

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

PENNSYLVANIA

Project Name: Lower Susquehanna River Conservation Landscape Initiative

Project Type:

- Acquisition/Easement/Protection
- Education (Interpretation)
- Recreation (Access)

Project Description: The Susquehanna River's 27,500-square mile watershed provides half of the Chesapeake Bay's fresh water supply. As the longest river in the United States without commercial boat traffic, the Susquehanna is a popular recreation destination and an important link to Pennsylvania's outdoors, river towns, and cultural heritage. This project is designed to expand and enhance public access and promote meaningful recreational experiences in the state, county, and local parks along the Lower Susquehanna River.



National Park Service

The National Park Service, working with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other partners, will protect land along the River through power company relicensing negotiations; provide interpretation of the area's significant historical, cultural, and natural resources; support the development of eco-tourism initiatives in the corridor's Rivertowns; create land and water based trail connections; develop an integrated management approach to enhance wildlife habitat; create opportunities for outdoor recreation; protect species and habitat of special concern; and connect visitors with the natural and cultural heritage of the Lower Susquehanna River Corridor.

Lead Federal Agency:

- National Park Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Non-Federal Partners:

- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Lancaster County Conservancy
- Susquehanna Greenway Partnership
- Other state, local, non-profit, and corporate partners

Outcomes for 2012:

- Complete construction of river access
- Construction and enhancement of trails
- Develop interpretive/promotional plan
- Obtain designation of Susquehanna River Water Trail as connecting component of Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail