Flooding & Pennsylvania’s River Towns

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Picture of the Once Famous
PITTSBURGH AND CINCINNATI PACKET,

ALLEGHENY,

CAPTAIN. CHARLES W. BATCHelor.

GEORGE C. MCLEAN, CLERK.
Shickshinny fishing weir
1852
BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE
CONEMAUGH VALLEY.
FROM NINEVEH TO THE LAKE

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

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ALEX. Y. LEE,
ARCHITECT AND CIVIL ENGINEER, PITTSBURGH, PA.
Plymouth (Luzerne County), 1902
Main St. Near Vesper.
Lock Haven, Pa. Mar. 18, 1936
Photo by, John Davies.
Receding waters:

Business, home owners hope to salvage items

Communities busy with cleanup

75,000 forced to evacuate as Susquehanna threatens Valley

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Capturing the Opportunities in the Monongahela River Valley

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Executive Summary/Action Plan

Background

In 2011, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council launched the River Town Program in five communities bordering the Monongahela River. These communities represented three counties and included Point Marion in Fayette County, Rices Landing and Greensboro (Greene County) and Fredericksburg and California (Washington County). In 2012, Brownsville, (Fayette County) and in 2013, Canonsburg (Washington County) joined the program and in 2014, Chipping (Washington County).

An economic and community development effort, the River Town Program engages civic and municipal leadership in a visitor and business attraction strategy based on the growing outdoor recreational market. Connecting to the navigable and recreational Monongahela River in a visitor friendly manner, the participating communities work together to offer visitors improved access and experiences to multiple opportunities to explore the river for outdoor recreational pursuits.

SCHUYLKILL RIVER TOWNS

The Schuylkill River Town Program (SRTP) is supported by the help of volunteers, sponsors, businesses and advocates. Please look at the opportunities below and let us know what’s right for you.

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River Towns

The Susquehanna is a river of astounding variety. Wild and remote canyons contrast to pastoral landscapes of agricultural productivity. But all along the way there are river towns, about as many as there are miles.

These towns exist because at some point in history the river was necessary for survival or economic advantage and often because of their strategic location with respect to transportation. Today, as in the past, river towns are the most visible means of connection to the river that shapes our common heritage.

The Susquehanna Greenway provides a path to explore throughout its diverse and varied landscape and agricultural community; to experience history, and to enjoy past and present cultures and heritage in its diverse and vibrant communities.

From historic buildings and heritage festivals to floodplain parks and river town events, you’ll be amazed at how much there is to discover in the Susquehanna river towns.

River Towns of the Upper North Branch

This stretch of the river is characterized by rolling mountains, forests, and grasslands, set against seemingly endless mountains. Much of the area is in with the Endless Mountains Heritage Region and is home to abundant outdoor recreation. Classic Americana still blossoms in the
West Pittston residents put heads together to revitalize borough

"It's for everyone, not just if you were flooded."

“A levee. Please!

“We can’t just tear everything down.”

“Starbucks!”
Enjoy this View???

IT'S IN DANGER!
The River Rats need you!!

To be 1,000 STRONG

7:00pm 4/4/16

Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
2655 Foxianna RD.
Middletown, PA
“My parents grew up down there, both of them. Both my grandparents have places on the island. It's something that really means a lot to me and to have somebody just try to take that away is just not right.”
THANK YOU!

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