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Voices of the Valley

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Welcome!

This year of 2017 brings unique challenges. We can meet these challenges most effectively with an awareness of who we all are. Who are our neighbors? What can we learn from each other and what can we do to support each other? This year’s Sustainable Lehigh Valley booklet gives an idea of the diversity of people who come together to create sustainable communities.

Discover in these pages the variety of organizations and businesses here helping to create a more sustainable and resilient region. Use this information, if you choose, to become involved in the area that suits you the most.

Essays written by Lehigh Valley residents provide a backdrop for the listings. Absorb the thoughts and experiences shared in these pieces about sustainability issues. Enjoy!

The Directory Team
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Article I, Section 27: The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania’s public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.”
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The Alliance’s Vision, Mission, and Goals

Vision

We envision a sustainable, regenerative society, based upon enduring wisdom and careful stewardship. We envision a future characterized by a self-healing environment, honorable and ethical behavior, self-determination, and secure freedoms for a diverse people.

Mission

The Alliance is dedicated to working for community sustainability. This will involve wholistic approaches to the environment, social justice, health, participatory democracy, and local economies. We are committed to active, collaborative approaches to achieving long-term positive outcomes.

Goals

To create more equitable and livable communities, the Alliance and its members work to:

1. Protect the natural environment on which our communities depend
2. Protect and extend fundamental rights and opportunities throughout the range of human diversity
3. Promote broad, meaningful participation in decision-making to advance community interests and ensure that communities can assert their rights as a higher priority than corporations claim for themselves
4. Foster strong local economies that provide secure and fulfilling livelihoods, foster enjoyable community life, work in harmony with nature, and strengthen the viability of independent local businesses and farms
5. Encourage people to consume food that is whole, locally produced, and grown in ways that sustain and rebuild soil, water, wildlife, vegetation, and the lives of all of us
6. Promote discussion, education, and understanding of ways to maximize the health of individuals and communities.

By working towards these goals, the Alliance aspires to accomplish the broader purpose that led to its formation in 2003.

For a more detailed discussion of these topics, see the Declaration of Principles on our website.

To endorse this Vision-Mission-Goals statement and become a member of the Alliance, go to the About Us section of our website. [www.sustainlv.org/about-us]
The non-profit Alliance for Sustainable Communities—Lehigh Valley promotes connections between individuals and groups who want to collaboratively achieve long-term positive outcomes for community sustainability.

We educate, communicate and advocate in print and online through this directory, the Alliance website, and the Alliance’s Facebook page. We also set up the organizational means for taking action—in the form of working groups, programs, and collaboratives—that empower people, communities, and other organizations.

We welcome your involvement in any of these opportunities

• **Public Meetings:** community dialogues, workshops, and public meetings to encourage thinking and discussion.

• **Transition Town Initiatives:** programs of Transitions Lehigh Valley, including time banking, re-use and re-cycling programs, free stores, soil-building agriculture, and discounted solar installations through the Solarize program.

• **Internships for local college and university students:** since 2004, over 100 students have worked on projects as diverse as campus sustainability, healthy food for healthy communities, and community-based & restorative justice.

• **Transitions U:** to provide multi-session training, learning, and concept development workshops and courses like “Beyond Capitalism”. Under the TU banner, we include the programs of sustainability-minded organizations and institutions throughout the Lehigh Valley as well as courses developed by the Alliance.

• **Sustainability Commons:** virtual intranet workspace that unites, empowers and engages organizations and individuals, providing a work platform for developing effective actions.

• **Schools Initiatives:** developing interdisciplinary teaching guides for bringing sustainability topics into the curriculum, encouraging and assisting teachers to make climate and sustainability a major focus across all subject areas and grade levels in local schools, using inquiry-based approaches.

• **Collaboratives:** develop relationships with groups such as the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), Lehigh Valley Food Policy Council, Lehigh Valley Social Impact Center, and LEPOCO Peace Center—we’ve hosted presentations given by Thomas Linzey and Chad Nicholson about Community Bills of Rights and Rights of Nature and plan to include Democracy School-like presentations as part of TU.

• **Working Groups:** to focus attention on particular concerns – in addition to Transitions Lehigh Valley and the Schools Initiatives mentioned above, there are the Beyond Capitalism Working Group, the Lehigh Valley Natural Builders Guild, and the many working groups of the Sustainability Commons.
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Recently, I took refuge from work to visit the former site of Bethlehem Steel. This may seem like a strange place for a retreat, but when your work involves ecological restoration of contaminated sites and adaptation to environmental threats like climate change, places like this can be a surprising source of inspiration. This brownfield, 1600 acres of Industrial Revolution history and degraded landscape, represents an environmental and cultural legacy of days gone by. Strolling along the Hoover Mason Trestle that runs alongside the defunct stacks, one can glimpse human ingenuity, the shades of patina on the massive coal-blackened stacks, and intricate pipes, gears and other fittings. Long gone are the tens of thousands of laborers who toiled and baked in the Mordor-like surroundings. Rail cars once ran along the original trestle carrying coke, iron ore and limestone. These were the ingredients that, when dumped into the blast furnaces that reached inconceivably high temperatures, turned into the alloy that still supports famous skyscrapers and bridges.

Along the elevated walkway sits a relic—a rail car on an old stretch of track. Scattered on the ground next to the rusted rails are tiny ore pellets—taconite pellets—exactly like the ones that, as a kid, I used to find behind my house in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I thought of the 19th-century Cornish immigrants who came to work in the iron mines of the “U.P.” Whether it was the coal or mineral mines, steel mills, smelters, or auto companies, the revolutions that built this country were done so on the sweat, blood and backs of immigrants from across Europe, Mexico and other places. I recently read that in 1915, Bethlehem Steel was one of the first U.S. employers to provide free English language instruction to its immigrant workforce. Given the trying times we are now experiencing, it behooves us to remember the vital contributions that people of different places, colors and belief systems made all across this country.

Over the past year, we have been celebrating the 275th anniversaries of the city of Bethlehem and of Moravian College where I work – both founded by Moravian families who came to this area after fleeing religious persecution in Europe. These people created the first boarding school for girls in the New World and taught Native Americans in their own language. They buried the dead in God’s Acre: Moravians, the indigenous and the indigent – all with similar modest markers that lie flush to the ground. The location of the burial was determined in sequence by the next available space, not by wealth or status that the individual held in the community. There is much to admire about the Moravians and the way they believe in treating all people with tolerance and respect.

I moved to the Lehigh Valley area in the mid-1980s just as Bethlehem Steel was winding down its operations. The zinc-smelting in nearby Palmerton had already ceased. The moonscape along the Kittatinny Ridge was astounding; I soon learned that about 3000 acres around the mountain was on the “Superfund” list—certainly not a list one aspires to be on. Climate change was known to scientists at the time, but wasn’t yet making headline news. People I met said that Bethlehem would go the way of other
The city still boasts a Main Street that isn’t boarded up or in shambles. There is an active arts scene, and music of all types infuses the community with beauty, and, at times, is served up with quite a bit of beer. The degraded landscape along that blue mountain to the north is green again, not yet with forest, but with a grassland that is supporting a host of wildlife diversity. Such stories of resilience and recovery give me hope as we turn to tackle the more complicated global challenges of the day, including climate disruption and denial.

Things are far from perfect. The pollution from those steel stacks may no longer discolor houses, lungs, or laundry, but the air quality in the Lehigh Valley is rated poor and asthma rates are consequently unacceptably high. A massive sprawl of housing developments, roads, box stores, strip malls, and distribution centers have long replaced the Moravian pleasure gardens and much of the fertile farmland of the region. A divided, fearful mindset threatens the acceptance and safety of more recent immigrants. Going forward, I hope we reflect upon our unique history, remembering the importance of diversity, tolerance, the arts, green spaces, and a respect for place. It is upon these foundations that we will find both the collective will to endure political turmoil and the resourcefulness to address the grave challenges that confront us.

By Diane White Husic

Diane is Dean of the School of Natural and Health Sciences and Professor of Biology at Moravian College. Each year since 2009, Diane has led a delegation from Moravian College to the annual Conference of the Parties in the U.N. climate process.
Over the past few years, we have come to a new and better understanding of how this place we call our town represents a unique social and cultural opportunity. It is our place to celebrate, invest in and promote—our place to make. And, in this brave new world, a popular term full of promise and possibility—creative place-making—has come to resonate broadly as a positive new approach to civic life.

But in our enthusiasm to lay out the blueprints, map out the details of creative place, we have missed a full split in the road; an entire battery of signals, sign posts and red flags. The term creative place-making is not at all the linguistic gift it seems to be. In fact, the term describes a firmly divided enterprise; a parallel venture comprised of two entirely separate social forces. Polar opposites, these forces are cultural place-making and commercial place-making.

There is no ambiguity here. Commercial place-making is an activity that is conceived and shaped solely for financial profit. It is a proposition wholly at the beck and call of the marketplace. And despite some instances of a higher purpose, commercial place-making takes no responsibility for historical interpretation, diverse artistic media, new works, social issues or an eccentric artist community. These things do not sell. They are not what commercial enterprises do or, for that matter, should be expected to do.

