

## Timeline of LVG Advancement and Accomplishments:

### **2005-**

- Two Rivers Area Greenway Plan adopted - early implementation projects presented to DCNR Secretary DiBerardinis
- Two Rivers Area Birding and Natural History Trail Guide developed
- John Joseph Henry House stabilization started
- City of Easton Urban Forestry Initiative started – 1<sup>st</sup> time in City
- Governor Rendell awarded \$9 million to the City of Easton to implement the Bushkill Creek Corridor Enhancement Project
- D&L Resource Conservation Specialist hired to locally coordinate LVGI

### **2006**

- Implementation focused in Two Rivers Area
- Established priority areas for protection to expand into other areas – sub-landscapes identified with assistance from LVPC
- LVG logo developed by DCNR Office of Communications
- 1<sup>st</sup> fact sheet developed and distributed
- PPL Trail acquisition advanced – met with PPL
- D&L Notice of Intent – block grant administration structure established
- Martins Jacoby Watershed and Jordan Creek Watershed early implementation projects grant opportunities advanced

### **2007**

- Successful engagement of both counties – working in 5 sub-landscapes
- Regional sub-landscape leads identified
- DCNR PA Map imagery conducted over Lehigh & Northampton counties
- Urban Recreation Institute held in Allentown; greenway tour of 3 cities
- Secretary DiBerardinis met with Ecology Team to address public access in land conservation – DCNR responded with clearer guidance on public access in grant applications
- LVPC Lehigh Valley Greenways Plan complete and adopted
- Designated a DCNR Conservation Landscape Initiative

### **2008**

- Better Models for Development Conservation Training held in Allentown & DeSales University – 2-day public presentation and municipal training
- City of Bethlehem Urban Forestry Initiative started – hired Forester – rejuvenated program
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sustainable Community Parks Conference held at DeSales University
- PPL Corporation donated 15.9 acres to Bushkill Township for the PPL Trail
- City of Bethlehem acquired 45.9 acres of trail right-of-way from Norfolk Southern to establish the South Bethlehem Greenway
- Kickoff of Lehigh Valley Tree Vitalize – partnership with Lehigh County & Northampton County DCED – additional leverage of funding