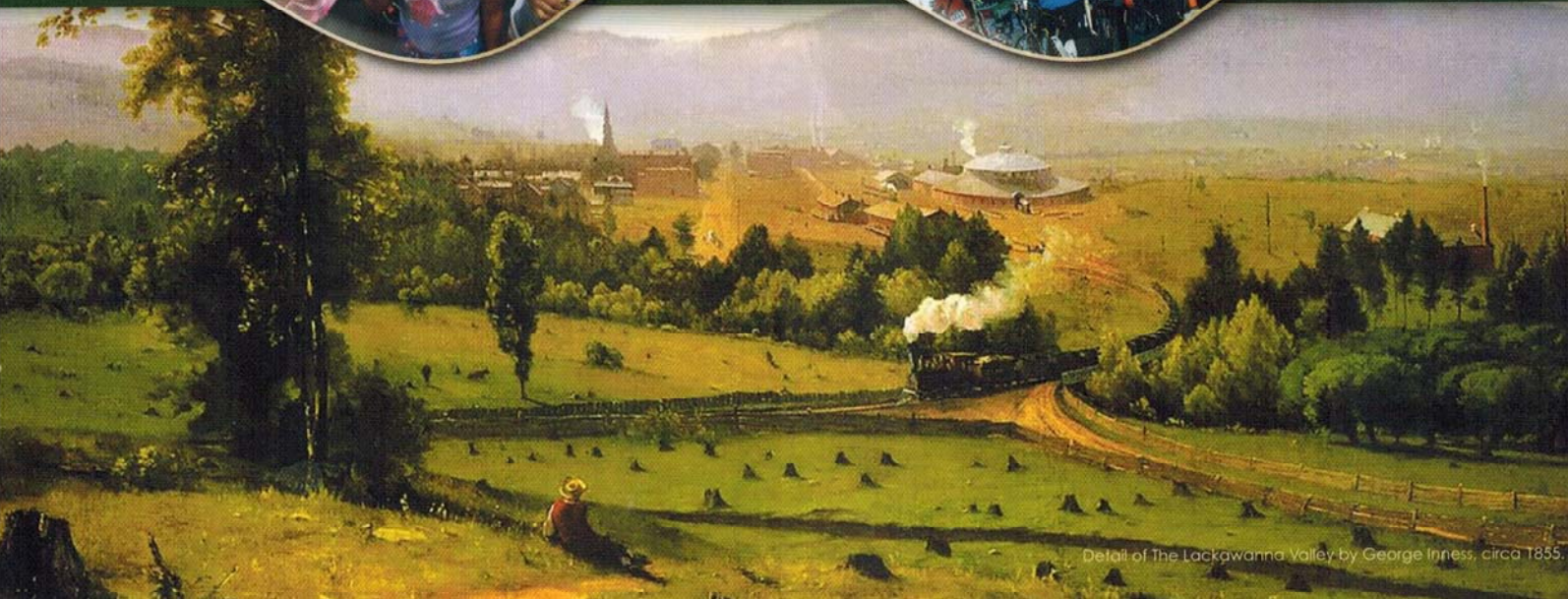
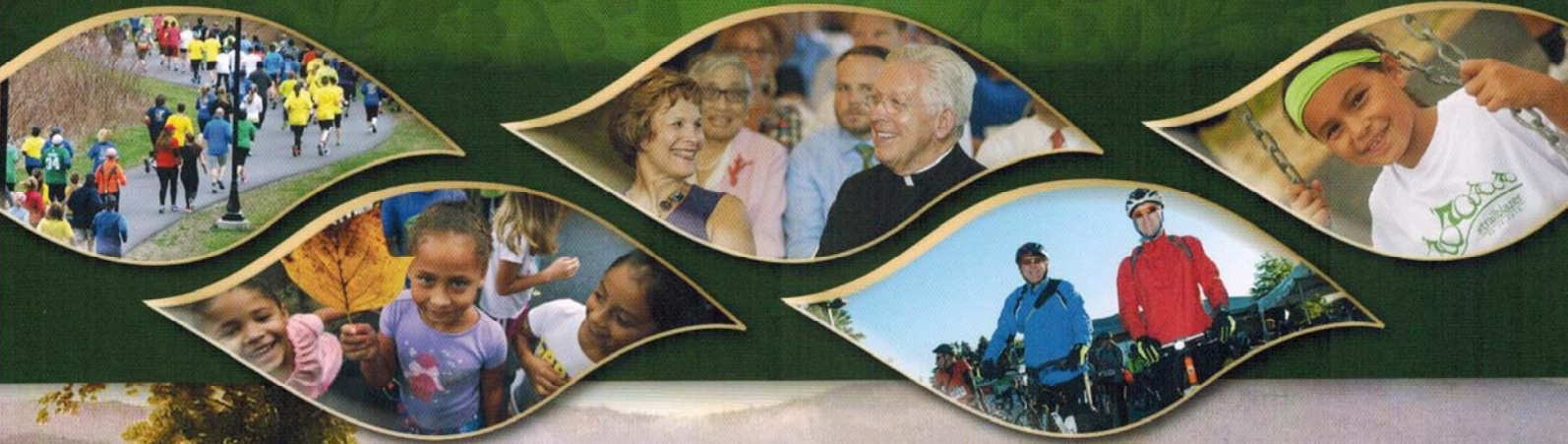


