

# SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

# 2019 BY THE NUMBERS









RIVER



**EDUCATIONAL** 



830 HOURS VOLUNTEERED by friends of the river





575 **STUDENTS** sworn in as

National Park Service Junior Rangers



629 **STUDENTS** participated in Canoemobile Field Trips



**NEW NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATED** showcasing the important role of Lancaster & York Counties in our national story and driving important federal resources to our area

# 2019 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS









#### NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION

In March 2019, Susquehanna National Heritage Area (SNHA) earned national designation from Congress. This prestigious designation broadens our relationship with the National Park Service and recognizes our place in United States history. About the designation our elected Representatives said:

Maybe more important than history and heritage, this is a celebration of the future. This is a tomorrow day for Columbia, for Lancaster County, and for York County. - Senator Bob Casey

We're so proud of this community and utilizing the wonderful resources that we have in this district. It's now up to our local community to really leverage this designation to drive additional economic development and to drive people to our area. -Congressman Lloyd Smucker

#### **RIVER DISCOVERY BOAT TOURS**

SNHA hosted 118 boat tours on the Lower Susquehanna River, giving over 1,000 people a unique on-water experience. Tours will continue in 2020 in partnership with Long Level Marina with funding from the National Park Service and PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources.

#### NEW YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

SUSQ CAMP week-long outdoor youth summer camp

SNHA Heritage Paddle affordable guided paddle tour of the river

Homeschool Workshop monthly science and nature classes

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

Mifflin House Preservation in partnership with Preservation PA

PA-624 Pedestrian Improvements advocate for safety changes for walking/biking

Susquehanna Riverlands Strategic Plan collaborative plan to sustainably grow river region

#### Susquehanna National Heritage Area appreciates the support of our generous private donors and major funding partners:







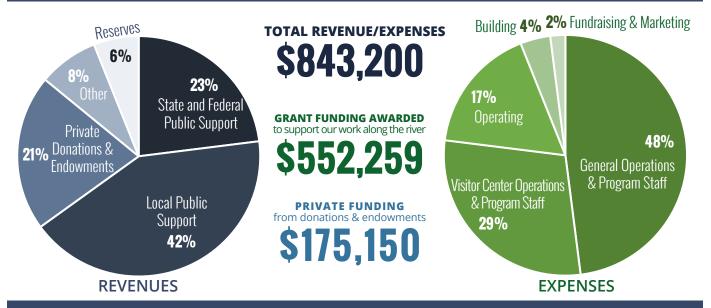






County of Lancaster County of York

## 2019 FINANCES



## 2019-2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

### PLACEMAKING

Enhance the quality & appeal of the river's special places and landscapes

Achieve National Heritage Area designation to enhance visibility for the region.

Connect people to the river's history and environment through interpretation, programs, and experiences.

Engage with communities, organizations, and individuals to promote and enrich the river's special places, towns, and landscapes. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT Increase the visibility & readiness of

Increase the visibility & readiness of the river as a visitor destination

Lead and advance initiatives that support tourism development in the Susquehanna Riverlands.

Develop and promote the Zimmerman Center for Heritage and Columbia Crossing River Trails Center as complementary visitor hubs for the river.

### VISIBILITY, VIABILITY, & CAPACITY

Secure the funding, staffing, & awareness to achieve our vision

Identify and secure support of major donors, increase mid-level donor engagement, and attract more corporate & EITC contributions.

Assess organizational structure, staffing, and Board engagement to ensure capacity to effectively advance strategic priorities.

Develop and implement strategies to increase awareness of our work & engage effectively with partners.

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