

Dear friend of the Delaware & Lehigh NHC,

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) advocates on behalf of heritage resources in Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Luzerne and Northampton counties. Our shared heritage goes beyond local boundaries to build regional collaborations that strengthen the impact and sustainability of each resource. Funds to continue projects, programs, and operations are a vital part of our existence. The support of our friends, businesses and partners helps us plan and build for tomorrow.

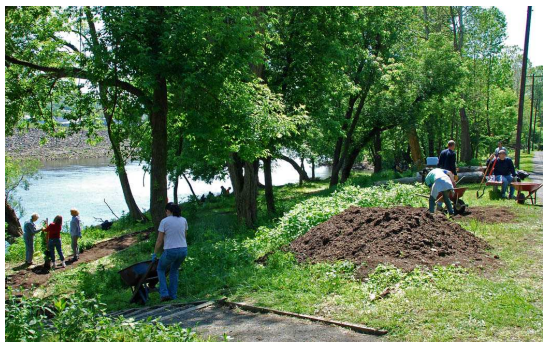
Last year, your support helped the D&L make a huge difference throughout the region. We had an exciting year filled with ribbon cuttings and trail dedications that opened new sections of the D&L Trail. We expanded our conservation and education programs and coordinated new marketing programs that brought additional tourists to the historic canal towns in Bucks County. Here are just some of the year's highlights:

- The completion of a new trailhead and improved trail at Weissport in Carbon County
- The completion of the 'Asher Boyer Eagle' section of the D&L Trail between Cementon and Laury's Station in Lehigh County
- The completion of a strategic link of the D&L Trail between Jim Thorpe and Lehigh Gorge State Park, via the Nesquehoning Trestle
- The re-dedication of the Delaware Canal and Towpath following severe flooding from 2004-2006
- The investment of hundreds of hours of volunteer time by the D&L Trail Tenders, corporations, Eagle Scouts and Boy Scout troops, in the continued maintenance of the D&L Trail
- The establishment by D&L Trail Tenders of a two-acre native plant preserve along the D&L Trail at Sand Island in Bethlehem
- The expansion of the "*Tales of the Towpath*" curriculum to 57 public, private, parochial and charter schools in the D&L's five counties.



Caring for the unique aspects of your community brings a special feeling of pride and satisfaction. The programs and projects we highlighted are made possible through dedication and support from concerned citizens such as yourself.

Your generosity will help us carry on this necessary work if our legacy is to continue.



As we embark on a major partner-driven strategic planning process in 2011, additional opportunities for residents and businesses to partner with the D&L will unfold. D&L Trail improvements are scheduled to be completed in Carbon, Lehigh and Luzerne Counties offering additional recreation and health opportunities. Our education efforts in Corridor elementary schools will expand even more, providing your children with an opportunity to understand their heritage at a young age and become a part of its preservation in the future.

Please honor these irreplaceable programs and resources made possible by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. I ask that you take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments and ensure the D&L's future by returning your most generous donation today. We have much more planned to enhance the quality of life for you and your community.

We wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season.

Kind regards,

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