Likewise, there is no mystery about the role of cultural place-making. Dependent on legally defined, mission-driven organizations, cultural place-making is charged with doing the work of civilization. It is engaged in the maintenance of civic values, the promotion of citizen participation and the development of art, history and educational activities. Cultural place-making promotes a world of things that, in general, do not sell; things that are valuable for their contribution to a sane and energetic society.

What happens when we allow these two often complementary but totally disparate forces to merge under a single term, a term that allows them to be regarded as interchangeable entities? Ambiguity reigns. Cultural stewardship becomes impossible. And, the worst happens. The market-place commercializes the cultural; non-profit status is misused to gain unfair commercial advantage among competing enterprises. How important it is to understand that language matters—particularly in regard to such fragile social interests as the sustainable arts?

by Doug Roysdon

Doug Roysdon, of The Mock Turtle Marionette Theater, holds a BFA in Art History and a Certification in Art Education. Roysdon is active in the arts community through his work at the Ice House in Bethlehem.
My experience has shown me that a community is an interactive group where its members have an impact on each other and that the diversity of its members only contributes to make the community better. I hope that the current political situation being faced by our country can help us realize that in a community all people are interconnected and that all members and aspects of the life in a community are important. I hope that the concept of community and its elements such as the environment and the protection of people’s fundamental rights will become “sexy” to everyone. That means that such terms will be known and understood by all and will be exciting, interesting, appealing and stimulating. The survival of our communities depends on it. We must be interested and moved to action to protect all people in our community. We must find appeal in the protection of our environment because the quality of the air, land and water where we live is crucial to our survival. It is our right to stand up for the protection of our communities, the people and the environment. This is the time to do it more than ever! Let’s stand up for what’s right and help preserve our communities and all the people who are part of it!

By Erlinda Aguiar

Erlinda is a founding member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Latino Democratic Caucus in Lehigh Count and served on the Environmental Justice Advisory Board of the Department of Environmental Protection. Erlinda lives in Allentown with her family.
Organized Localization

Our present society values commercial success over ecological sustainability. We fear scarcity more than we celebrate abundance. People cope with the pressure of living in this atmosphere in as many ways as there are people.

In this chaotic time, it seems that I try to hang out with like-minded people who are specializing in trying to change other people’s minds. We do this through protest gatherings, educational forums, government lobbying, and litigation; whatever gets attention. We meet, we set focused goals, and we go at it, whatever “it” is.

The Alliance for Sustainable Communities—Lehigh Valley is trying to showcase and form cooperatives; bringing together the many things that work. I’d like to focus on the goals and principles of two organizations I look to for positive guidance.

The Transition Town movement embraces the value and values of sharing in society, going back to the basics of survival of body and soul.

“Now is the time for us to take stock and to start re-creating our future in ways that are not based on cheap, plentiful and polluting oil but on localized food, sustainable energy sources, resilient local economies and an enlivened sense of community well-being.”

I picture local reciprocal relationships; local cooperatives promoting shared resources, information, tools and labor, food and energy accessibility. It emphasizes the best sustainable farm practices like soil building and permaculture practices. I picture what I experienced long ago in the hills of West Virginia when I ran away to be alone. I found myself in a vibrant cooperative and loving community where people needed each other. You help me work on my house today and I’ll help you tomorrow. I lived it in an awakening neighborhood in Philadelphia too. Transition Town celebrates the diverse composition and talents of all the members of the community. It affirms, encourages, and says that celebration of all forms of arts and music and performances of all kinds are as necessary to sustainable health as breathing and eating.

I can’t tell you how much I appreciate the community I’ve been marching with, protesting with, and litigating with. There are millions of dedicated people who are outraged at so many separate things. We need to get together and organize from the bottom up. That’s where the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund jumps in. CELDF and Thomas Linzey educate, advise, and litigate.

“The only thing environmental regulation regulates is environmentalists…. Federal and state laws such as the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, rather than prevent pollution, have actually legalized environmental harms by shifting focus away from the harms themselves to regulating how much destruction of nature is allowed.”

This “gives people the illusion that our environment is being protected.”

Originally the US Constitution put in place a “bottom up” system that is now “top down”. The only way to serve and protect our ecological balance is to change the current balance of regulatory power. I don’t think the independent-minded Founding Fathers envisioned the oligarchy in power today. The Constitution says “We the people”. CELDF helps local municipalities put in place their own Community Bill of Rights. They have
Democracy Schools to discuss true democratic principles. They work with communities to write and defend ordinances “stripping corporate rights and giving ecosystems rights instead”.

The smaller a community is, the more you realize that every member has value and can contribute to the whole. Many hands make lighter work. Every member feels safe when they are valued and contributing. Through the years, decision making has shifted to the trickle-down system we see today. The feeling of safety diminished on both ends. Nobody feels valued or safe. What’s fascinating in the human condition is that the fear and the need to dominate increases more at the top than at the bottom. Much more. To the point of insanity. But there are more of us. And at least in theory, if we get the ground shifting under their feet by forging local alliances, creating cooperatives, and celebrating together, we can make a difference by showing what truly works. Let’s show them what we’re made of. Let’s dance.

by Tom Church

Tom Church moved to West Virginia in his 20s, worked for a natural gas utility and had wells drilled on his property. Now, older and hopefully wiser, he and his wife Sheila Gallagher support “Soil Not Oil”, local energy production, and the concepts of the Transitions Movement.

Drawing by Tara Zrinski
How can Universities and communities work together to promote sustainability? Lehigh University’s South Side Initiative (SSI) has developed a few different ways to answer this question in the past years. Recently, we worked with community partners and citizens of Bethlehem to develop community gardens and to begin the process of imaging a pedestrian bridge. With our community gardens project and our South Side Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture Working group, we focus on creating spaces that support the production of high quality and low cost produce for area residents. In addition, we offer a number of educational workshops focused on urban agriculture for students of South Side area schools as well as Lehigh University. Combining educational outreach and hands-on urban framing, SSI and our community partners support conversations about the import of fostering local food systems as a way to counter the environmental costs of transporting produce long distances. We also contribute to discussions about the environmental impact of global and local food systems, healthy food choices, and the rich culinary traditions of diverse immigrant to the Lehigh Valley. Because South Side gardens promote community engagement and provide spaces for neighbors to work together to grow food, they also have become unique spaces in which residents can meet to share our commitment to addressing food insecurity and the development of sustainable agricultural production. With multiple sites including Martin Luther King, Jr. Park garden on Carlton Avenue, the Esperanza garden on the greenway between Taylor and Webster Streets, and the Ullman Park garden at Sassafras and Route 378, SSI and community members have created a fruitful partnership between the University and residents to foster vibrant conversations about urban agriculture as well as practical educational workshops that foster the skills necessary to make such agriculture a reality on the South Side.

Another way that universities and communities can come together to address sustainability in by tackling community’s overreliance on automobiles that introduce particulate matter in the air that we breathe. In the past year, our local chapter of the Sierra Club and SSI created a number of public forums to imagine how the city of Bethlehem might become a true walking city by investing in a pedestrian bridge across the Lehigh River. Bringing residents, city officials, and University folk together to envision our needs and desires, we have created a vibrant image of how a bridge might foster safe foot and bike traffic, promote easy pedestrian access to our business, arts, and historic districts, and increase the number of residents who might choose to walk to school or work. This focus on infrastructure is important in university and civic partnerships as the design of our cities can support or impede healthy lifestyle choices for residents as well as increase or lessen our collective environmental impact. As we move forward with a proposal for a pedestrian bridge, we have learned that residents are eager for civic leaders as well as educational and other organizations to support the creation of greenways and interconnected walking pathways off of major vehicular roadways that
make movement through the city enjoyable and safe. The successes of scientists, activists, and educators in increasing public awareness of climate change also has contributed to a greater public desire for civic infrastructure that both creates a better quality of life as well as responds to environmental issues. Bethlehem residents’ collective conversations of a pedestrian bridge prove that we, too, are invested in shaping our city to foster greater environmental and human health.

A final way that universities can promote sustainability in local communities is by sharing research through accessible public talks and workshops and supporting the work of regional organizations committed to sustainability. In the past year, SSI sponsored a lecture series hosted at Bethlehem’s Town Hall titled “Flourishing in the Green City.” This public series brought a number of renowned academic writers to Bethlehem to discuss climate change, urban agriculture, and environmentalism in everyday life. With public lecture series like this, universities can provide spaces for concerned citizens to learn about recent research and to discuss ways that we might support local sustainable communities. Beyond creating spaces for the public to engage with research, universities can partner with local organizations committed to environmentalism that connect research to discussions of local civic policies and positive community changes that can benefit our region. By creating working groups on environmental issues with community and university members, fostering public conversations of civic policy and infrastructure, and providing opportunities for the public to engage with academic research in accessible forums, universities and communities can come together to make positive change in the hope of building more sustainable cities for future generations.

By Mary Catherine Foltz

Mary is Interim Director of Lehigh University’s South Side Initiative and an Associate Professor of English with a focus on important issues of our time such as environmental devastation, innovation, and identity and difference.
In considering sustainability, one must ask: “How are the most marginalized in our community supported?” The sociocultural area of sustainability perhaps receives less attention than the economic and environmental pillars, but sociocultural sustainability has great influence on the future of the economy and environment. The impact can be determined by the degree to which a society supports and invests in their most marginalized populations and the work being done to reduce disparities and barriers to equity.