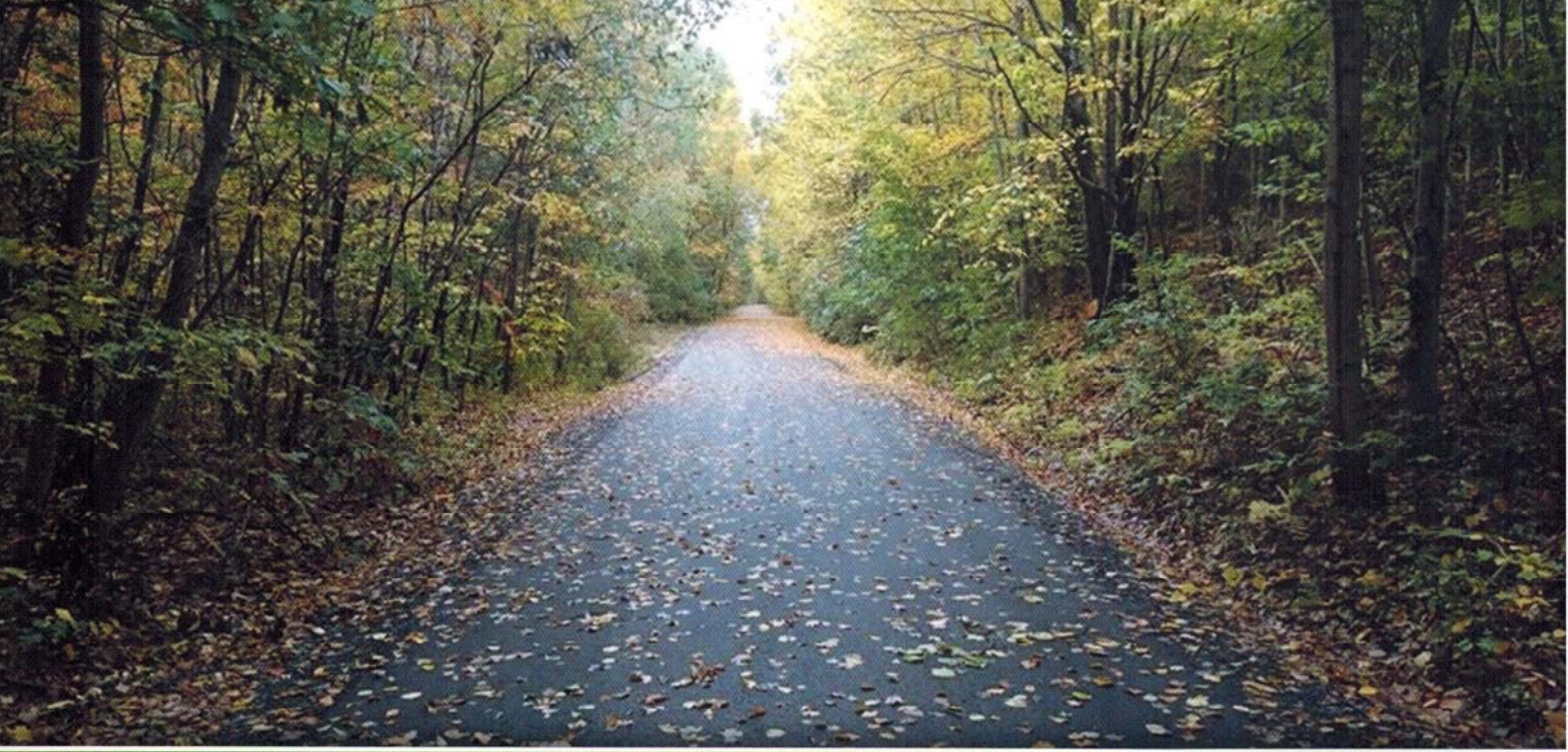
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Lackawanna
Heritage Valley

