Wrightsville Borough is a historic town on the western shore of the Susquehanna River. In 1729, the first Europeans settled in what would become Wrightsville. The first ferry service between Columbia and York Counties was opened in 1730 by John Wright, a businessman and politician who a year earlier helped establish Lancaster County. The crossing was a throughfare for the many European settlers flooding into Pennsylvania’s frontier.

Wrightsville is a growing recreational hub and front door to communities along the Susquehanna River in York County. Situated on the river at the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge, also known as the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge, the town and surrounding area boast an extensive trail network, state and county parks, access to recreational opportunities in Lancaster County, and more.

These assets led the York County Economic Alliance to welcome Wrightsville as one of seven Trail Towns in 2021. Additionally, Congress designated York and Lancaster Counties as the 55th National Heritage Area, known as the Susquehanna National Heritage Area. The friendly staff at the SNHA’s Zimmerman Center for Heritage provide visitors with information and directions to local recreational and historical experiences.

Explore Wrightsville
Wrightsville Borough is a historic town on the western shore of the Susquehanna River. In 1729, the first Europeans settled in what would become Wrightsville. The first ferry service between Columbia and York Counties was opened in 1730 by John Wright, a businessman and politician who a year earlier helped establish Lancaster County. The crossing was a throughfare for the many European settlers flooding into Pennsylvania’s frontier.

Native Americans and early settlers alike valued this landscape as crossroads for land and water travel. One of the last known Susquehannock communities, dating to 1676, was on the hilltop that is now Native Lands County Park. Learn about Native American heritage at SNHA’s Zimmerman Center for Heritage, which is recognized by the National Park Service as a Visitor Contact Station for the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

Long Level is a long, flat area along the river, just south of Wrightsville Borough. It is a great spot for all kinds of watersports, including kayaking, sailing, and fishing.

Businesses in Trail Towns can become Trail-Friendly Businesses. These businesses offer premier customer service to trail visitors. You’ll find helpful amenities such as trail maps, public restrooms, and free wifi. They may have bicycle repair tools or an electronic charging station. Look for the Trail-Friendly Business symbol on the map to see which businesses are in the program.

Learn more about the program and network of communities by visiting www.YorkCountyTrailTowns.com
Susquehanna National Heritage Area Phone: 717-252-0229 www.SusqNHA.org

Susquehanna National Heritage Area advances a vision for Lancaster & York Counties as a place where people and communities cultivate their connections with each other, the landscape, and their history.

Wrightsville is a trail town
Wrightsville is a growing recreational hub and front door to communities along the Susquehanna River in York County. Situated on the river at the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge, also known as the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge, the town and surrounding area boast an extensive trail network, state and county parks, access to recreational opportunities in Lancaster County, and more.

These assets led the York County Economic Alliance to welcome Wrightsville as one of seven Trail Towns in 2021. Additionally, Congress designated York and Lancaster Counties as the 55th National Heritage Area, known as the Susquehanna National Heritage Area. The friendly staff at the SNHA’s Zimmerman Center for Heritage provide visitors with information and directions to local recreational and historical experiences.

The York County Economic Alliance operates the Trail Towns Program. The Alliance’s goal is to help designated communities build vibrant towns, which meet the needs of visitors seeking a variety of recreational opportunities.

Learn more about the program and network of communities by visiting www.YorkCountyTrailTowns.com
Susquehanna National Heritage Area Phone: 717-252-0229 www.SusqNHA.org

Susquehanna National Heritage Area advances a vision for Lancaster & York Counties as a place where people and communities cultivate their connections with each other, the landscape, and their history.