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Elissa's leadership at the Delaware & Lehigh brought about a merger with the National Canal Museum. During her tenure with the D&L, 132 miles of the 165-mile D&L Trail have been completed; the "Get Your Tail on the Trail" wellness initiative was launched in partnership with St. Luke's University

Health Network; the "Tales of the Towpath" educational curriculum has been expanded to more than 70 elementary schools; 4000 students have participated in related field trips; and the Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape program has become a model conservation landscape program in the Commonwealth.

Garofalo developed two regional revitalization programs and directed the update of the Corridor's Management Action Plan. She is a steering committee member of Philadelphia's Regional Bicycle Network - "The Circuit", a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas and is a ToP™ Facilitator.

Before coming to the D&L, Elissa was a small business owner and one of America's first Main Street Managers. She pioneered efforts that led to Jim Thorpe's main street (Broadway) being named one of Great Places of America by the American Planning Association in 2013. She holds a B.S. in Urban & Regional Planning from the Pennsylvania State University and is the proud mother of Maggie and Jay Marsden.



Claire Sadler

Deputy Director

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Claire (Wildermuth) Sadler joined the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor as Conservation Coordinator in 2014 and became Director of Trails & Conservation in 2016. Claire is responsible for a variety of duties, primarily serving as lead of the Lehigh Valley Greenways, one of Pennsylvania's seven Conservation Landscapes. Lehigh Valley Greenways is a state sponsored, regional conservation partnership that brings together public and private stakeholders in an organized effort to link communities with greenways, trails, and outdoor resources, to strengthen local economies and improve public health, green infrastructure and natural resources.

Claire also manages the Lehigh Valley Greenways mini grant program, Get Your Tail on the Trail health initiative in partnership with St. Luke's Health Network, and the Lehigh Valley Regional Trail Council. She graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH with a degree in Environmental Studies. Prior to accepting this position, she was a Forestry and Land Management Analyst with Woodland Management Services, Tafton, PA and Director of Education at Fernbrook Farms Education Center, Bordentown, NJ. Claire lives in Bethlehem Township with her husband, Tom, and their son, Lincoln. They enjoy finding new places for enjoying nature in the region and can often be seen enjoying the D&L Trail with their dog, Ripley.



Brian Greene

Trails & Conservation Director

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Brian is a new Lehigh Valley resident who enjoys the local trails and rivers. So his job as Trail Programs Manager is a great fit for his interests and background. He joined the D&L Staff in January 2017 and oversees the Trail Tenders and Trail Patrol volunteer programs along with the Trail Town program. As you can see from the ubiquitous use of trail, his position focuses on getting the general public and local municipalities to celebrate and steward the amazing D&L trail that forms the backbone of the corridor. Previously Brian worked with Wildlands Conservancy as their Bike and Boat Coordinator guiding guests on the D&L Trail and Lehigh River. He moved

to PA from Utah where he worked at Utah State University as the program coordinator for Utah Water Watch, a volunteer water quality program that monitored lakes and streams. His educational background is in environmental monitoring with a B.S. in Biology from Wofford College and a M.S. in Natural Resources from Cornell University. He has conducted

research on amphibians, invasive plants and water across the United States and abroad. When he is not on the D&L Trail he prefers to be on another one running, biking, or paddling. Other quality time is spent with his wife, daughter, son, and dog.



Daphne Mayer

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In her role as Museum & Education Director, Daphne is responsible for overseeing the operations of the National Canal Museum and the Josiah White II mule-drawn canal boat as well as the D&L's educational programming. She has an excellent understanding of the inner workings of the museum, having

previously held the positions of Immersion Days Educator, Canal Boat Crew Member, and Visitor Services Manager. A native of Allentown, Daphne received a MA in Cultural Heritage Management from the University of York in the UK. She has worked for a variety of museums and heritage sites throughout her career including the Science Museum Group, the National Trust in the UK, Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, and The Olana Partnership. When not hanging around the National Canal Museum, she can often be found soaking up history at other museums or searching for geocaches in the woods.



