



Vision of the Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape:
Lehigh Valley communities are linked to greenways, trails, and outdoor experiences resulting in stronger local economies and improved public health, green infrastructure and natural resources

Goals:

1: Land Conservation & Restoration - Conserve critical landscapes, restore degraded habitats including stream corridors, and promote best management practices

2: Outdoor Recreation & Trail Connections - Connect people to greenway and trail opportunities to promote healthy living, recreation, and the region's green assets

3: Community Revitalization – Support community revitalization through green infrastructure that enhances the quality of life

4: Local Education & Outreach – Promote understanding of our natural environment and its benefits to our communities

2023 Lehigh Valley Greenways Action Plan

Organizational Capacity Building: Engage stakeholders and position partnership to actively engage in 2024 Strategic Plan

- Assemble EIT Open Space Support Team to assist interested municipalities
- Update and upgrade LVG Website: improve digital tools and resources, include educational and corporate resources, update events calendar and story map
- Complete 1:1 meetings with LVG partners as preparation for upcoming Strategic Plan
- Establish Scope of Work and RFP review team for 2024 Strategic Plan
- Re-engage Bureau of Forestry
- Supply park staff with workshops on maintenance techniques

Land Protection and Green Infrastructure: Preserve 1650 acres of Open Space and Farmland, convert 30 acres of turf grass with native plantings, and restore 1 mile of stream

- Preserve 1550 acres of farmland
- Preserve 100 acres of open space
- Engage two corporate landowners in lawn conversions/green campus conversion
- Promote municipal adoption of official maps through mini grant funding
- Engage two D&L Trail landowners in bioswale development along the D&L Trail
- Complete 9 riparian buffer plantings

Trails and Recreation: Open 4 miles of trail and improve ADA access of THE LINK Trail Network

- D&L Trail - secure funding and conduct a planning study to identify improvements for pedestrian facilities on one bridge and two connections to existing facilities in City of Allentown (Hamilton St, Tilghman St link, Albert St improvements)
- Lead 2 branded LINK bike rides through Coalition for Appropriate Transportation (CAT)
- Complete two additional trail accessibility surveys through Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living and incorporate one training and presentation of findings
- Complete construction of Two Rivers Trail from Jacobsburg to Stockertown (Bushkill connection – 2023)
- Reconvene LINK meetings beginning March 2023
- Assist Community Bike Works through partnership with 2024 National Youth Bike Summit

Education and Engagement: Lead 5 collaborative events for target audiences, including municipalities, students, and educators

- Host Municipal Leaders breakfast 2023
- Plan for LVG 20-year celebrations (success stories, partner highlights, tours, social, outreach)
- Host NAI Certified Interpretive Host Training through Education Sub-committee
- Host Education Providers Open House at Wildlands Conservancy
- Encourage multi-site field experience with partners for two schools
- Support 2023 Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference
- Lead Landmarks and Waterways Exhibit at Nurture Nature Center to providing outreach and education to community