

2016-2019 FACT SHEET

DELAWARE & LEHIGH
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LEHIGH VALLEY TRAIL NETWORK

Our purpose is to organize trail advocates and partners and provide technical assistance and capital in order to close key gaps in the Lehigh Valley Trail Network along the D&L Trail.

Anticipated Results

By August 2019, a robust regional trail coalition in the Lehigh Valley is in place to lead coordinated efforts to plan and develop a multi-use trail network that connects to the Circuit and provides access to the Lehigh River and its tributaries, as evidenced by completion of at least six gaps in the D&L Trail and at least four gaps in trails that connect to it in the Lehigh Valley, successful implementation of a branding campaign, and increased state and local trail funding.



Partnership is Key

A project of this magnitude cannot happen alone and the D&L is contracting Wildlands Conservancy, a communications firm still to be chosen, and multiple contractors to engineer and construct trail gaps. This project will also rely on successful collaboration with multiple partners through the Lehigh Valley Trail Council to connect and promote the growing trail network in the region.

Funding

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TIMELINE

2017

- RFP issued to find Communication/Branding contractor
- Communication firm chosen for one-year branding process
- Anticipated completion of Nor-Bath to D&L Trail connection
- Lehigh Valley Trail Council meetings
- Reevaluate Norfolk Southern acquisition to connect D&L Trail, Ironton Rail Trail and future Waterfront Development
- Anticipated completion of LV Gap #5A – D&L Dry Run Bridge
- Anticipated pedestrian bridge replacement at D&L trailhead, Catasauqua
- Anticipated completion of improved D&L Trail in Northampton and N. Catasauqua (completing Northampton County portion of D&L Trail)
- With Lehigh County support, work to improve D&L Trail surface from southern border of North Catasauqua to southern border of Hanover Township

2018

- Host biennial Eastern PA Greenways & Trails Summit
- With PennDOT, work to close gaps at Catasauqua Creek and Bradford Street in Allentown

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