2016 COMMUNITY UPDATE
Celebrating Heritage | Making History | It's in Our Nature



Detail of The Lackawanna Valley by George Inness, circa 1855.



“Since its inception in 1991, Lackawanna Heritage Valley has become the force for motivating people from our region and beyond our region to experience the natural and historic treasures that surround us. Lackawanna Heritage Valley has also highlighted the strong ethnic traditions and deep roots our community has passed down for generations. It has really helped to put our valley on the map.”



— **Honorable Julia K. Munley**, Chair, LHVA Board of Directors



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Letter from the Executive Director

I grew up in the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. My grandparents arrived here in the early twentieth century, and my grandchildren live here. That is five generations. I lived in other cities for several years before returning with a new perspective and a greater appreciation of what makes this place so special.

One of the main goals of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley is to tell the region's story. But we also want to make the story better every year! Whether we are celebrating our past or building for the future, we strive to enhance the quality of life of this region for residents and visitors alike.

The most visible project of LHV, the development of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, provides health, wellness, recreational and social opportunities that have had a transformative impact on the culture of the community. But LHV is not simply a trail organization. Through educational and interpretive programs of our own and in collaboration with many other cultural, historical, educational and private organizations and individuals, we are a catalyst for community and economic development. It is a public/private partnership at all levels of government, local, regional, state and federal, and it is sustained with the support of elected and appointed officials.

Just as self-image informs the way we look at our lives, so does a community's self-image. Residents of this region have reason to be proud of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. It is important for us to have a sense of place that reflects the positive vision of people who come here from other places and see our region so brightly! Rather than engage in self-deprecation or false humility, we will be happier and more creative and productive if we look in the mirror at the things we often take for granted ... our bounteous natural resources, our outstanding educational institutions, the many cultural and recreational opportunities, the richness of our diverse heritage, the geographic accessibility to big cities, the benefits and affordability of small town living, the unique significance and accomplishments of this region in the history of our nation and last, but not least, the sense of community that binds us together!

My best wishes,



Natalie Gelb

*Executive Director
Lackawanna Heritage Valley*



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Volunteers Plan Heritage Explorer Golf Tournament

The Heritage Explorer Golf Tournament, presented by Munley Law, was held on June 26th at Pine Hills Country Club in Taylor. More than \$10,000 was raised. Proceeds benefited Lackawanna Heritage Valley projects and programs.

The committee included: Ellen Bush, Chair, Heritage Valley Partners (HVP); David Bosley, HVP Board; Eric and Tracey Duffy, owners of Pine Hills Country Club; Natalie Gelb, Executive Director, LHVA/HVP; Julie Imel, Public Relations & Programs Manager, LHVA; Fafi Karam, HVP Board; Sean McDonough, HVP Board; Julia Munley, Chair, LHVA; April Rogato, Executive Assistant, LHVA; and Christina Rogato, volunteer.

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“Over the last 25 years, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley has had many accomplishments. So core to its success is the connection between the unique qualities of our history with the living experience so that we preserve, and continue to enhance, the benefits for our entire community and generations to come.”

— **Ellen Bush**, Chair, Heritage Valley Partners Board of Directors



Celebrating a Milestone in the Lackawanna Heritage Valley

A gala fundraising event celebrating the 25th anniversary of Lackawanna Heritage Valley was held on September 8th at the Scranton Riverwalk. Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn was honored with the Founder's Award and a Founders Circle honoring the visionary leaders of LHV was established. Founders Circle honorees included: Ray A. Alberigi,

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Raymond Angeli, Alex Camayd, Governor Robert Casey*, Joseph J. Corcoran, Deborah A. Darden, Robert F. Durkin, J. Glenn Eugster, Harry D. Lindsay, Congressman Joseph McDade, D. Allen Sachse, and Alan Sweeney*.

