Pennsylvania’s Heritage Area Program
1989-2019 – 30 years!

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Heritage Area Overview

Program Purpose
The PHAP is established to identify, protect, develop, enhance and promote the historic, recreational, natural, cultural and scenic resources of this Commonwealth and to stimulate community revitalization and economic development through regional heritage conservation, recreation, tourism and partnerships.

Industrial Heritage Themes
Iron and Steel
Coal
Textiles
Machine and foundry
Transportation
Lumber
Oil
Agriculture

Five Primary Program Goals
Economic Development
Partnerships
Cultural Conservation
Recreation and Open Space
Education and Interpretation

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2016 – General Assembly Established the Program within DCNR

PA’s 12 Heritage Areas are managed separately and are as unique as the history, resources and communities they work to preserve, enhance and grow.

For DCNR top implementing partners

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”
Solid Foundation Built on Sound Planning

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PA consistently ranks near the top of states attracting cultural heritage visitors. In 2014, tourists spent an estimated 7.5M days and nights in PA’s Heritage Areas, purchasing more than $2B worth of goods and services.

Heritage Communities are Special Places

Twenty communities across the Heritage Corridor have been designated as PA Route 6 Heritage Communities. These communities represent the jewels along Route 6. They are committed to improving their local heritage tourism efforts. Here you will find important historical and architectural sites, enjoy the outdoors actively and passively, experience the joys of road touring, and have plenty of opportunities to take home locally made goods.
Powerful Partnerships

St Luke's Hospital

Forest Products

400+ artisans
Cultural Conservation

Showcasing the artistry and innovation of southwestern Pennsylvania’s industrial and cultural heritage by fostering dynamic initiatives and transformative experiences.

The best of the past which shouldn’t be forgotten
The best of the present which shouldn’t be ignored
The best of the future which shouldn’t be undiscovered
Recreation and Open Space

“Susquehanna River is a commerce resource, tourism attraction and economic driver. River is spectacular and we take it for granted”
Education and Interpretation

Educational Mini-Grants

Tell Your Story 2019

"Do"6

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Education Venues

Rivers of Steel offers unique experiences to connect SW PA’s rich heritage via tours, workshops, exhibitions, festivals.

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Mini-Grants Available

National Road Heritage Corridor announces Mini-Grant Funding Opportunity

Press Release National Road Heritage Corridor announces Mini-Grant Funding Opportunity For immediate release: Thursday, 28 January, 2016, Uniontown, PA – The National Road Heritage Corridor (NRHC) […]

Mini-grants available to help with the cost to print tourism destination rack cards/brochures. Applicants may request a grant of up to $500, or half the cost of printing. Successful applicants must "match" the amount of the grant received.

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Strong Connection to the Arts

PA Route 6 Artisan Trail
you'll find makers of many forms and flavors -
this is not the land of big-box chain stores!

RIVERS OF STEEL ARTS
helping individuals connect with their communities in meaningful ways.
Delivers on Promises

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Why bring a diversity of voices to the table?

- Not just diversity of people—it’s also about diversity of thought.
- Innovation is found in differences.
- Can’t accomplish everything in silos.
- Bring together organizations with different missions/visions to add seasoning to what are otherwise bland, homogenous ideas.
Heritage Areas Keep it REAL

Relevant

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Action oriented

Engaging

Environmental Stewardship

Lasting