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Kelly Federico joined the D&L in March 2018 as the Manager of Gifts and Development. In her work at the D&L, she is responsible for all fundraising functions, including memberships, donations, corporate partnerships and special events. Kelly is passionate about philanthropy and advocates for donor-centrism. She holds a B.A. in Public Relations from the Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA. Prior to joining the D&L, Kelly was part of the Donor Relations team, and previously, the Digital Communications team, in Lehigh University's Department of Development and Alumni

Relations. She also spent time as a reporter and online producer for the Entertainment section of the Morning Call newspaper. Locally, she sits on the marketing committee of the Lehigh Valley chapter of NAMI and periodically performs with community theater groups. Kelly grew up in Bethlehem Township and currently resides in Catasauqua with her two cats, Elvira and Chomsky. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the area with friends, cooking, reading, and writing.



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H. Scott Everett, D&L Facilities Manager, joined the D&L staff in 2006 as the D&L Trail & Stewardship Manager. In his current role, Scott is responsible for the maintenance of the Josiah White II, Emrick Technology Center, Visitor's Center and the archives

building in Easton.

Scott is a longtime volunteer on the Ironton Rail Trail and was one of the founders of SUN*LV (Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley), a community gardening program. In his spare time, Scott enjoys woodcarving, playing guitar and piano, kayaking and biking. Scott and his wife Wendy have a son Corey, a student at Duquesne University and Erin, a student at the University of Pittsburgh. They also have two Springer Spaniels, Tucker and Lacey. Scott holds a B.S. in Organizational Leadership and an A.A.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology from The Pennsylvania State University.



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In his role as Finance & Personnel Manager, Penman has overall responsibility for financial functions and overseeing human resource activities of the D&L National Heritage Corridor, Inc. This includes payroll, monthly financial reporting, annual budget preparation, grant monitoring and administration, audit oversight, and human resource management. Penman will work collaboratively with other staff professionals in communications, grants, trails management, and educational programming and administration.

Penman previously served as accounting manager at Schutt Reconditioning in Easton and, prior to that, as accounting manager at Sanbor Corporation in Allentown. While at Schutt, he oversaw an accounting operation of a sports equipment company that reconditions more than 300K in football, lacrosse, and baseball helmets each year. While at Sanbor, he oversaw the accounting operation for a sales, design, and marketing operation of OEM cable assembly

devices as engineered locally and manufactured in China. Penman holds a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

In addition to spending time with his wife and 3 children, he enjoys running, biking, home gardening and his two dogs.



Lauren Golden

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Lauren joined the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor staff in December 2015. As the Trail & Stewardship Manager, she plans and oversees D&L Trail construction projects from start to finish and advises on maintenance issues and historic preservation matters as needed. She manages the Trail Alliance Ownership Council, which coordinates all the various owners of the D&L trail. Lauren graduated in 2012 with a M.S. in Historic Preservation from Clemson University/College of Charleston. She also holds a B.A. in Art History and a B.A. in Studio Art (Drawing) from Sonoma State University. In addition to her role on the D&L staff, she is an Architectural Historian with the Golden Preservation Company, LLC in Allentown, PA, where she also sits on the Board of Directors for the Allentown Preservation League, a non-profit dedicated to preserving historic buildings. When Lauren isn't working on the trail or with old buildings, she can be found in a park somewhere with her dogs or in her wood shop upcycling furniture and antiques.



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In her role as Community Engagement Manager at the National Heritage Corridor, Miranda manages communications, media relations, Google AdWords, and social media. Additionally, she oversees volunteer engagement for the nonprofit, including the D&L Ambassador program. Miranda comes to the D&L with experience working in PR/marketing. She's proud to say she volunteers locally and abroad with L.E.G.I.T, where she helps lead communications. Locally, Miranda served as a public relations Intern at [Lehigh Mining and Navigation](#), an editorial intern at Lehigh Valley Style, and a marketing assistant at Cedar Crest College. Miranda holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English

literature and media studies from Cedar Crest College. In her spare time, Miranda is passionate about reading and writing fiction and loves to run, cook, and dance.