Matthew and Christina O'Brien Haggerty and Joseph and Bridget Kosierowski were Community Co-Chairs, and United States Senator Bob Casey and Pennsylvania Senator John Blake served as Honorary Chairs. The gala raised \$85,000 for Heritage Valley Partners, the development partner of LHV. A Legacy Keepsake Book highlighting the people and businesses of the Lackawanna Valley was published in November.

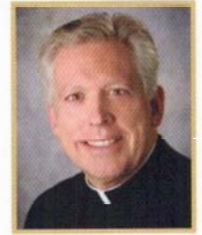
**posthumously*



From left: 25th Anniversary Committee Members Chris DiMattio, Matt Byrne, John Cosgrove, Karen Clifford, Co-Chairs Christina and Matthew Haggerty, Natalie Gelb, Bob Solfanelli, Julie Imel, Andrew Wallace and Phil Condron. Not shown in photo: Ronda Beemer, Jane Carbonas, Debbie Colarossi, Robert Durkin, Fafi Karam, Joseph and Bridget Kosierowski, Conor Malone, Grace McGregor, Tom McHugh, Donna Nasser, Terry Nealon, and Rachel Sweeney.

“This is home – always was, always will be – and it's where I am most fully alive.”

– Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn
Founding Chair
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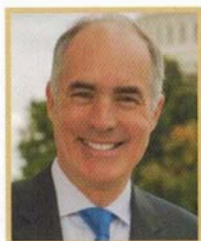
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“The Lackawanna Heritage Valley has made significant accomplishments over the last 25 years. The economic impact to the local economy from the trail alone has continued to increase, and as of 2016 the LHVA's programs and partnerships were estimated to generate \$64.3 million annually in the Northeastern Pennsylvania region. All of the accomplishments of the Lackawanna



Heritage Valley truly solidify the vision my father, Governor Casey, had when he designated the Lackawanna Heritage Valley as the first Pennsylvania State Heritage Area. The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority continues to be a main economic driver in the region and a beneficial amenity to individuals in our communities. I look forward to what is next for the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority and welcome the opportunity to be a part of that progress.

— U.S. Senator Bob Casey



“ Just as valuable to DCNR as its people and programs are its strong partnerships with conservation-based organizations and, for more than two decades, there have been few partnerships stronger than the one with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area. DCNR is proud to play a role in LHV projects, most notably what I view as its crowning achievement — development of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. When complete, this more than 70-mile trail will reach from the New York border to the City of Pittston in Luzerne County. We here at DCNR salute you on achieving this incredible milestone!”

— **Cindy Adams Dunn**, Pennsylvania Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources

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Gentex Corporation, headquartered in Simpson, Pennsylvania, is a multi-generational success story of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. Under the leadership of four generations of the Frieder family, the company has shown its commitment to the community while earning international recognition in the business world for innovation and excellence.

L.P. Frieder III, President of Gentex, serves on the Board of Directors of Heritage Valley Partners (HVP), where he chairs the Strategic Planning Committee. Gentex has been a loyal sponsor of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley's 25th Anniversary Gala, the Heritage Explorer Golf Tournament, and the annual Heritage Explorer Bike Tour & Festival.

Born from the vision of Marcus Frieder, General Textile was originally a silk manufacturer. It later became Gentex, evolving into a manufacturer of textile products for high-performance applications using the most sophisticated technology. Today, the company is a global leader in the industry, providing personal protection and situation awareness equipment for the United States Air Force, Navy, Marine Corp, Coast Guard, and NASA. Gentex has earned international acclaim for saving lives — protecting and enabling users to perform their duties under life-threatening circumstances.

The commitment of L.P. Frieder's time and talents in support of the mission of LHV and the future of the Heritage Valley is in keeping with his family's legacy of civic engagement and community service. He values the work of the Heritage Valley in celebrating our rich history and for enhancing the quality of life of the region, not only for the enjoyment of his own family, but also for attracting people to live and work here. Gentex is one of the largest employers in Lackawanna County, and it represents the best of the region's industrial past and its hopes for the future.



L.P. Frieder III
President, Gentex Corporation

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The Path to Progress:

Development & Projects Along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail

In 2016, the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail served as the venue for 30 charitable races, welcoming 13,000 participants to run and walk along its pathways. The trail has become a popular site for charitable events and educational programming. Multiple projects to improve the experience for trail users were initiated this year.

Two major projects on the Scranton Riverwalk were completed with funding from the Scranton Half Marathon Committee.

