



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GREENWAYS & TRAILS SUMMIT

2018 Bi-Annual Summit
Sunday, September 30 – Tuesday, October 2
Artsquest Center @ Steel Stacks, Bethlehem, PA

Sunday, September 30 (Recreational Activities)

10:00am – 2:00pm - Bike & Boat Program provided by Wildlands Conservancy

2:00pm – Industrial History Walk provided by Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (complimentary canal boat ride at 12pm or 1pm is included)

Day 1: Monday, October 1

7:30am Registration and Breakfast

8:30am Keynote Speaker

9:45am Breakout Session 1

- 1A. Putting Fat Roads on a Diet: Safely Narrowing Roads and Bridges for Walking and Bicycling Trails
- 1B. Adaptations Large and Small for Outdoor Recreation
- 1C. How Trails Can Help the Local MS4
- 14. Motorized Trail Development

11:00am Breakout Session 2

- 2A. Connect the DOTS (Design of the Street) for Stronger, Multimodal Communities
- 2B. Trail App: Technology and Trails
- 2C. Nature-Based Placemaking

12:00pm Lunch and Plenary Speaker: Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn
Secretary of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

1:15pm Walk Break: Hoover Mason Trestle or South Bethlehem Greenway
Enjoy a chance to stretch your legs, get some fresh air and get the blood flowing on local trails before the afternoon sessions.

- 2:15pm** **Breakout Session 3**
- 3A. The “Just Right” Trail User Counting and Surveying Program
 - 3B. Trees and Trails: Integrating Riparian Buffer Restoration into Trail Development
 - 3C. Connecting People and Places: Branding and Marketing Trail Networks to Maximize Outcomes

- 3:30pm** **Breakout Session 4**
- 4A. Walk/Bike LV: A New Regional Vision for Trails as Transportation
 - 4B. Closing Stubborn Gaps
 - 4C. Greening the Greenway

5:00pm **Social Event at National Museum of Industrial History, Dinner and Networking**

Evening Entertainment (on your own): Explore Southside & Historic Downtown Bethlehem, Artsquest Complex and the Sands Casino

Day 2: Tuesday, October 2

7:30am **Registration and Breakfast**

8:30am **Plenary Speaker**

- 9:15am** **Breakout Session 5**
- 5A. Tale of Two Trails: Gaining Public Support
 - 5B. Evaluating Property Rights and Compensatory Value Before the Utility Takes a Piece of Your Trail
 - 5C. Royersford Riverfront Park and Trail

- 10:30am** **Breakout Sessions 6**
- 6A. Partnership for Trail Progress
 - 6B. Railroad and PUC
 - 6C. The Challenges and Opportunities of Urban Waterfront Trails

11:30am **Pick up boxed lunches outside and load buses for Mobile Workshops**

12:00pm **Mobile Workshops**
Workshop 1: Lehigh Valley Trail Gaps

(bus transport to walking and biking tours)

Lehigh Valley Greenways partners have been successful in using a regional approach to create an interconnected trail network in which the D&L Trail serves as the spine. The bus will take folks to the D&L trailhead in North Catasauqua for a 1-mile round trip walk led by D&L staff to the new pedestrian bridge over Dry Run in Northampton. Then participants will ride the bus to Jordan Park in Whitehall and be provided bikes to ride 6 miles roundtrip on Jordan Creek Greenway led by Wildlands Conservancy staff who will highlight the recent trail gap closure and adjoining riparian buffer projects. Participants will learn about successful techniques to deal with common trail gap challenges, suggested partnerships to leverage funding and expertise, and ways to incorporate riparian buffer projects into trail projects.

**Workshop 2: Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge
(bus transport to walking tour)**

On the drive to Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, participants will enjoy a bus tour through scenic Cherry Valley that follows the alignment of the Stroud Bike2 Nature Trail, Bike Route V, and the emerging September 11th National Memorial Trail. Upon arrival at the Refuge, the group will eat lunch during a presentation by US Fish & Wildlife Service on restoration of a former golf course recently added to the Refuge followed by a 45 minute walking tour of the property. To conclude, there will be a presentation highlighting the Stroud Region Trail Gap Analysis and how the Stroud Greenway will connect into the emerging county wide trail system in Monroe County.

By 5:00pm Mobile Workshops return to ArtsQuest - end of Summit

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