

Protecting Communities and Special Places

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"The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart away from nature becomes hard. He knew that lack of respect for growing, living things soon leads to lack of respect for humans, too."

~ Chief Luther Standing Bear

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Across the Board

This week, three of RDA's Board members share brief stories to illustrate what is special to them and why they became involved with RDA. Read their complete stories - does their message resonate with you? There's a place for you at RDA, too. Come join the group, share your story, and help to protect our communities and special places.

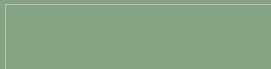
UPCOMING EVENTS

COMING SOON!

Watch for details on the next Keep it Wild hike.

July 21

Save the date!



TAKE ACTION!

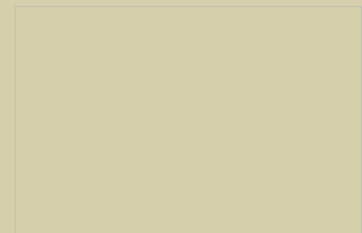
Public Comment SRBC Comprehensive Plan

The Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper requests that those interested comment on the proposed *Comprehensive Plan for the Water Resources of the Susquehanna River Basin* currently available

"I was standing there with a huge dumb smile on my face, feeling totally at peace with the world and holding my fishing pole like it was nothing more than a walking stick. Nor was it important. The beauty of this place transcended any I had seen before in my many years of enjoying nature"

Ted Stroter
Williamsport

[Read Ted's full story here](#)



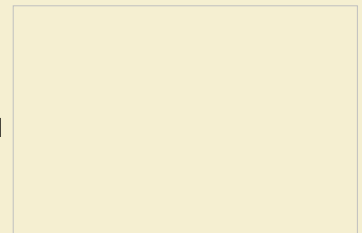
Rock Run

IMAGE: Richard Karp

"For decades, the only access road to this remote, beautiful and wildlife-rich area was Butternut Grove - a narrow, "no outlet" road that goes past my driveway and used to dead end at a hiking trail at the top of the mountain. Most days, not a single car drove by during my two-mile walk along this road."

Barbara Jamoska
Montoursville

[Read Barb's full story here](#)



A Mayflower blooms in the forest. IMAGE: Richard Karp

for public review and comment.

Written comments can be submitted through August 26, 2013, on the Public Participation Center.

[Click here for more information](#)

Keep it Wild!

How can you help to keep it wild? Here are several ways to join in the effort:

[Sign the petition!](#)

Send your comments to the PA DCNR at loyalsock@pa.gov

Share your stories and photos with RDA at keepitwildrda@gmail.com

We'd love to hear about your favorite memory or special place in the forest and see your favorite photo. Send it to us today!

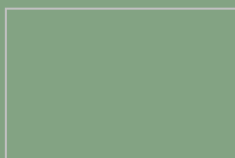
VIDEO CORNER

Fracking Hush Money: Drillers Paying for Silence

[Watch here](#) for a BloombergTV report on the problem of non-disclosure agreements.

Missed the movie Promised Land with Matt Damon?

[Watch it here for free!](#)



"But what I really did not know was that they were pumping chemicals into and onto the ground, exploding the geology way far down below us, and that they really have no idea what the results are except for the release of some gas that they can sell for their profit."

Roscoe McCloskey
Montoursville

[Read Roscoe's full story here](#)

Hiking in the Loyalsock State Forest

IMAGE: Richard Karp

Band Rock Rocks!

By Mandy Maurer

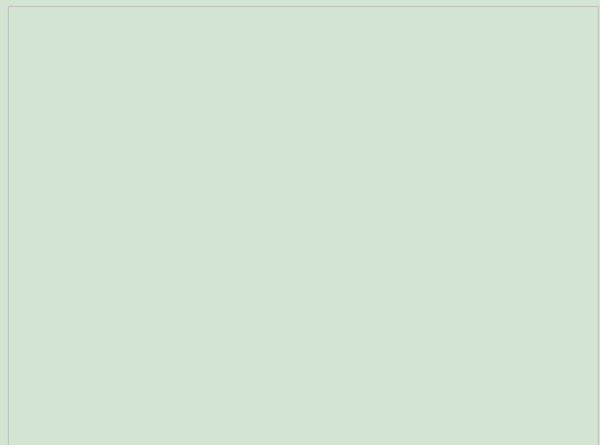
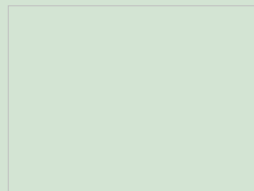
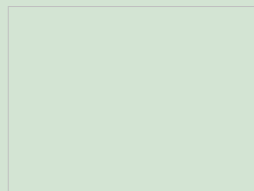
A new [Keep it Wild](#) record went into the books on June 29! An incredible 55 people were counted at Band Rock in the McIntyre Wild Area of the Loyalsock State Forest for the sixth Keep it Wild hike. All were treated to the groovy music of Doug McMinn and his acoustic guitar along with a brief update on current RDA and [Keep it Wild](#) initiatives by Ralph Kisberg. A brief history of the area was presented, along with a tour of the cemetery and mines for some of the more adventurous hikers.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) defines a wild area as "an extensive tract of land managed to protect the forest's wild character and to provide back country recreational opportunities." McIntyre Wild Area is one of only sixteen designated wild areas in Pennsylvania and is an amazing 7,500 acres in size, containing the complete watersheds of four small streams that cascade to the valley in numerous waterfalls.

In the 1870's, the village of McIntyre was a bustling mining town of 300 with a church, a school, saw mill, and other buildings that one associates with a small town at the turn of the last century. Today it is thousands of acres of wild beauty, with a small cemetery as the only visible remains of the town.

RDA thanks each and every one of you who attended Saturday's event. It is with your support that we are able to continue our mission of protecting our wild places.

Enjoy some images from the day. Photos courtesy of Mandy Maurer.



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