The Half Marathon Committee donated \$90,000 to fund the installation of fourteen state-of-the-art cameras between the Olive Street and 7th Avenue Trailheads in Scranton with the Scranton Police Department.

The cameras feed live images to Scranton Police Headquarters where the data is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Half Marathon also contributed \$58,000 to fund safety improvements on a quarter-mile pathway connecting the



With a generous donation from the Scranton Half Marathon Committee, Lackawanna Heritage Valley was able to enhance security along the Scranton Riverwalk and improve the area known as the "Spur Trail."

trail on Olive Street to Providence Road, directly across from Scranton High School. This area, known as the "Spur Trail," is now a wonderful space for community programs and events, and for future development of a sculpture park.

13,000
RUNNERS
& WALKERS

30 CHARITABLE
RACES

Highlights of additional trail projects

PAVING

To improve the trail's usability for people pushing strollers or utilizing wheelchairs, a 1-mile stretch of trail from the 7th Avenue Trailhead to Elm Street in Scranton was paved in 2016. The project also included improvements to the parking area at this trailhead and a new connection to LHV Headquarters for bicyclists and pedestrians. The project was funded through the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP).

TRAILS SYMPOSIUM

LHV hosted the Annual Trails Symposium at its headquarters in Scranton. The day-long conference featured a panel of state officials, and it welcomed 75 guests for updates on trail development and recreational projects.

OLD FORGE LAND DONATION

The Mariotti family donated 35 acres of land in Old Forge to Lackawanna Heritage Valley. Development of this land, which parallels the Lackawanna River, provides an important link to fill the gap in the trail system between Taylor and Pittston.

MID VALLEY PAVILION

With funding support from Lackawanna County, LHV constructed a pavilion next to a bocce court built by Santarelli & Sons along the Main Avenue trail section in Peckville.

CARBONDALE RIVERWALK

Construction began in September on a 1.2 mile section of trail in Carbondale that will connect to a 2.2 mile section in Fell Township that will link the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail to the D&H Rail-Trail. The Carbondale Riverwalk is scheduled to open in 2017.

Lackawanna River Heritage Trail

By the Numbers

The results of the **2016 Trail User Study and Economic Impact Analysis** indicate that the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail (LRHT) has a significant positive effect on the local economy and on the quality of life for those who live and work in the Lackawanna Heritage Valley.

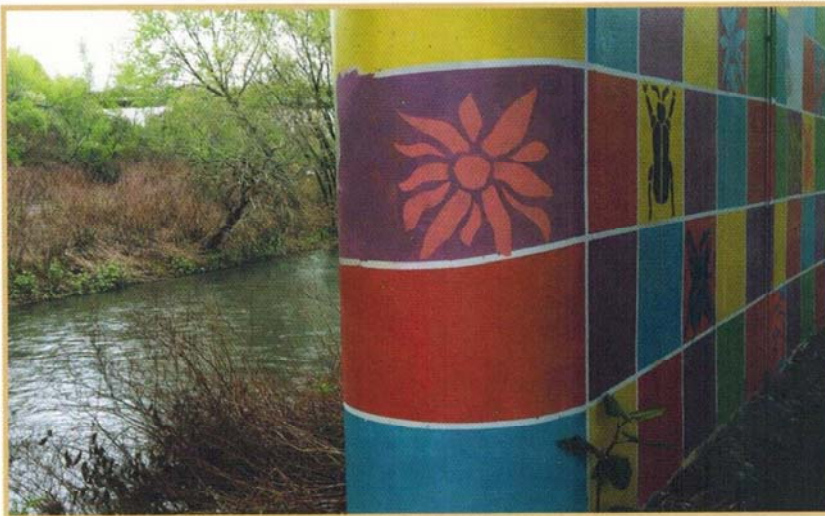
In 2016:

- The trail generated a total economic impact of **\$90.9 million** for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- The direct economic impact of the LRHT is **\$64.3 million** — an increase from \$31.8 million in 2009. The indirect economic impact is **\$19.4 million** for Lackawanna County and **\$26.6 million** for the state.
- There were approximately **313,200 visits** to the trail — an increase since the 128,000 estimate in 2009.
- The most popular uses for the trail are:
 - 1) Walking/Hiking
 - 2) Running
 - 3) Bicycling

Source: Urban Partners, December 2016

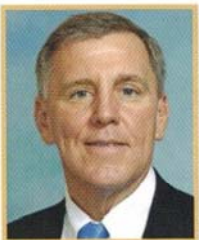


With support from hundreds of community volunteers, LHV hosted eight clean-ups in 2016 to help maintain and beautify the trail. Students from Marywood University were among those who shared their time with LHV, participating in a clean-up along the Scranton Riverwalk.



