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Host of Improvements Reshaping Hugh Moore Park

Hugh Moore Park in Easton has been called a diamond in the rough for years. Finally the gem is being polished.



With help from Trail Tenders volunteers and City of Easton employees, the park began a facelift last spring that park proponents hope will turn the 260-acre riverside strip into a history-based attraction.

With the National Canal Museum now on site and Pennsylvania's only mule-drawn canal boat ride next door, the park has a natural tourism draw. But years of neglect have allowed vegetation to overrun the park, providing a less-than-

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How It Works, by Elissa M. Garofalo

welcoming impression to first-time visitors.

The resurrection began in late winter when available workers from City of Easton's Highways and Parks departments began prepping the D&L Trail for resurfacing. By mid-Spring, 1.3 miles of macadam was laid that made a walk or ride through the park a whole lot smoother. Trees, brush, and poison ivy were removed around the toll collector's building at the south end of the park and additional trees were taken down near the Emrick Center. Bulldozers removed large stone and dirt piles.

Trail Tenders also got into the act, painting the store next to the Josiah White II dock and pruning trees around the meadow. The Tenders also planted flowers in the garden beds next to the park pavilion and pulled invasive plants.

In June, herbicide was applied to several acres of [Japanese knotweed](#) growing along the Lehigh River shoreline. Dave Hopkins, Easton's Director of Public Works, says more good things may be on the way.

"The City and Park are working together on other initiatives which include a \$650,000 grant application to PA DCNR for the implementation of significant amenity improvements that will make this already wonderful destination even better," Hopkins said.

(Easton considering management of Hugh Moore Park. [Click here](#) for related story.)

Greenways & Trails Summit Coming in September

Trail enthusiasts, get out a pen and circle September 19 and 20 on your calendar. Those are dates of the Eastern Pennsylvania Greenways & Trails Summit at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA.



Developed by the D&L Trail Alliance and a 14-county planning



As I travel the Corridor, partners and friends often comment, "How do you keep all your programs straight? The Delaware & Lehigh is involved in so many things." Well, it's true. The D&L is part of a wide variety of efforts but when you boil it all down, two elements are essential.

Number one is our mission and three words best communicate that charge: connect, revitalize, and preserve. The D&L works to CONNECT the trail, partners and heritage stories along the 165-mile route that brought anthracite coal and other natural resources to market during America's 19th-century Industrial Revolution. We endeavor to use our rich heritage as a tool to help REVITALIZE communities. This occurs through main street revitalization, marketing and economic development activities. Finally, we do our best to PRESERVE the landscape, sites and stories that make up this place of national significance. Examples include the Lehigh

committee, the summit includes two days of panels, breakout sessions, mobile workshops, and a keynote address on the 19th by Charlie Marshall, Chairman of the Board of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. Charlie will discuss the opportunities - and obstacles - of building trails on former rail lines. ([Click here to continue.](#))

D&L Trail Making Major Strides

Go to any county in the D&L Corridor and you'll find additions and improvements to the D&L Trail afoot. Not long after you receive this newsletter, work will begin on a major addition to the trail in Luzerne County. And the beat goes on in Carbon, Northampton, Lehigh and Bucks as well.



Here's the latest news from D&L Trail Manager, Scott Everett, who is having a busy summer keeping challenging procedures under control.

Luzerne County: The Luzerne County Trail Project consists of an 8.5 mile section of trail, the Black Diamond Trailhead, a 0.5 mile section of trail connecting the D&L and the Trailhead and a 1.2 mile section of trail from Johnson Street to the Mountaintop Trailhead. ([Click here to continue.](#))

D&L Trail Survey in Progress

When you're building a 165-mile long trail, it's hard to do anything small. So, it should come as no surprise that the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), Northeast Regional Office is doing its biggest "User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis" to date.

The RTC launched the six-month survey in June, aided by a \$10,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

Patricia Tomes, RTC Program Manager, said the survey will

Valley Conservation Landscape Initiative, historic preservation activities, Tales of the Towpath and Visually & Graphically Speaking.

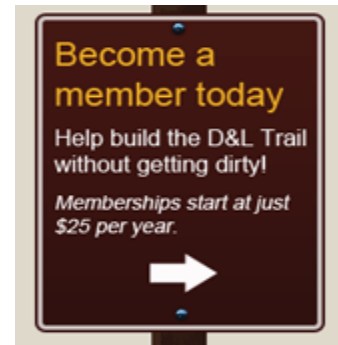
The other essential element can be summed up by a single word: PARTNERSHIP. We need collaborators to make things happen. The alliances that have developed over the past 24 years are critical; they include people, agencies, municipalities and organizations in the public and private sectors. Even with a talented staff, partners are essential. In 2012, the D&L is blessed with thousands of partners who freely collaborate with the D&L team and pursue our mission with us. We are always respectful of the expertise of our partners and the desires of the communities and typically defer to them on the timing and execution of our projects.

Allow me to present two brief case studies.

In 1995, the Corridor partnership created "Visually Speaking," an identification and interpretation system with graphic design and production standards for a family of interpretation panels, directional signage, publications and office products. The system created the D&L's graphic identity and guides projects that help visitors and residents navigate the region and understand its stories and assets. Partners interested in using the identity system receive assistance in editing, fact-checking, design reviewing, and ordering. ([Click](#)

allow the RTC “to develop a complete picture of D&L Trail user characteristics including who uses the trail, where they come from, what they do on the trail, how long they are on the trail, which sections are most popular, how much they spend, what they purchase and their perception of trail maintenance.” [\(Click here to continue.\)](#)

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