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D&L Trail Grows

If you've been contemplating the purchase of a new pair of walking shoes, perhaps this news will convince you it's time to open your wallet.



By the end of 2011, the D&L Trail will be 18 miles longer, with new sections in Lehigh, Carbon and Luzerne counties helping the long-distance trail inch closer to its goal of 165 miles.

Construction already has begun on a 6.5-mile stretch between Laury's Station and Slatington in Lehigh County, a key segment that will add to the 2.7 miles that opened between Laury's Station and Cementon in 2010. D&L Stewardship and Trail Manager, Scott Everett, says construction crews should have the trail ready for use by National Trails Day, June 4. The project includes a new trailhead at Cove Road in North Whitehall

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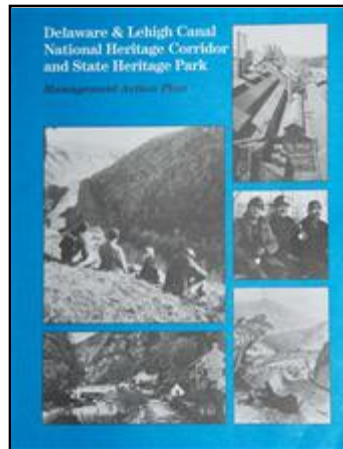
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Light at the End of the Tunnel, by Allen Sachse

Township. A second trailhead, the Slatington Trailhead on the south side of the borough's Main Street, should be constructed this spring as well. The D&L provided the design, survey and environmental permits for this project as well as construction management services. ([Click here to continue.](#))

D&L Eyes New Strategic Plan

Strategic planning is the process of defining an organization's direction, and making decisions on how to allocate resources in order to pursue this strategy - including financial and people. During the coming months, the D&L will be embarking on this very process to help determine and set our path into the future.



No organization can set a course for the future without taking a good look at its past. The D&L is fortunate to have a far-reaching and nimble Management Action Plan that has navigated staff and partners through the process of interpreting, building, conserving and exploring our enduring place in American history. This plan was published in 1992. Fourteen years later, we received a glowing "report card" when the National Park Service's Conservation Study Institute evaluated us. ([Click here to continue.](#))

D&L Trail Patrol Organizing

The D&L is developing a volunteer Trail Patrol to provide a number of services on the D&L Trail in Bucks, Northampton, Lehigh, Carbon and Luzerne counties.

Silas Chamberlin, manager of the Trail Patrol, announced that the first meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Emrick Technology Center in Hugh Moore Park, Easton. All volunteers interested in the patrol are encouraged to attend. The meeting will include an overview of patrol duties



The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) was founded in 1919 to help oversee the development of America's National Park Service (NPS), established three years earlier. In 2008, with the 2016 centennial of the NPS becoming larger on the horizon, the NPCA convened an independent commission whose responsibility was to develop a 21st-century vision for the Park Service.

One year later, the Second Century Commission released its report, Advancing the National Park Idea. The commission, chaired by former U.S. Senators Howard Baker, Jr. of Tennessee and J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, made a number of recommendations to the United States Congress, one of which clearly reflected the value the commission placed on the country's National Heritage Areas (NHA).

and optional workshops on basic bike repair, interpretation, first aid, and monitoring trail conditions. A lunch will follow the meeting.

“We have had an overwhelming response to our first call for volunteers, and I am looking forward to our first meeting,” says Chamberlin. “Everyone is excited to get out on the trail and start patrolling.” ([Click here to continue.](#))

Tales of the Towpath Goes Cyber

Lights! Camera! Action!

And so it went at the Walnutport Locktender’s House on the chilly morning of January 22 when Touchstone Theatre Ensemble Member, Bill George, did a remarkable job portraying 85-year-old Finn Gorman, the fictional protagonist of Tales of the Towpath, the D&L’s children’s book that serves as the foundation of a fourth-grade curriculum now being taught in 60 elementary schools in the corridor’s five counties.



“Hello,” the bespectacled George said into the lens of a digital video camera. “My name is Finn Gorman. I’ll be your guide on a journey back in time, to an age when America was a young country that was growing and changing with each passing day.” ([Click here to continue.](#))

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The commission’s forthright recommendation to Congress was that it “authorize, clearly define, and base fund a system of National Heritage Areas.” And, to “encourage, where possible, the establishment of heritage areas in association with national parks.” ([Click here to continue.](#))

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