Under the direction of artist and educator Ryan Hnat, eleven Marywood University art majors painted nine original designs under bridges on Mulberry Street, Linden Street, and Lackawanna Avenue. The project was funded by a Lackawanna Heritage Valley Educational Mini Grant. Mural shown above by Francesca Giuliani and Tiffany Guzzo.

“Perhaps the most important accomplishment of LHVA since its founding in 1991 is elevating the profile of our heritage and the proud legacy of Lackawanna County to local residents, visitors and children. Connecting our future to our past while connecting our communities via the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail has been transformative. LHVA's work continues to deliver significant economic returns to our region.”



— Senator John P. Blake

11,164
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

33
EVENTS

765
VOLUNTEERS

25th Anniversary Projects & Programs

For details on
2017 programs, visit
www.lhva.org.

Railroads, Rivers & You!

Steamtown NHS created the *Railroads, Rivers and You!* program for fourth graders to study language arts and mathematics while exploring the history and science of the railroad industry in the Lackawanna River Valley. Lackawanna Heritage Valley supported the program that featured hands-on activities and demonstrations at Steamtown NHS and along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.



Heritage Explorer Bike Tour & Festival



The 7th Annual Heritage Explorer Bike Tour was held on September 25th at Blakely Borough Recreation Complex in Peckville. A new voucher system for lunch allowed Carbondale and Union Dale riders to enjoy a meal at their destination. After the tour, riders enjoyed harvest festivals presented by the Carbondale YMCA and the Archbald and Eynon Lions Clubs.

Christmas in a Small Town: The Santa Train

In 2016, Christmas in a Small Town: The Santa Train celebrated its 20th anniversary. A project of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived via a special Steamtown NHS train to greet thousands of people at restored train stations in six communities.



Committee members and performers planned the 20th Annual Christmas in a Small Town: The Santa Train.

More Pedal Power! BikeScranton Program Expands



Bike Scranton, a free bike share program hosted by Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area (LHV), continued to thrive and grow in 2016. The program allows participants (age 18 and older) to borrow a bicycle for a few hours or a full day, at no charge. BikeScranton launched in 2015 with four share sites. This year, the program expanded to include Radisson Lackawanna Station and Marywood University. In 2017, Bike Carbondale will be introduced at the Carbondale YMCA and at the Carbondale Grand Hotel. The program will be funded through a grant from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Healthcare Foundation.

799 Total Number
of Cyclists

- SCRANTON
- PENNSYLVANIA (excluding Lackawanna)
- LACKAWANNA (excluding Scranton)
- OTHER STATE



73% Bicycles borrowed from The University of Scranton, Hilton Scranton & Conference Center and Radisson Lackawanna Station

52% Bicycles shared were used by people under 30 years of age

49% Bicycles borrowed by Scranton residents

As part of its 25th anniversary programming, LHV hosted a wide range of free educational and health and wellness activities along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, including:



Geocaching along the CNJ Extension of the trail with Naturalist Jane Frye.



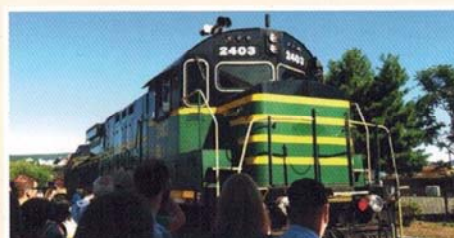
Electric City 500 hosted by the Anthracite Bicycle Coalition and LHV, on Courthouse Square in Scranton.



Pollinator-Friendly Gardening Workshop at Nay Aug Avenue Natural Play Area, hosted by Penn State Master Gardeners in Lackawanna County and LHV.



Explorer Yoga on the Trail with Hilary Steinberg, of Jaya Yoga, along the trail in Mid Valley.



Heritage Explorer Train from Scranton to Carbondale's Pioneer Days.

