

# 2017 NEW PROGRAMS

DELAWARE & LEHIGH  
NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR



## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

The D&L is developing a new and uniquely original environmental education curriculum called **A Journey Through Time and Place: Humans and the Environment in the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor**.

### What does the curriculum teach?

The overriding theme examines how different cultures, cultural practices and technological innovations, impacted the land, air and water in the Corridor over time. The curriculum includes 15 lesson units spanning the course of 16,000 years, beginning with the arrival of the first humans in Pennsylvania and the establishment of Native American culture. Lessons progress to European settlement and population expansion; the 19th-century Industrial Revolution; 20th century industry; and finally an examination of the reclamation of impacted natural resources.



### Who will benefit?

The curriculum is designed for secondary level (high school) students in the Corridor region (Luzerne, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Bucks Counties) who are studying earth science or environmental education/ecology. It is directly tied to Pennsylvania Academic Standards and can be used as a complete and comprehensive nine-week curriculum or as individual stand-alone lessons to complement existing science courses.

### What impact will the curriculum have on students?

The goal is for students to examine past cultures and their impacts on the development of the D&L Corridor, and make educated decisions regarding their own relationship with the environment, and their own health and well-being, based on historical practices of these cultures, and the outcomes of those practices.

### Timeline

Implementation of pilot program:  
Spring 2018  
Full release: Winter 2018

### Funding

William Penn Foundation (\$35K)  
Hommer Foundation (\$25K)



### Why a new curriculum?

By and large, students in public and private schools are not learning the environmental impacts of human activity at the local or regional scale, in a historical context. This new curriculum addresses that academic need in an original, unique manner.

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