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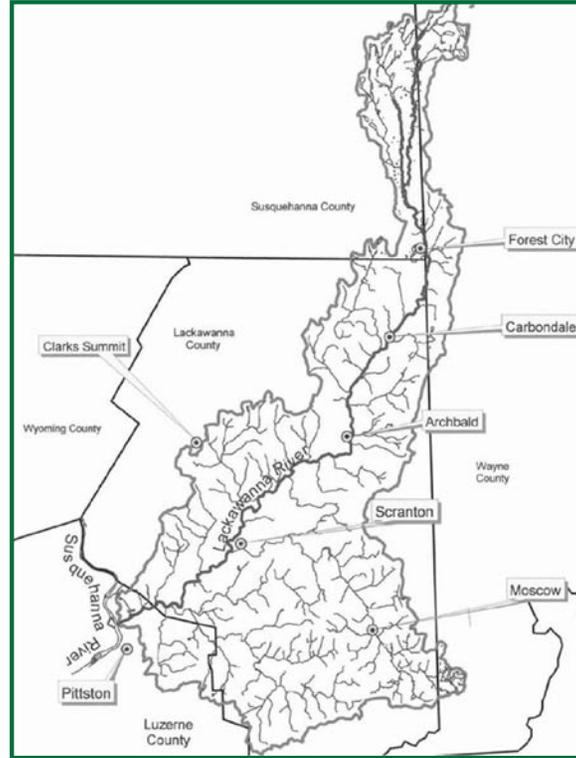
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“The Lackawanna... takes its name from the Indian tongue and signifies the meeting of two streams...once abounding in fish of every variety, particularly known for its brook trout...gliding silently by over the gravelly bars dancing in the sunshine...a river of the purest spring water...along its banks, thick with hemlock, oak and pine were deer and moose...among groves of rhododendron and laurel.”

From *A History of the Lackawanna Valley*,
 Dr. Horrace Hollister, 1873.

LRCA

The Lackawanna River Corridor Association, (LRCA), needs you to join with us as we work to conserve and protect the Lackawanna River and its watershed.

Founded in 1987, LRCA is a grass roots non-profit organization funded through membership, charitable gifts and grants.

The Mission of the LRCA is to involve the citizens of the Lackawanna River watershed with the conservation and stewardship of the river, its tributary streams and water resources. Our mission is achieved through four goals (developed in the Lackawanna River Citizen's Master Plan in 1990).

- Clean up the River and its environment. Deal with junkyards, toxic dumps, abandoned coalmine sites, acid mine drainage and sewer discharges.
- Develop a 40-mile Lackawanna River Trail along abandoned railroad grades (Rails-To-Trails) flood control levees, natural areas and existing parklands.
- Create a partnership among local, state and federal agencies, businesses and community groups to promote clean up, conservation and recreation projects.
- Develop partnerships with schools, universities and the general public to promote environmental education conservation studies and research to better understand our local environment.

We updated the Plan in 2003 as the *Lackawanna River Watershed Conservation Plan* and added a fifth goal:

- Conserve open space and natural areas in our watershed.

Working on the River

The River is better, cleaner and safer than it has been since the mid- 1800's, but much more work is needed. LRCA has attracted over \$30 million in federal and state funding for projects addressing combined sewer overflows (CSO's) and acid mine drainage (AMD). Hundreds of acres of culm dumps and strip mine pits are targeted for reclamation as parks and community development projects.

Exciting plans for a Riverfront are being developed for Downtown Scranton. Much like New Orleans, San Antonio, Texas and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - these plans bring great expectation for economic and quality of life improvements. A clean Lackawanna River is fundamental to success.

The Lackawanna Valley Conservancy

We created an affiliate, The Lackawanna Valley Conservancy or LVC, to help achieve our new goal of watershed land conservation. The LVC is working to acquire land along the River for the trail and across our watershed to protect our open spaces and water resources.

You can double your LRCA membership contribution and check the box on the response form to direct your additional contribution for your membership in the Lackawanna Valley Conservancy.

The River Needs You

LRCA is member-driven. Your ideas and energy are vital to our work.

We need to speak with one voice for our River as we promote smart economic growth for our future. Your voice can help us educate and involve people and communities touched by our River.

There is trash to remove. Trails and river access points to maintain. Your hands make this all possible.

Grants, corporate support and government funding comprise major sources of our funding. Your financial support also is vital.

Member Benefits

Membership in LRCA is growing. Having you on our member rolls lets government, business and civic leaders know that people really care. Your membership in LRCA helps our entire region.

Members receive *River Currents*, LRCA's quarterly newsletter.

Can you volunteer your time? LRCA conducts river and river trail cleanups. We partner with other area groups like Scranton Tomorrow, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority and a variety of civic organizations for projects like tree planting and environmental fairs. We're active in the schools too and even facilitate a science-based regional river water quality assessment program called River Watch.

LRCA volunteers enjoy the outdoors. We organize hikes throughout the vast expanses of wilderness still available here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Tours are usually accompanied by interpretation that is both scientifically and historically informed.

LRCA members enjoy discounts on various products made for and by The Association. These include hats, T-shirts, polar fleeces, LRCA River-centered publications and much more.

Member benefits include mixers to meet and network, RiverWatch participation, hands-on environmental events, member alert e-mails and more.

The real benefit of joining the LRCA is the knowledge that you have supported a cleaner, better and safer Lackawanna River and watershed.

Your name on LRCA member rolls makes much more possible.

So please,
Join LRCA Today.