What Is The Anthracite Heritage Alliance?

The Anthracite Heritage Alliance (AHA) is a partnership created in 2008 by the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor across Northeast Pennsylvania’s Anthracite Coal Region. The AHA partnership includes the U.S. Office of Surface Mining, Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team, Americorps VISTA, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, Schuylkill River National Heritage Area, local and regional watershed and conservation organizations, historical and cultural organizations, DCNR, DEP, BAMR, and PPL. The AHA Initiative is coordinated by a D&L staff member working with our OSM-VISTA Volunteer.

The goals of the AHA are to establish a network of ACCWT OSM-VISTA volunteers throughout the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region to work with the various AHA partners to educate the public about acid mine drainage, mine reclamation and other environmental issues; build local capacity to clean up and address these issues; support efforts to revitalize our communities; work together to preserve and interpret the rich history and culture of Pennsylvania’s anthracite coal region; and to further develop trail systems throughout the region.

During the past year-and-a-half, a team of eight OSM-VISTA volunteers have been recruited and placed throughout the anthracite region. They are currently working with AHA partners to address these issues.
Anthracite Heritage Alliance Partners

3 National Heritage Areas
- Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&LNHC)
- Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA)
- Schuylkill River National Heritage Area (SRHA)

Federal and State Partners
- Americorps VISTA
- Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team (ACCWT)
- DCNR – Nescopeck Environmental Center
- DEP - Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR)
- Federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM)
- PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
- PA Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- United States Department of the Interior

Watershed and Conservation groups
- Carbon County Conservation District (CCCD)
- Eastern Middle Anthracite Regional Recovery (EMARR)
- Eastern PA Coalition For Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR)
- Friends of the Nescopeck (FON)
- Greater Hazleton Civic Partnership (GHCP)
- Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails (GHRT)
- Lackawanna County Conservation District (LCCD)
- Lackawanna River Corridor Association (LRCA)
- Luzerne Conservation District (LCD)
- Nescopeck-Jeddo Partnership (NJP)
- Northumberland County Conservation District (NCCD)
- Schuylkill County Conservation District (SCCD)
- Schuylkill Headwaters Association (SHWA)
- Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance (SCRA)
- Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP)
- Wildlands Conservancy (WC)

Corporations
- Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (PPL)

Anthracite Heritage Partners
- Kings College, Wilkes-Barre
- Luzerne County Historical Society
- Eckley Miners Village
- Anthracite Heritage Museum of Scranton