Project Support

Lackawanna Heritage Valley (LHV) funds projects that fulfill its mission and goals. 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. In 2016, Lackawanna Heritage Valley expended \$1,127,840 in total funding for new and ongoing initiatives. Of this, LHV awarded \$18,327 through 17 grants to partner organizations.

LHV allocated \$1,109,514 to support Heritage Area projects. Of this, \$1,083,626 funded the planning, development, improvement and maintenance of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. The total cost for all projects, including matching funds by partners, was \$1,503,437.



● National Park Service.....	\$73,793
● Federal Grants.....	\$212,064
● Private & Local.....	\$10,011
● PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP).....	\$113,537
● State Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) ..	\$424,384
● Heritage Valley Partners ...	\$205,875
● LHV Funds.....	\$88,176

Economic Investment

Lackawanna Heritage Valley requires a dollar-for-dollar (1:1) match for all of its grant awards. In 2016, LHV granted \$18,327 to support projects, programs and events. The total cost of 2016 partner projects was \$375,597, creating a leveraging ratio of 1:20.

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Project Support

Ambassador Tours.....	\$987
BikeScranton.....	\$333
Christmas in a Small Town: The Santa Train.....	\$1,500
Heritage Explorer Bike Tour & Festival.....	\$4,878
Heritage Explorer Train.....	\$845
Heritage Valley Roundtable.....	\$459
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.....	\$1,083,626
<i>(construction, maintenance, signage, trail development)</i>	
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Events.....	\$9,993
Piecing Together the Past: A Geo-Tour of Historic Sites in the Lackawanna Heritage Valley.....	\$3,167
Railroads, Rivers and You: Ticket To Ride Program.....	\$3,725

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Funding to Community Partners and Educational Mini-Grants

Anthracite Heritage Museum & Iron Furnaces Associates: Arts on Fire, Industrial Arts Festival.....	\$1,500
Anthracite Heritage Museum & Iron Furnaces Associates: Bonfire at the Iron Furnaces.....	\$1,300
Clifford Township Historical Society: Frank Little Bear Canoe Display.....	\$1,350
Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society: Spring Swing with Phoebe Snow.....	\$200
Forest City Area Historical Society: Historical Building Restoration.....	\$460
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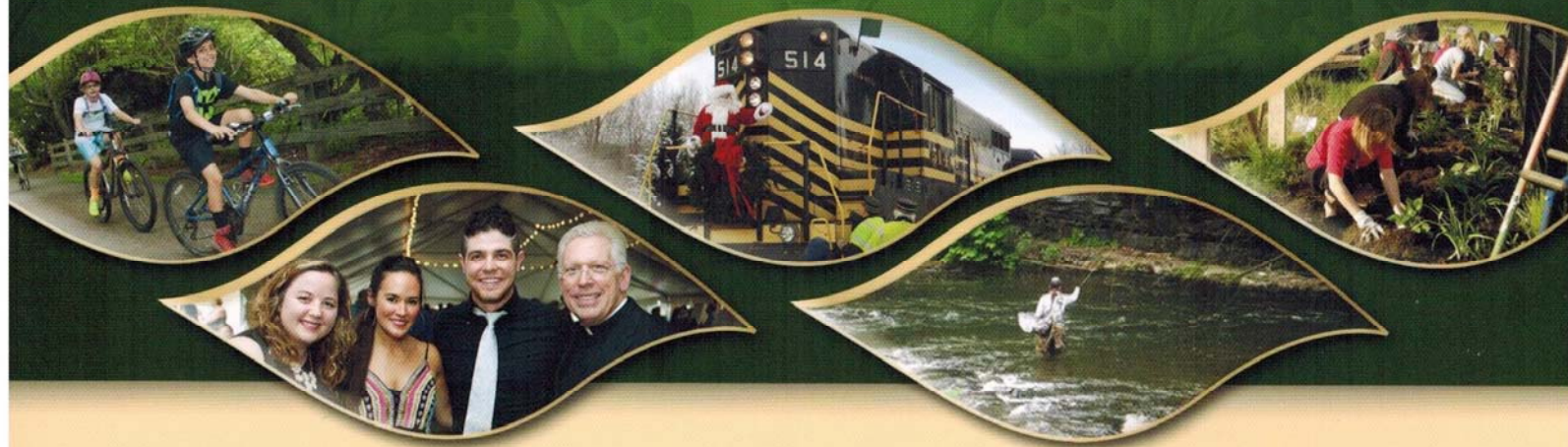
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