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## From the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor



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**Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Announces Call for Applications for  
2016 Lehigh Valley Greenways Mini-Grant Program**

**EASTON (December 3)** – Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2016 Lehigh Valley Greenways Mini-Grant Program open December 4, 2015 to February 4, 2016 at 4:00pm. The Lehigh Valley Greenways mini-grants are intended to inspire collaborative approaches to implement ready-to-go projects that protect and promote the natural resources of the Lehigh Valley and advance the goals of Lehigh Valley Greenways: land conservation & restoration, outdoor recreation & trail connections, community revitalization, and local education & outreach.

Priorities for the 2016 mini-grant round are:

- Promote the region's natural areas and land/water trails through programming and informational signage in order to increase appreciation of natural and cultural resources and improve public health
- Advance land conservation of the Lehigh Valley's critical landscapes
- Implement ecological restoration and stream habitat improvements
- Host educational events, trainings and workshops to advance the goals of Lehigh Valley Greenways
- (Municipalities) Adopt model ordinances and/or an official map to protect natural resources and improve bicycle/pedestrian connections

Eligible applicants include municipalities, municipal agencies, county conservation districts, educational institutions (colleges, universities, school districts), non-profit organizations with tax-exempt 501c3 status and registered with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations, and D&L Trail Alliance members. Projects must be located within Lehigh or Northampton County or within one mile of the D&L Trail in Bucks County. Please note that projects along the D&L Trail

in Carbon and Luzerne Counties should apply to Pocono Forest and Waters Conservation Landscape for mini-grant funding.

For the current application cycle, \$77,000 will be awarded in April 2016 for single-year projects to start and end between May 1, 2016 and July 31, 2017. Grant requests should be a minimum of \$1,000 and maximum of \$10,000 with total project costs at least double the grant request. Mini-grants must be matched with cash and/or eligible in-kind contributions at a minimum ratio of 1:1.

Documents for a successful grant application are on the D&L Website under Documents/Other Publications or at these links: [Mini-Grant Guidelines and Instructions](#) and [Mini-Grant Application](#).

The grant awards are part of Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape program, administered by D&L and funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Environmental Stewardship Fund. Lehigh Valley Greenways mini-grant funds may not be used as match for other DCNR funded grant projects.

Lehigh Valley Greenways is one of seven Conservation Landscapes supported by Pennsylvania DCNR and includes more than 20 organizations and municipal partners in Lehigh and Northampton Counties dedicated to the conservation of and connection to our natural resources.

For more information on Lehigh Valley Greenways and the mini-grant program, please contact Claire Wildermuth Sadler at 610-923-3548 ext 226.

*The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that preserves historic pathways 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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