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D&L National Heritage Corridor to Announce National Partnership Designation

EASTON (May 24) – The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) is America’s first National Heritage Area to receive an important partnership designation from the Smithsonian Institution. The D&L will announce the designation on June 3, at 11:00 am at the National Canal Museum, located in Easton’s Hugh Moore Park, 2750 Hugh Moore Park Road, Easton, PA, 18042.

The announcement stems from the D&L and the Canal Museum’s recent merger. The D&L preserves the historic pathway that carried anthracite and iron from Wilkes-Barre to Philadelphia. Today, the Corridor and 165-mile D&L Trail are a vital connection to nature, recreation, our nation’s industrial heritage, and more than \$250 million in annual economic impact. The National Canal Museum is a regional leader in educational programming for children and adults.

The announcement on June 3 will coincide with National Trails Day on the D&L Trail and the National Canal Museum’s 2017 season opening. The Museum’s special exhibit, *The Hidden History of Island Park* will open to the public on the same day.

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that preserves historic pathway that carried coal and iron from Wilkes-Barre to Philadelphia. Today, the D&L Trail connects people to nature, culture, communities, recreation and our industrial heritage.

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