Educational Mini-Grants

Our Partners

Abington Area Joint Recreation Board

Anthracite Heritage Museum & Iron Furnaces Associates

Appalachian Regional Commission

Archbald Borough

Architectural
Heritage Association

Art Works Gallery & Studio

A-Z Adventure Group

Blakely Borough
Blue Cross of NEPA
Boy Scouts of America

Carbondale Business Association

Carbondale Chamber of Commerce

Carbondale Public Library Cedar Bike & Paddle

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City of Scranton

City of Scranton, Department

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Clarks Summit Borough

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Elm Street

Revitalization Project Endless Mountains

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Nature Center

EOTC of Northeastern

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Everhart Museum
Fell Township

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Heritage Association

Howard Gardner Middle Intelligence Charter School

Jermyn Borough

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Jessup Borough

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Keystone College Keystone Iron Works Lacawac Sanctuary

Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour

Lackawanna College Environmental Institute

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Lackawanna County
Convention & Visitors Bureau

Lackawanna County
Department of Arts & Culture

Lackawanna County Department of Parks & Recreation

Lackawanna County Farmland Preservation

Lackawanna County Library System

Lackawanna County Office of Environmental Sustainability

Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission

Lackawanna Historical Society

Lackawanna River Corridor Association Leadership Lackawanna

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Neil Armstrong, PTA

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NEPA Alliance

North Branch Land Trust

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Old Forge School District

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Olyphant Borough

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Penn Future

Penn Security Bank & Trust Co.

Penn State

Cooperative Extension

Penn State Master Gardeners

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts

Pennsylvania Department

of Community & Economic Development

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Lackawanna Forest District

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Lackawanna State Park Complex

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Promised Land State Park

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 4-0

Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Pocono Forest & Waters Conservation Landscape Initiative

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

Pennsylvania Jazz Alliance

Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority

Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau

Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development Council

Pop-Up Studio

PPL Corporation

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Quinn's Market

Rail Trail Council of NEPA, Inc.

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Rocky Glen & Pippin Pictures

Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple

Scranton High School

Scranton Public Library

Scranton Running Company

Scranton Sewer Authority

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Scranton Times-Tribune Scranton Tomorrow

Scranton-Abingtons

Planning Association

Sickler's Bike Shop

Sierra Club

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South Branch Tunkhannock

Creek Watershed Coalition

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Steamtown National Historic Site

Taylor Borough

The AFA Gallery

The Nature Conservancy

The Palumbo Group

Timmy's Town Center

Tobyhanna / Tunkhannock Creek Watershed Association

Trout Unlimited

Lackawanna Valley Chapter

United Neighborhood Centers

University of Scranton University of Scranton Weinberg Library

Verrastro's

Voluntary Action Center

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Waverly Community House

Waverly Township

Waymart Area Historical Society
Wayne County Historical Society

West Scranton High School

West Scranton Neighborhood Watch

Western Wayne High School

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