Martha Capwell Fox

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A native of Catasauqua, PA, Martha has served the D&L and National Canal Museum in various capacities since 1990. She is passionate about preserving and presenting our local history, because of its major national significance. She has been a professional writer and editor and has written nine books on historical topics ranging from swimming, auto-racing, Catasauqua, Whitehall, Coplay, the Lehigh Valley cement industry, the Vatican, and the D&L's new book on the Industrial History of the Corridor. Martha has been managing the archives here at the D&L and National Canal Museum since 2012; she helps to create and maintain the museum exhibits, is a docent in the locktender's house, and takes an occasional turn aboard the boat. She loves going out into the communities along the Corridor to meet people and tell our stories with talks, photographs, and films.



Patrick Hunt

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Patrick Hunt joined the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor in 2018. In his role as Trail Coordinator, his primary duties include the management of the Get Your Tail on the Trail program and assisting in the Lehigh Valley Greenways partnership. Additionally, Pat manages the Trail Tender program among other volunteer opportunities and assists on trail and conservation projects. Patrick moved to the Lehigh valley from the west coast with his wife, Erin and their dog, Aggie. He holds a B.S. in Wildlife Science from Utah State University and a MBA from Northwest Christian University. In his free time, Patrick enjoys running, fly-fishing, and most other outdoor recreation.



Loretta Susen

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Loretta started at the D&L in 2009. She has over 30 years office administration experience, first in the corporate world, then several years running the office of a small Catholic school.

Working at the D&L, she says she has learned more about the area she lives in than she knew in the 20+ years she has lived in the Lehigh Valley. Loretta enjoys getting out on the trail, visiting corridor communities and looks forward to seeing more new places. Loretta assists with several projects and programs; but really enjoys various events, especially the Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Half Marathon, Haunted Hugh Moore Park and Annual Dinner. Loretta and her husband are empty nesters living in Forks Township. Husband John has been known to help out on marathon day and at other events. In her spare time, Loretta enjoys her grandchildren, gardening, cross stitch and baking.



Aurelia Rapp

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Aurelia Rapp is the Development Assistant for the D&L. She has more than 25 years of experience as an administrative assistant, having held positions at educational institutions and area businesses. Aurelia particularly enjoys interacting with volunteers, members, and co-workers as well as her time at home with her family in her favorite

place, the kitchen.

She is thankful that her experience at the D&L has given her an appreciation of how non-profits seek to improve the quality of life.



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Visitor Service Coordinator

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Pam joined the D&L in 2014 as a volunteer with our mules Hank and George. As a former horse owner and 4-H Leader she was able to utilize her love for and knowledge of equines in a new setting. Learning the specifics of mules added to that knowledge base. She went on to become an Immersion Days educator and then Boat Crew Member, followed by Locktender house docent and Welcome Center staff. In January, 2019 Pam was offered the position of Visitor Service Coordinator. Currently in this

position she oversees the seasonal staff for boat, welcome center and all volunteer museum and locktender house docents. She also promotes group visitation to the boat and museum and plans programming for these visits.

After attending Montclair State College Pam began a career working for Rolling Hills Girl Scout Council in New Jersey as a field manager, then Membership Services Manager and finally as Camping Administrator. She was lucky enough to be able to become a full time mom of four children and now is the happy grandmother for three beautiful grandchildren. She has always been and will continue to be an active member of her community. Pam is once again a Girl Scout Troop Leader and is also an elected School Board Member of the Lopatcong Township School District since January 2016. She enjoys spending "free time" with her husband, dog and two cats, hiking and camping as well as baking when she can for family and friends.