However, in terms of creating sustainability, it cannot be the marginalized group alone that does this. Instead, there must be unity among community organizations, community members, and local political, professional and corporate leadership if there is to be effective change. To have an educated, empathetic, economically-thriving, environmentally-conscious community in which the members contribute to its development we must first focus on elevating those who are marginalized and facing a series of challenging disparities.

For instance, we know the LGBT community faces significant health disparities. LGBT people consume tobacco and experience obesity at increased rates, receive fewer cancer screenings, are less likely to have doctors that fully understand our healthcare needs, and, in large numbers, have had negative experiences with healthcare professionals because of our LGBT status. By eliminating health disparities for marginalized populations and elevating the quality of life of marginalized populations, we are investing in the future. The more we eliminate the barriers to success that marginalized communities face, the more successful and sustainable our communities become.

In terms of economics, when we help people advance in a way that allows them to thrive financially, we promote a sustainable economy in which its people can give back to businesses, buy cars and homes, provide for their families, pay for their education, and develop financial investments.

At the most basic level, health equity means we are achieving high levels of health for all people. When people are part of a community in which they feel healthy, safe, valued, and respected, they are going to be more invested in that community and likely feel as though there is structural support to succeed within that community. We need to work hard to address, reduce, and eliminate the health disparities that hold marginalized communities back.

by Adrian Shanker

Adrian is Executive Director of the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center. Located in downtown Allentown, the center provides arts & culture, health, and youth programs as well as supportive services for the LGBT community.
Teamwork for Sustainable Objectives

Tried and true, teamwork makes the dream work. A recent visit to the Environmental Protection Agency confirmed this cliche for me and applied it to the world of working towards sustainability. I recently participated in my university’s career center’s “Intern for a Day” program, where students shadow workers in fields of interest, and I visited the Environmental Protection Agency. Raised in the Lehigh Valley, I think of EPA’s Mid-Atlantic Region 3 as home, but I attend the University of Georgia, so I was in the headquarters for Region 4, which covers Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee—and six tribes. During my short time at the Region 4 headquarters, I absorbed so much information about how projects and priorities are successfully managed and implemented at the agency.

I chose (unbeknownst to me) probably the single most interesting day to shadow at the EPA: the day before the 2017 Presidential inauguration. This meant that the Regional Administrators, appointed by former President Barack Obama, were experiencing their last day at the agency. Listening to Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney reflect on her career amongst her colleagues at the EPA was both inspiring and enlightening. Through her stories about the various projects she participated in, she always emphasized the importance of teamwork. She highlighted the strengths of coming together as one for a common goal, and specifically pointed out a team of female coworkers that had strived to achieve success in a project together. It was not only through her own words, but how others spoke of her that I gauged her influential and inspiring presence in Region 4.

However, as she pointed out, leaders depend on their team to reach their goals. The particular branch that I shadowed was the Office of External Affairs, where I learned quickly that the many different branches intermingled frequently to assist each other in tasks and goals. I saw professionals from nearly every field during my visit: accountants, lawyers, scientists, the whole nine yards. But more importantly, I learned how they worked together through their emphasis on having excellent communication. For example, I was able to sit in on a meeting of recently hired employees and observe how they open the door to new employees. These professionals ranged in age, branch, and title, but they all showed up to this meeting eager, asking questions, and coordinating with coworkers outside of their own branch. Beyond how they undoubtedly practiced team-driven skills within their workplace to excel, I noticed their commitment to ideas of sustainability outside their own walls. Several new employees approached me after the meeting, giving me advice and encouragement about pursuing a career path that blends finance and sustainability. I was so inspired by their passion of spreading their knowledge as far as they possibly could in pursuit to help others.

My visit to the EPA illuminated the necessity of teamwork in organized suc-
cess—whether that be within a single office, within an agency, among different agencies, or beyond. Through various employees at the EPA (from the administrator to the recently-hired college grad) I was shown how we, as sustainability-seekers, can and should collaborate and draw from others around us.

by Claire France

Claire hails from the Lehigh Valley and is a student at the University of Georgia, where she is majoring in economics.

Drawing by Tara Zrinski
2016 marked the hottest year on record, surpassing the previous title-holder of 2015, and 2014 before that. Communities around the world are already confronting climate impacts—from one in a thousand year floods and devastating droughts, to food shortages and civil conflicts—all occurring at a pace and magnitude far exceeding predictions.

As low-income communities, workers, and communities of color bear the brunt of the climate crisis they did the least to contribute to, fossil fuel companies use their influence to deceive the public into thinking there is no alternative, exploiting people and planet all in the name of profit.

As far back as the 1970s, Exxon knew about climate change. Instead of warning the public and shifting to a clean energy economy, the corporation raised the height of its offshore drilling rigs and embarked on a decades-long, and ongoing, campaign to sow doubt and misinformation about climate change amongst the public. Big Oil’s doubt campaign seems to mirror what we saw from Big Tobacco, but investigative reports found they had been sharing strategies for decades—and that the tobacco industry actually learned from the oil industry.

The fossil fuel industry has long wielded an inappropriate influence over our democracy and economy. The only difference now, under the Trump administration, is that the fossil fuel industry actually is our government. With former Exxon-Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson our Secretary of State, and industry puppet Scott Pruitt heading the EPA, Big Oil’s capture of our democracy is clearer than ever.

At the 21st Conference of Parties in December 2015, over 190 nations negotiated the Paris climate agreement, representing the first time world governments agreed that climate change is a present danger and they should actually do something about it. The agreement officially entered into force on November 4, 2016, just four days before the election of Donald Trump.

The Trump administration is already rolling back hard-won protections of people and planet, demonstrating the US as isolated in ignoring our global climate commitments. And by propping up the fossil fuel industry instead of transitioning to renewable energy, the Trump administration is leaving the US lagging behind other nations.

But there’s good news: there are millions of people rising up in resistance to Trump’s climate denial and community attacks. Climate justice is at the center of the fights for racial and economic justice. Our fights are tied together, and only together we will succeed.

With young people at the forefront, the campaign to divest universities, pension funds, museums, banks, and more from fossil fuels is now a mainstream global movement. Fossil fuel divestment forces institutions to question where they put their resources, and make a choice of whose side they are on: that of the fossil fuel industry perpetuating the climate crisis, or that of the people for which they exist. To date, more than 700 institutions representing over $5.4 trillion in assets have committed to cut ties with the fossil fuel industry.

And fights to keep fossil fuels in the ground have taken hold across the globe: from tens of thousands of people
engaging in the world’s largest climate civil disobedience to break free from fossil fuels and movements protecting air and water from the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines, to Turkish activists halting four coal plants, and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf protecting public lands by issuing a moratorium on drilling in state parks and forests.

As we fight to stop the bad, so do we rise to build a brighter future. Countless communities are already building their own solutions: from Native Americans with the Black Mesa Water Coalition working to install a large-scale community-owned solar project, to Cooperation Jackson in Mississippi serving as a vehicle for sustainable community development, economic democracy, and community ownership.

Today, renewable energy is more efficient, competitive and cheaper than fossil fuels. In 2016, the solar industry employed more people than the coal, oil and gas industries combined. The transition to a 100% clean energy economy is happening: it’s up to all of us to make sure it’s a just one.

We must not remain satisfied with the status quo. We must not allow Big Oil and its political allies to burn our planet for profit. We must channel our anger and rage into hope and resolve to build a world that works for all of us. We must push our institutions—especially at the state and local level—to take bold action to build the fair and sustainable economy.

To change everything, we need everyone. That’s why the movements that brought over 400,000 people to the streets of New York City for the 2014 People’s Climate March are bringing the fight for climate, jobs and justice to Washington, DC on April 29, 2017. We will resist the systems that attempt to divide us, build an economy that works for all of us, and rise united with justice for all.

by Lindsay Meiman

Lindsay received her degree in Economics and Environmental Studies from Lehigh University in 2014, and now works for climate justice as U.S. Communications Coordinator for 350.org, an international organization building a global climate movement.
My passion and desire to help the environment did not develop because I grew up on a farm or because I spent my days hiking in the woods, but rather because I was raised in New York City. I grew up surrounded by congested streets and smoggy skies. Every day, I witnessed people's constant disregard for the environment when they dropped their coffee cups and plastic bags in the street rather than the trash cans. I come from a city consumed with litter and millions of people that do not recognize the enormous power they could harness if we all worked together. Unfortunately, litter is something I am accustomed to, but when I moved to Easton to attend Lafayette College I did not expect one of their top environmental problems to be scrap plastic and pollution. Litter is just one of the many problems plaguing the environment, but it is one that we can effectively eliminate. The burning of fossil fuels and the melting ice caps are massive problems that will require the cooperation of multiple countries from around the world. Therefore, if Lehigh Valley could unify to eradicate the excess litter and trash, it could then act as a beacon of hope for the solution to some of the world’s larger environmental problems.

It is time to face the fact that the environment is not improving. Sea levels are rising and carbon dioxide emissions are at record high levels every year. Furthermore, natural disasters are becoming more powerful and prevalent around the world as the temperatures continue to rise. These problems require us to take action and develop long-term solutions. But, none of these problems can be solved by a single organization or Individual. Instead, communities and their local government officials need to unite in order to create plausible solutions. Moreover, none of these problems can be fixed overnight, but the issue of litter pollution can be stopped immediately if all of our efforts are concentrated on preventing the spread of plastic. For example, Lehigh Valley could support a private non-profit where social enterprise is practiced. They could solve the trash problem by employing the homeless to safely pick up and recycle the trash and then the revenue is recycled back into the government via public spending. A program like this would greatly reduce the amount of litter on the streets while it would also be pertinent to Lehigh Valley because it is prone to flooding, which carries the litter directly into the rivers and the oceans. However, this would also require the coordination and cooperation of the local government, shelters and non-profit organizations. If these parties could communicate and work together then it would be possible to drastically reduce the amount of pollution that travels into the ocean.

In addition, if concepts like this were successful and vastly distributed, the entire tri-state area could work together to clean up the coastlines and protect the diverse marine ecosystems. Single organizations, like Oceana, recognize this, but they struggle because they do not have the money nor the resources to accomplish anything. So, local projects like this are only possible if the various factions within towns and cities unite to reach a common goal. Government funded programs need the support of the community and it is hard to hear the outcry of a single voice, but a crowd has the power to make a difference.
Everyone has the ability to unite and advocate for our planet. Teachers can work together simply by educating the next generation on the importance of recycling and developing eco-friendly habits. Therefore, it is not just the responsibility of the Environmental Protection Agency to work to protect our planet, but it is up to everyone to recognize a problem and work together to create a solution. The Clean Air Acts of 1970 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 were passed because the entire Congress recognized a need and responded to the rise of protests and environmental organizations, like the Sierra Club. Ecosystems are being affected because of our waste and carelessness, but we have the power to reverse the damage and create a healthier environment.

Our planet consists of one interconnected web of ecosystems that are impacted by the man-made pollution and changes in the environment. The creation of a factory in Beijing could affect the amount of rain in the Amazon Rainforest. No one is immune to the perils the environment is facing, which is why it is imperative that individuals, organizations, and countries begin to work together now before it is too late to reverse the damage.

By Courtney Cohen

Courtney is a freshman at Lafayette College, majoring in History and Environmental Studies. She is member of Hunger Coalition and the fencing team.
In the years that I have been part of the active opposition to the PennEast Pipeline and fracking in Pennsylvania as local organizer for Food and Water Watch and through Pennsylvania Voters Against Fracking, I have seen a dynamic and exciting rise to action from people of all ages from all different backgrounds—socio-economic, racial, political, philosophical and religious—brought together through social media and grass roots campaigns.

In an August 2014 meeting called by Karen Feridun, we started as a few organizers along the route, sitting at a table at the Unitarian Universalist Church, deciding how to disseminate information to landowners and get them active. According to the original timeline, the PennEast Pipeline should have been operational in 2017 and, yet, because of the power of this movement, communities along the route from Pennsylvania to New Jersey have united in opposition, not always for the same reason but with the same goal: Stop the PennEast Pipeline.

Even with a common goal, there is no denying that some in the group would be just as satisfied with having the pipeline in someone else’s backyard, or receive a hefty compensation from PennEast rather than spend hours and dollars fighting the threat of eminent domain. Yet, they marched alongside those who believe that the rights of nature have been violated by fracking, that pipelines desecrate the Earth Mother and that climate science cannot be ignored. Whether intentional or not, both sides found compassion for the experience of the other. In the process, individuals were transformed in just as many ways as the broken system they wished to transform.

This is the beauty and power of grass-roots organization, bringing together diverse groups of people who would normally have no other reason to interact but the goal in front of them. In the process, they inevitably find that they are more similar than different, that their concerns for the environment are wrapped up in similar fears of having their life’s work, their farms, their family’s health compromised and put at risk for the sake of corporate profit and the final play of a dying fossil fuel industry.

The spirit of this movement, cultivated by necessity, is not limited to local battles either but gave rise to a conscious awareness of and solidarity with other pipeline opposition like Keystone XL Pipeline, Dakota Access Pipeline, not to mention the other pipelines racing for FERC approval in PA. Our battle is their battle. Water is Life. No more pipelines. Keep it in the ground. These are shared mantras for the movement.

Along the way, communities have formed their own groups—Concerned Citizens Against the Pipeline, Save Carbon County and Homeowners Against Land Taking, to name a few. These groups share information, resources and energy as they unite to form a critical mass against the policies that enable profiteers to exploit the middle class.

As the Spirit of opposition and resistance inspire those to challenge the status quo of business as usual and the myths propagated by an industry inclined to spin the media to convincing the public of the necessity and benefit of such pipelines, a flame has ignited this spirit to transform the systems and conditions that allow these corporate profiteers to succeed. This grass roots effort is guided...
by transformation and it will not stop with opposition to the PennEast Pipeline.

There is a call for clean, renewable energy—more solar, more wind, geothermal and hydro power—to displace and disrupt the fossil fuel industry. There is a call to divest from the banks that finance these projects. This call is being answered by the choices of the consumers who are reinvesting in renewable energy, divesting from those who support the fossil fuel industry and seeking positions in local offices to transform the system from within. Transition is now and transformation is coming. It starts with a few people but the proliferation of this spirit plays an integral part in bringing together the critical mass necessary to bring about change.

This is what democracy looks like.

by Tara Zrinski

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Growing and Cultivating Successful New Farmers

In a recent discussion with experienced direct market farmers we asked ourselves how we and the communities we serve can encourage the next generation of farmers; and how new and beginner farmers can identify market channels that match their level of operation both now and in their anticipated future.

The overall direct market for fresh and local foods has grown significantly over the last decade and is served by an increasing number of sales channels including: Farmers Markets, CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture), Roadside Stands, Wholesale Markets, Local Food Stores, and Farm to Table Restaurants. Also, new and beginning farmers are seeking new ways to grow such as urban gardens and niche market gardens. How do/will these farmers find and develop the market channels to create financial success and how difficult will it be?

Most experienced direct market farmers will attest that their success is due to having secondary skills like business management, marketing, accounting, bookkeeping, welding, carpentry, etc. You also need to be intimately familiar with the local market – what's in high demand, buying and eating habits, and customer's willingness to pay. In addition, many will also attest to having an 'off-farm' income to support the operation especially in the beginning years. This amount of market know-how is hard to achieve without some previous participation in the marketplace.

Many new farmers start their own operations after interning, apprenticing or working for other farmers only to find that they can’t get into markets or struggle to make ends meet. It can be disheartening. There is always so much more to farming than what we experience in the fields and these secondary skills are not always taught to the excited, energetic and hopeful beginning farmers. As with any business, it may take 3-5 years to show a profit. Some may extend themselves beyond their means to make ends meet. A few may make it, some burn out, and others may decide not to farm anymore or that it is just too much to handle. What can experienced farmers do to help insure success for new growers? Here are a few thoughts on serving direct market channels that may provide a heads-up before a new farmer pursues the same or at least provide some help in researching the best opportunities available to their new operation in any given geography:

Farmers Markets are more popular than ever for the customer and communities; and they can be a great way to start direct marketing products for a new farmer. But their very success makes them suspect. Many community groups want to start a Farmers Market but are not always tuned into what makes a market successful for the vending farmers. Thus, they can be incredibly unpredictable. So, unless you get into a good established market or a new one that is well thought out there’s not a great deal of stability. Also, Farmers Markets are often political, inconsistent and up against more and more competition for the sustainable food dollar. We have come home from new start up markets in the early years of our farm operation with $25- $100 in our pockets and lots of produce that we ended up donating to food pantries. While we were thankful
that it went to good use, it sure didn’t help us create the income we were anticipating or compensate us for the time and energy that not only went into growing the food but also into setting-up, selling, and tearing-down at the market. People are surprised to learn that many of the best markets in the region do not have available space and have long waiting lists, or they don’t want to expand for fear of the competition with the existing vendors. While these reasons may make sense, it does not create opportunity or encourage new farmer participation.

The CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) model is another direct market channel attractive to new and beginning farmers. Customers purchase a farm share before the growing season begins and then receive a bag or box of veggies every week for a predetermined time. CSAs vary in length and offerings to the consumer. The basic model itself has transformed over the past several years (see the new CSA Charter definition by Elizabeth Henderson). However, in essence they provide an influx of operating capital early in the year for the farmer and guarantee a market outlet for what’s being raised or grown on the farm. While this appears to offer stability to a new farm it is not without many challenges. Such as managing expectations of the shareholders, providing customer service in unexpected ways, understanding succession plantings and crop rotations, field crew management, crop handling and storage practices, and much more, all of which can be overwhelming to a new farmer.

One way to give new growers/farmers the means to grow their business and a way for experienced growers to mentor them is via a Multi-farm CSA model. This provides a way to cooperatively market farm goods locally and regionally. It can also provide a more unique and robust program that features local growers that the community trusts while creating opportunities for experienced growers to work with new growers. Amount and quality expectations for distribution can be more effectively managed. If one farmer has a crop failure due to insect pressure or disease, another cooperative farmer may fill the void. Customers whose needs and expectations are met with little disappointment lead to contented consumers who support the sustainable food system while the farmers also grow a community of ‘conscious eaters.’ And best of all, it’s a great way to encourage and build the bridge for beginning farmers to enter the marketplace and grow for the future of food!

by Heidi Secord and Gary Bloss

Farmer Heidi Secord is President of PA Farmers Union, and owner of Josie Porter Farm in Stroudsburg.

Gary Bloss is General Farm Manager at Josie Porter Farm
I’ve worked most of my twenty-five-year career, not as a writer, but as an environmental scientist.

One of my first memories at age four is of the magnolia tree outside the shabby apartment complex on the outskirts of New Orleans where my family lived at the time. I can still feel the rough bark against my hands and feet and the tickle of ants on my arm as I balanced on the limbs of the only nature I had available to me at the edge of the city. When I close my eyes and think of that tree now, the word shelter comes to my mind. During my whole life nature has been, for me, elemental.

The complexities of nature’s underlying science fascinated me growing up. I studied geology in college because I’m captivated by the story of the earth, with its long history of bedrock and water, and the ongoing cycle over millennia of mountains of sandstone that become beaches of sand and then build again into mountains. The study of geology was a way for me to learn about life from its root.

Ten years ago I decided I wanted to write fiction. In part it was something I’d always wanted to try. I’m a life-long reader of fiction and a believer in the power of stories. I wanted to try to create my own. And in part, my desire to write fiction was related to the people I’ve met during my career as a scientist.

Story is as complex as any scientific theorem. When it’s done well, it demands our attention and consideration about something that might first seem black and white. It’s a bridge between what’s happening in the world and how that affects us on the inside. Stories can lead to new ways of thinking about who we are, as writers and readers.

Early on in my environmental science career, I worked as a geologist for six years on water supply and contamination problems deep underground. Then I took a series of jobs over more than a decade that allowed me to use my environmental science knowledge to work on land and water conservation in the Lehigh Valley. Along the way, I chose work with a community link so that I could use my science background to serve as a bridge between the technical side of things and my community’s understanding of the problem at hand. My career gave me access to people’s response to problems with the land and water, which was always related to their backstory: their personal history, who they grew up with, emotions, influences, as well as where they came from.

My shift from scientist to creative writer was not so much a turn from the analytical to the creative. Scientists are creative people. If they weren’t then many problems would not be solved. It was, for me, a natural progression. I didn’t abandon science for writing. I still do both. Instead, I turned to creative writing as a way to examine people’s feelings about things I care about, drawing on my experiences as a scientist working with communities. Writing is my way to make sense of the world. If there’s a crisis in my life or a difficult decision ahead, I’ve always reached for the pen to figure out what to do. So in order to contemplate some of the bigger societal questions I face daily...
about changes to the land and natural world around me, I turned to writing fiction to open the conversation within myself, from several viewpoints.

As is true for every writer, my background allows me to bring something unique to my fiction. My work as a writer reflects my life as a mother, wife, nature lover, and as someone who’s mostly lived a rural life. It reflects the life I’ve known as a woman and as an environmental scientist. No matter our background, our writing voice comes from the bedrock of our core selves.

Nature themes and environmental issues have been part of most of my short stories. Fracking takes place in a small Pennsylvania town in my debut novel, *The Promise of Pierson Orchard*. I’m not sure I could write fiction, especially a long work, that didn’t include elements of change to the land.

My novel is not about science or nature or about saving the environment. Fracking is not so much at the story’s center as it is a metaphor for the splintering lives of my characters. My story is about people wrestling with change, as all stories are. I wanted to explore, from the inside, a family and community with disparate perspectives about fracking—to delve into the gray spaces so often overlooked these days by people’s inclination to choose sides.

Many of my novel’s characters see things differently than I do, of course. I had to learn not to judge my characters. I needed to love and understand all of them if I really wanted to explore a complicated, dysfunctional family dealing with changes to the land that means something profoundly different to each of them.

So much divides us, as people, and as communities. There’s a need to find common ground. That’s what I was searching for in writing this first novel.

*by Kate Brandes*

An environmental scientist with over 20 years of experience (much of it in the Lehigh Valley), Kate is also a watercolor painter and a writer of women’s fiction with an environmental bent. Kate lives in a small town along the Delaware River with her husband, David, and their two sons. When she’s not working, she’s outside on the river or chasing wildflowers.
I see them flying overhead
blue sky above
wetness on their skinny ankles
their beaks press in the soil for
food
nothing near like this for them
so many come from so many
places
a superior form of radar finds
this area of precious acres
better than man-made drones
they find what will sustain them
from miles overhead they come
there are flocks of thousands
here
all different species converge
it is a bird party of sorts
old friends meet up, discuss
their journeys
give tips on routes and traffic
they share food and drink
help each other wash up
nothing near like this for them
how many decades have they
come?
every year, this time
how many miles due to this stop
an integral leg of the journey
who designed this, set this up
this pond, these prey, this set of
circumstances
who dreams get in the way of
nature’s process here
thinking it little or that they
know better

some things big, greed, over-
shadows
what is left of pure reason
disregard eyes that see
expert explanations
what to one is essential
a place to find integral meal
to another is investment
something to make concrete
solid and lined with green
like pockets
who else fights this battle
worldwide
somehow I sense the birds
will forgive us
even help us out
when we drown
slip and fall in puddles
we’ve created
sinkholes
mired with cars, concrete,
and quicksand capitalism
better grow wings son
evolve pretty quick
learn to tend a garden
ride a bus
tap the sun
because your way of exploitation
taking more than you give back
to nature
your selfish way of living
is done

‘Green Pond’ was first published in Lehigh Valley Vanguard
The Moon Glistens in the Snow

by Matt Wolf

The moon glistens in the snow
I listen to the finally silent room
I move my fingers a bit
and then look up
there is one light on
in the entire house
how many are awake around me?
how many walk in the snow
make sounds that crunch
gaze at the tree in the streetlight
trees covered delicately with snow
every branch in a way that couldn’t happen by
any of us trying, only by falling into place
does the perfection happen
and I must accept it
must not rush my looking
or reject what is here
must not hold on to what changes
or turn away from what is staying
right in front of my eyes
tomorrow snow may fall again
if not from the sky, it will from the trees
much will melt and change form into water
Mother Nature laying down the day’s lesson
Her flow teaching me about change and about life

Matt has written and performed poetry for the last 17 years in the Lehigh Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area. He has organized over 30 local poetry readings and multi-media events over the last four years and facilitated multiple school workshops.
Tree branches dancing in the strong winds!
Reaching and swaying in these winds.
Each branch strong from the top of the trunk to the bottom of the trunk
swaying in the winds!
Each branch wanting to bend with one another.

Be the winds blow across the street, stands another tree short in stature.
Remaining still for awhile longer, not feeling the affects of the wind
from across the street.
A little while later, this tree begins to dance movements in the wind.
Now, just like in life, it takes a person awhile longer to join the others.
Cause and effect by the comments and/or actions of others.
How soon does the wind take to move the branches of others?
Each person, as in life, is motivated or challenged by others,
So it appears, in nature there are influences
and so too politics have its' influences
to motivate movements in response.

Joy Miller’s poems are most often about social justice matters,
particularly homelessness and treatment of newcomers to our country.
She will also, upon requests or commissions, write poems for special occasions, as well as poems complementing her husband’s art work.
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350 Berks & Lehigh Valley Climate Action is a network of leaders of environmental, renewable energy, and sustainability efforts in Berks County and the Lehigh Valley who have joined together to spotlight the climate crisis. We are dedicated to educating and informing the public and taking action to mitigate the effects of climate change in our region. We invite interested individuals to join us!

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The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is a nonpartisan organization devoted to the defense of civil liberties. It files legal briefs in civil liberties cases, discusses civil liberties problems with government officials, and testifies before legislative bodies. It also conducts educational programs on effective lobbying and being a legal observer, Voter ID, Patriot Act, and gay and lesbian rights. Our chapter meets at the UUCLV, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem, 6:30 PM, fourth Thursday every month except for November and December when we meet at a date early in December. Contact us to get on our chapter email list. All are welcome.

**AGSHEN (One With the Earth Project)**

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AGSHEN promotes use of the universal One With the Earth eco-symbol. Climate change, deforestation, overfishing, overpopulation, water shortages, and desertification are all components of one over-arching challenge ensuring a livable world for our children and future generations. Widespread visibility of the symbol will be a constant reminder that there are many issues affecting the environment. As with the peace symbol, the One With the Earth symbol is free for anyone to use. See usage examples and download artwork from our website. The symbol design represents Earth, Land, Water, Sun, and life. Conservation eco-stickers are available at no charge.
Allentown Hiking Club

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The Allentown Hiking Club, founded in 1931, has approximately 275 members from throughout the greater Lehigh Valley. It has maintained a 10.3-mile section of the Appalachian Trail since 1931. Its quarterly newsletter includes articles and a 3-month activities schedule. Meetings are the first Wednesday evening of the month, currently at St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church in Allentown. An enthusiasm for outdoor recreation and adventure and concern for conservation of the resources which make their activities possible bind its members together.

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Mission: “Allentown Public Theatre is dedicated to empowering our diverse communities through the performing arts. We expand opportunities for cultural participation and education in theatre, and create works that address contemporary issues.” APT offers after-school theatre programs, summer children’s programming in downtown Allentown, original touring productions, educational workshops, and the curated arts series “Voices of Conscience: Toward Racial Understanding,” which stretches across the Valley and engages dozens of other arts organizations in a mission to spark relevant community discussion through the arts. It is these kinds of community-based arts events that build healthy, sustainable, cultural places - the kind that will last for generations to come. Like us on Facebook; or sign up for our free e-newsletter on our website.

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The Allentown Tenant Association has been created to tackle the city’s current renting issues. The association aims to educate residents of the city on their rights as a tenant and to assist with tenant-landlord disputes. We are currently working with city agencies to improve rental conditions throughout the city. Membership is open to all people living in the city of Allentown who accept the aims and goals of the Association, irrespective of nationality, race, religion, or political belief, ethnic or national origin, sex or color. Facebook: Allentown Tenant Association
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Promotes sustainability broadly defined, advocating for: the environment; the rights of communities, social groups, and individuals; local economies serving community needs via meaningful, non-exploitative work; healthful food and food production; and healthy communities built on participatory democracy. We therefore oppose threats to any of the above. We work to enhance the efforts of sustainability-minded organizations and to increase their collective action and influence. Our projects include: the Sustainability Commons virtual workspace, Transitions Lehigh Valley and Transitions U, Sustainable Lehigh Valley Directory, Website, our College Internship Program, and networking collaboratives and working groups. The Alliance sends out a Sustainability Doings e-newsletter—sign up at our website (link at bottom of right-hand column).

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An active working group of LEPOCO since the 1980s, the group focuses on U.S. policy in Latin America as well as towards First Nation/Native American peoples of North America. The ASG holds educational programs and supports local participation in solidarity delegations and projects for peace in Latin America and calls attention to the extractive industries and government policies in the Americas that infringe upon the rights of local communities and of nature. The ASG meets regularly at the LEPOCO Peace Center. Meetings and events are announced in the LEPOCO newsletter, on the website, and in a weekly e-mail.

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The Art of Living Foundation is a non-profit organization inspired by Ravi Shankar, a spiritual leader, in 1982. The foundation seeks to help build a global society focused on the strength, peace, and joy that lie at the core of every human being by nurturing the spirit, and compassion of every individual. In the valley we offer Free Mind & Meditation seminars briefing the role of “breath” in managing our emotions & also lead through a guided meditation.
### Arts Community of Easton

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The Arts Community of Easton is a non-profit grass-roots organization of artists, educators, and supporters of the arts. Monthly meetings showcase local and regional artists. Projects during the year include studio tours, art shows, art festivals, community art murals, and art education projects. Emphasis on community revitalization through the arts is a priority.  
Facebook: ACE

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“If you see your values in what we do, are curious about the new things taking shape, or would like to be involved in shaping them, contact us at connect@sustainlv.org.”

—Alliance for Sustainable Communities-Lehigh Valley

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At the Beginning Over Foundation we pledge our time, energy, and voices to protect victims of domestic abuse. Our goal is to help shelter and protect families in crisis and support long term solutions to help them rebuild and sustain healthy lives and to raise awareness about intimate partner violence through education programs.  
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Berks Gas Truth is a grassroots organization fighting for a ban on fracking and an end to all natural gas infrastructure, including pipelines, compressor stations, power plants, LNG, ethane crackers, and other processing plants. We hold our meetings in locations around the country, so please visit our website for meeting notices, sign up for our newsletter on our site, or visit us on Facebook and Twitter.
The Bethlehem Partnership for a Healthy Community is a collaborative initiative of a wide range of local businesses, government, educational, and community organizations. Their belief is that the community can work together to improve the health status and quality of life with children and families living in Bethlehem and Fountain Hill through the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness of individual community members. The Partnerships’ three main strategic goals are to 1) improve access to care; 2) promote child and adolescent health; and 3) eliminate health disparities.

Bethlehem Food Co-Op

The Bethlehem Food Co-Op is a diverse community encouraging physical, social, and economic health by providing healthful, affordable food; emphasizing local, sustainable, humane and natural food systems; and offering unique educational opportunities to the entire community. We are working to open a brick-and-mortar grocery store in downtown Bethlehem. Find us on Facebook (facebook.com/BethlehemFoodCoOp), Twitter (@BethlehemCoop), and Instagram (@bethlehemfoodcoop).

Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife

We are a subcommittee of the Environmental Advisory Council of the City of Bethlehem. Our mission is to work with the City of Bethlehem to support biodiversity and minimize negative environmental impacts by encouraging city residents, schools, businesses and other organizations to implement wildlife friendly and sustainable garden practices. Visit our Facebook page.

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COOPERATIVE
Beyond Capitalism Working Group (BCWG)

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Deriving our working group’s name from the reading we started out with, Gar Alperowitz’s America Beyond Capitalism, we have been discussing aspects of political economy, contrasting the dysfunctionality of our current system with possible sustainable alternatives, as well as ways to get there. A working group of the Alliance for Sustainable Communities-Lehigh Valley. We meet weekly, currently Fridays, 11am–1pm at Moravian College. All welcome.

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

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Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center is a professionally-staffed LGBT community-based organization. We provide cutting-edge arts & culture events for the Greater Lehigh Valley, as well as provide health promotion programs that aim to measure and reduce health disparities, as well as educate the community and healthcare professionals about LGBT health concerns. We offer a drop-in after school youth program, Project SILK Lehigh Valley, as well as supportive services, such as free HIV & STI testing, legal clinics, and support groups. Our events and services are always offered at no-cost to the community.

Buy Fresh Buy Local – Greater Lehigh Valley

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buylocalgreaterlehighvalley.org

The Greater Lehigh Valley chapter of Buy Fresh Buy Local is working to build the local food economy by
• educating consumers about the benefits of choosing locally grown foods,
• promoting local food providers,
• improving fresh food access in low-income neighborhoods,
• facilitating local food purchases by wholesale buyers, and
• providing research about the Greater Lehigh Valley’s local food system.

Pick up a copy of our Local Foods Guide at your nearest producer-only farmers’ market. See our ad on inside back cover.
The Center for Humanistic Change is a private, non-profit agency providing prevention education and life skills training. For 37 years, we have delivered high quality educational programming throughout the Lehigh Valley and have been dedicated to the philosophy that people learn best by doing. Our mission is to engage individuals in opportunities to prepare for life’s challenges through programs that encourage healthy decision-making, positive choices, and peaceful living. The majority of our work is in schools and with youth agencies. CHC also works with adults through the workplace and community groups. See our website for full details on educational programs!

The Caring Place

931 Hamilton Street
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www.thecaringplace.org

The Caring Place is a non-profit youth development center. Its services focus around the low-income, high-risk, inner city youth of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The educational programs include science, math, reading, and art, just to name a few. Social programs include Sister to Sister and Boys to Men. Our entrepreneurship program is linked to the Caring Coffee Café, which is the most recent addition. Our goal is to improve the outlook for the lives of the children — today’s youth are tomorrow’s future.

CAT – Coalition for Appropriate Transportation

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CAT—Coalition for Appropriate Transportation is an educational organization working to improve mobility for everyone. Improved walking, bicycling, and transit mean a better quality of life. Human-power and mass transportation are a way to personally decrease our consumption of oil; that we can do this very moment. Streets and trails are available for enjoyment and transport. Appropriate transportation choices mean less congestion, reduced pollution, fewer auto crash deaths and life-changing injuries, too. Curbing our use of the automobile fights suburban sprawl, obesity, and increasingly high medical costs. CAT’s education programs encourage appropriate transportation choices for a more sustainable, pleasant lifestyle a more active life, greater vitality, and improved health.

- Love Your Local Trail
- Walk In Your Community
- Bike Somewhere Today

Center for Humanistic Change

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Columcille is a megalithic stone monument and nature trail park located next to the Kirkridge Retreat Center near Bangor, PA. The park is designed to inspire the same spiritual energy and inner tranquility that many experience on the ancient Celtic monastic island of Iona, Scotland. Besides offering visitors a place to experience solitude, Columcille also holds festive celebrations at the summer solstice and on the ancient Celtic holidays of Beltaine and Samhuinn. Columcille, a non-profit organization established to promote personal and societal transformation toward a more sustainable world, manages the park and its associated activities. Facebook: Columcille Megalith Park

The Children's Home of Easton provides a caring, nurturing environment for children in need, as well as assistance for their families. We provide long-term care to guide, support, and encourage children to believe in their own self-worth and reach their full potential. Our Wellness Program has the motto, “Work it, Feed it, Rest it, Believe it!” encouraging all students and staff to exercise, eat right, sleep enough, manage stress, and do it all with a positive attitude and outlook about themselves and their future, and features a large organic garden used for better nutrition, education, and job training.

Members of Citizens’ Climate Lobby’s 300-plus chapters work to create the political will for a livable world and advocate for “Carbon Fee and Dividend” carbon pricing legislation. In addition to direct lobbying, CCL members write opinion pieces, letters-to-the-editor, and letters to Congressional offices. The legislation we propose is more than fair to most households, and it is revenue-neutral, regulation-free, jobs-growing, and strong enough to catalyze the conversion of our energy economy from fossil-fuel-addicted to fossil-free by 2050. We meet monthly over a potluck dinner, on the Tuesday-after-the-second-Saturday at 6 pm in NCC’s Fowler Center in Southside Bethlehem.
Colleges & Universities

The greater Lehigh Valley region’s many fine colleges and universities have a variety of resources that can promote sustainability, including courses, expert speakers, specialized libraries, workshops and lectures, and special programs. (Some colleges operate programs in more than one location.) Many events and resources are open to the public, but available resources and programs depend on the time of year and academic calendar. In most cases, the website offers a calendar of events and a variety of other information. Contact the institution directly for information about current offerings:

Cedar Crest College (Allentown)
www.cedarcrest.edu | 800-360-1222

DeSales University (Center Valley)
www.desales.edu | 610-282-1100

East Stroudsburg University (Bethlehem Campus)
www.esu.edu | 877-422-1378

Kutztown University (Kutztown)
www.kutztown.edu | 610-683-4000

Lafayette College (Easton)
www.lafayette.edu | sustainability.lafayette.edu | 610-330-5000

Lehigh Carbon Community College (Schnecksville)
www.lccc.edu | 610-799-2121

Lehigh University (Bethlehem)
www.lehigh.edu | sustainability.lehigh.edu | 610-758-3000

Moravian College (Bethlehem)
www.moravian.edu | 610-861-1300

Muhlenberg College (Allentown)
www.muhlenberg.edu | www.muhlenberg.edu/sustainability | 484-664-3100

Northampton Community College (Bethlehem)
www.northampton.edu | 610-861-5300

Penn State University–Lehigh Valley (Center Valley)
www.lv.psu.edu | 610-285-5000

(Also see listing for Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges, [52])
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV)

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The Community Action Committee of Lehigh Valley (CACLV) is a nonprofit corporation located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania working with low-income residents to combat poverty. CACLV has been fighting poverty with the help of donors, volunteers, board members, advisory boards and dedicated staff. CACLV hopes to improve the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley area by creating economic opportunities, giving local residents a voice in their community, and acting as an advocates to help people address the challenges of ever-concentrating wealth against ever-growing poverty and the failure of the marketplace in many urban neighborhoods.

Community Exchange Time Dollar Network

17th & Chew Streets
PO Box 7017
Allentown, PA  18105
610-969-2486
community_exchange@lvhn.org
www.lvhn.org/communityhealth

Community Exchange is a “neighbor to neighbor” inter-generational model of Time Banks USA. Community Exchange connects individuals and organizations in a supportive network that respects the gifts and assets of all members and values all service provided equally. One hour of service earns one Time Credit. Time Credits are used to request services from others in the network. The list of services available varies depending on the unique skills, talents and abilities of the current members. The possibilities are endless.

Cops ’n’ Kids of Easton

East Area Community Center
901 Washington Street
Easton, PA  18042
610-250-6562
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www.copsnkidseaston.org

Mission of this award-winning, all-volunteer program is “connecting kids and community through literacy”. Sponsored by Easton Police Athletic League and Easton Area Community Center in collaboration with Weed & Seed initiative and other community supporters, the program distributes thousands of free new and lightly used books to all children who visit the Reading Room or attend sponsored community events. Books and literacy-based activities are provided in a welcoming, positive social environment that encourages development of reading skills, self-confidence, and community involvement. Reading Room hours: Thursdays 11 am–7 pm; first and third Saturdays 10 am—noon. Volunteers and book donations are welcomed. Facebook: Cops n Kids
EANC is a community organization located on the south side of Easton, PA. It provides many services and programs to low income individuals and families living in and around Easton. These programs include: Utility Assistance, Rental Assistance, Transitional Shelter for homeless families, Community Food Pantry, ASPIRE Program for pregnant and parenting teens, Social Security Rep. Payee services, Community classes and groups. EANC has formed community partnerships with other area agencies and offers a comprehensive network of resources and information. Follow us on Facebook! Also home to the Easton Urban Farm! The mission is to encourage residents to access healthy food through purchase, cultivation, and sharing.

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Going forward, I hope we reflect upon our unique history, remembering the importance of diversity, tolerance, the arts, green spaces, and a respect for place.

—Diane White Husic, in “A Reflection on Place, History and Resilience” on page 4

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Eastern Pennsylvania Permaculture Guild

Meet other local people who support permaculture design for creating more sustainable human environments. Everyone welcome, including all regional residents, friends & supporters! Permaculture offers practical solutions to many of the problems facing the world by using ecology as the basis of organizing systems of food production, housing, technology, economics and community. Please join us as we cultivate a beautiful, delicious and healthy tomorrow! Activities include discussion groups, tours, workshops & more.

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Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

We preserve the historic pathway that carried coal and iron from Wilkes-Barre to Philadelphia. Today, the D&L Trail connects people to nature, culture, communities, recreation and our industrial heritage.
Environmental Advisory Councils are established at the local level, as provided by state law, to advise municipal governments on issues such as:

- Identifying environmental problems;
- Identifying environmentally sensitive areas such as flood-prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas;
- Making recommendations for the most appropriate use of open land;
- Developing Open Space plans and programs;
- Recommending and assisting in developing projects to protect the environment; and
- Promoting community environmental programs.

For additional information and current contact information, check with your local government or the Pennsylvania Environmental Council’s EAC Network. As of March 2017, we identified EACs in the following municipalities:

**Lehigh County**
- Alburtis Borough
- City of Allentown
- City of Bethlehem
- Emmaus Borough & Upper Milford Township
- Heidelberg Township
- Lower Macungie Township
- Lynn Township
- Salisbury Township
- South Whitehall Township
- Upper Saucon Township
- Weisenberg Township
- Whitehall Township

**Northampton County**
- City of Bethlehem
- Bushkill Township
- City of Easton
- Lower Mount Bethel Township
- Lower Nazareth Township
- Lower Saucon Township
- Moore Township
- Nazareth (Borough Ecology Committee)
- Palmer Township
- Plainfield Township
- Upper Mount Bethel Township

**Bucks County (northern)**
- Buckingham Township
- Doylestown Township
- Durham Township
- New Britain Township
- Nockamixon Township
- Plumstead Township
- Solebury Township

**Berks County (eastern)**
- District Township
- Hereford Township
- Longswamp Township
- Pike Township
- Washington Township
Farmers’ Markets

Producer-only Farmers’ Markets in the Greater Lehigh Valley:

**Allentown Fresh Fridays Local Food Market**
702 N 7th Street, Allentown
Friday 4–7 PM (May–Oct.)
steve@godshallfarm.com

**Bath Farmers’ Market**
Keystone Park, Race Street (Route 329) & Green Street, Bath
Friday 3 PM–7 PM (May–Oct.)
www.bathfarmersmarket.org

**Bethlehem Farmers’ Market**
Farrington Square
S New Street & Morton Street
Thursdays 11 AM–3 PM (May–Oct.)
www.bethlehemfarmersmarket.com

**Bethlehem Rose Garden Farmers’ Market**
8th Avenue & Raspberry Streets
Saturday 9 AM–1 PM (June–Oct.)
www.mana18018@wordpress.com

**Blue Valley Farmers’ Market**
707 American Bangor Road, Bangor
Sunday 10 AM–2 PM (May–Oct.)
BlueValleyFM@gmail.com

**Coopersburg Farmers’ Market**
State & Main Streets, Coopersburg
Sunday 11 AM–2 PM (June–Nov)
www.coopersburgmarket.com

**Easton Farmers’ Market**
Summer; Centre Square, Easton
Saturday, 9 AM–1 PM (May–Nov.)
Winter: 325 Northampton Street
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month (Jan–April)
www.eastonfarmersmarket.com

**Easton Public Market**
325 Northampton Street, Easton
(indoor, year-round)
Wednesday–Saturday 9 AM–7 PM
Sunday 9 AM–3 PM
eastonpublicmarket.com

**Emmaus Farmers’ Market**
235 Main Street, Emmaus
Sunday 10 AM–2 PM (April–Dec.)
2nd & 4th Sunday 10 AM–12 PM (Jan.–April)
www.emmausmarket.com

**Macungie Farmers’ Market**
100 N Walnut Street, Macungie
Thursday, 4 PM–7 PM (May 15–Oct. 30)
www.macungiefarmersmarket.com

**Monroe Farmers Market**
Courthouse Square, Stroudsburg
Saturday 8 AM–noon (May–Oct.)
www.monroefarmersmarket.com

**Nazareth Market on the Square**
Main & Center Street, Nazareth
Saturday, 9 AM–1 PM (May–Oct.)
www.nazarethnow.org

**Northampton Borough Farmers’ Market**
1401 Laubach Avenue, Northampton
Tuesdays 3–6:30 PM
Northamptonboro.com

**Northampton Community College Farm Market**
3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township
Year Round, Wednesday 10 AM–2 PM
May–Oct. on the Quad
Nov.–April inside College Center, 2nd Floor
Facebook: The Slow Market Place

**Saucon Valley Farmers’ Market**
Water Street & Saucon Rail Trail, Hellertown
Sunday, 9 AM–1 PM (May–Oct.)
www.avfarmersmarket.org

**Trexlertown Farmers’ Market**
Velodrome, 1151 Mosser Road, Breinigsville
Saturdays 9 AM–1 PM (May–Nov.)
trexlertownfarmersmarket.com

For additional information, see Buy Fresh Buy Local–Greater Lehigh Valley, page 34
The Foodshed Alliance is a grassroots, non-profit devoted to promoting fresh and healthy locally-grown food and profitable, sustainable farming in northwestern NJ. We believe that the future of our health, our land, and our communities depends, to a great extent, on the existence of local farms, that farmers are the keystone to our connection with our food, the land, and our sense of place. It is this conviction that drives us to work with farmers, consumers, and agricultural professionals to foster a self-sustaining foodshed that sustains farmers, nourishes people, respects the land, and strengthens our communities.

Family Connection of Easton, Inc.

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www.familyconnectionofeaston.org
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

We are the family center in the Easton Area School District. Since 1998, we have helped children be successful in school by: engaging and supporting families; removing barriers to learning; developing positive family-school-community partnerships; providing extra learning opportunities. Our vision: a compassionate community where all children and families have the opportunity to achieve academic and personal success. Our mission: to be a catalyst for change within families, schools, and communities. Through a team approach that includes families, the Easton Area School District, and community organizations, we improve academic performance, the quality of life, and the strength of our community.

Food and Water Watch

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Second Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
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www.foodandwaterwatch.org
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

We are a public interest organization that remains independent of corporate and government influence. We are funded fully through our members, individual donors, and foundation grants. Food & Water Watch champions healthy food and clean water for all. We stand up to corporations that put profits before people, and advocate for a democracy that improves people’s lives and protects our environment.

Foodshed Alliance

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www.foodshedalliance.org
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Friends of Johnston is a volunteer-based charitable nonprofit organization that preserved and restored 47 acres of the estate of the first Mayor of Bethlehem, Archibald Johnston, including the historic Camel’s Hump Farm that serves as a Community Center for Nature, Education, Wellness and the Arts. Community programming on the farm is focused on environmental education, health and wellness, community gardening, historic preservation, stewardship and the arts. We offer hands-on, project-based practical skills programs, nature based preschool, after-school programs for youth at-risk of failure, summer camp for students & adults with special needs, veteran reintegration and job skills training program.

Camel’s Hump Farm on the Johnston Estate
Community Center, 1311 Santee Mill Road
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thefriendsofjohnston.org

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Friends of Johnston, Inc.

Thermal Linzey’s Community Environment Legal Defense Fund helps local municipalities put in place their own Community Bill Of Rights.

—Tom Church, in “Organized Localization” on page 8

FreeCycle

The FreeCycle Network is made up of many individual groups across the globe, including local groups in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Emmaus, and many others. It’s a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer. One person’s trash can truly be another’s treasure!

www.freecycle.org
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Friends for the Protection of Lower Macungie

Scott Bieber
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A community organization that criticizes Lower Macungie’s land use policies and promotes discussion and civic action for farmland preservation and smart growth development practices in the township. The goal is to halt the uncontrolled sprawl and traffic congestion that threatens to erode the quality of life for township residents. “Friends for the Protection of Lower Macungie” on Facebook has almost 2000 likes. It was started in 2010 by a group of residents who sued the township to overturn the rezoning of 700 acres of prime farmland. The lawsuit was lost but the cause for smart growth continues in Lower Macungie.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
Habitat For Humanity of the Lehigh Valley

We are a nonprofit organization that works to draw the local community together in a large-scale collaborative effort to build simple, decent and affordable homes for hard-working, disadvantaged families in the Lehigh Valley. Hundreds of local volunteers and thousands of supporters help make the Habitat mission possible. Our ReStore, at 1053 Grape Street, Whitehall sells donated building supplies, home furnishings, and appliance in support of our mission. Please contact the office to see how you can help!

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Godfrey Daniels

Godfrey Daniels is a member-supported, volunteer-run, not-for-profit listening room, presenting the finest of folk music and performing arts through the “Godfrey’s Experience” that is, in a comfortable and spontaneous environment, accessible to all ages and backgrounds. Through the unique experience of live music, we create an intimate link among the musicians, audience members, and volunteers. Godfrey Daniels stands out by providing professional yet non-intimidating performance conditions, encouraging aspiring regional talent, and further developing the fabric of our local musical arts community. Godfrey Daniels is a vital part of the cultural fabric of the SouthSide Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley communities.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

The world’s first refuge for birds of prey, an international center for raptor conservation, and renowned for the thousands of hawks, eagles, and falcons that pass each autumn, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary offers one of North America’s finest experiences in nature observation. Visit our website for a list of public programs, events, and volunteer opportunities. It operates a 2600-acre natural area, 8-mile trail system with scenic overlooks, and a visitor center. Its staff and volunteers conduct education, stewardship, and research programs. Highly regarded for its 80 years of leadership, the Sanctuary remains the largest member-supported raptor conservation organization in the world.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
The International Institute for Restorative Practices Graduate School (IIRP) is a private, accredited graduate school in Bethlehem. The world leader in restorative practices education, IIRP offers master’s degrees, graduate certificates and professional development and works with schools and other organizations to implement restorative practices. IIRP also produces books, videos, implementation tools and free online communications through the Restorative Works Learning Network. With affiliate organizations in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Latin America, Singapore and Australia and licensees worldwide, the IIRP is part of a large worldwide movement of scholars, policy-makers and practitioners advancing the field of restorative practices.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Heritage Conservancy’s mission is to preserve and protect our natural and historic heritage. Heritage Conservancy is a nationally-accredited conservator and community-based organization committed to the preservation and protection of significant open spaces, natural resources and historic structures. A champion of conservation best practices, Heritage Conservancy is dedicated to the idea that everyone is responsible for stewardship and seeks to enlighten, engage, and empower others to help achieve this mutual vision.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of Hispanic and other families by empowering them to become more self-sufficient, while promoting an intercultural understanding in the Lehigh Valley. Our programs/services include: the WIC Program (Women, Infants and Children), Senior Center and Food Pantry.

The overall direct market for fresh and local foods has grown significantly over the last decade and is served by an increasing number of sales channels
—Heidi Secord & Gary Bloss, in “Growing and Cultivating Successful New Farmers” on page 22

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The Kellyn Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with a mission to develop, support, facilitate and implement programs that encourage family and community physical and emotional wellness. We focus on healthy lifestyles with positive outcomes that can be sustained and taught to future generations, while helping to reduce the individual, family, community and national chronic disease burden. To follow our journey, please like us at www.facebook.com/kellynfoundation.

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The Journey Home is a network of programs to assist women from Northampton County Prison in their re-integration into the Easton Community. The program has three phases: Getting Started begins during incarceration with individual and group activities; Going Home sets up goals, resources, and a supportive network for the first year of integration into the community; and Staying Home establishes life-long patterns of healthy living including commitments to self, family, community. Circles of Caring is staffed by compassionate, dedicated, trained volunteers offering support, mentoring, and advocacy to women who have demonstrated a desire and commitment to change. Volunteers needed!

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The Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center is to serve as an outdoor classroom for environmental and heritage education and to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation experiences and exercise. In meeting these purposes, the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and historical values of Jacobsburg and the Bushkill Creek Watershed are the first consideration of Jacobsburg and its partner organizations. Stewardship responsibilities should be carried out in a way that protects the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations. To join us on these outdoor experiences, please visit us at our website!

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GOVERNMENT AGENCY

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Kirkridge is a Retreat and Study Center rooted in Christ, close to the earth, where people from diverse backgrounds find community and experience the transforming power of the Spirit for personal wholeness, reconciliation and justice in the world. Kirkridge’s emphasis from the beginning was the integration of contemplation and action for justice, or “Picket and Pray”. With a wide variety of programming and a growing constituency of folks from many faith traditions, we celebrate our presence as a Christian center with an ecumenical spirit and an interfaith welcome.

We strengthen the Latino community through leadership development, education, health, and advocacy. The Latino Leadership Alliance provides a public forum for discussion and dissemination of information. It seeks to improve the quality of life for the Latino community and the entire Lehigh Valley. We accomplish this through the work of the following committees: Education, Health, Leadership, and Public Relations. Committee membership is open to the public and members.

“…teamwork makes the dream work. A recent visit to the Environmental Protection Agency confirmed this cliché for me, and applied it to the world of working towards sustainability.

—Claire France, in “Teamwork for Sustainable Objectives” on page 14

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active citizen participation in Government Agency, increases public understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League’s position on natural resources is to promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest. Specifically, to promote management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems and to promote resource conservation, stewardship, and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government agency.
The mission of the Lehigh County Community Gardens Program is to provide garden space to Lehigh County residents, support the production of healthy food for the community, and to promote sustainable gardening practices. Lehigh County has two gardening sites. The Jordan Creek Parkway site, located along Lehnert Road, has 93 garden plots. The Cedarbrook site, located near Cedarbrook Nursing Home, has 110 garden plots. There is a $40.00 yearly rental fee for a full plot and a $25.00 yearly rental fee for a half plot.

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The mission of the Lehigh County Community Gardens Program is to provide garden space to Lehigh County residents, support the production of healthy food for the community, and to promote sustainable gardening practices. Lehigh County has two gardening sites. The Jordan Creek Parkway site, located along Lehnert Road, has 93 garden plots. The Cedarbrook site, located near Cedarbrook Nursing Home, has 110 garden plots. There is a $40.00 yearly rental fee for a full plot and a $25.00 yearly rental fee for a half plot.

League of Women Voters – Northampton County

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in Government by working to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League’s position on natural resources is to promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest: we promote management of natural resources as interconnected parts of life-supporting ecosystems; and we promote resource conservation, stewardship, and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government agency.

The Lehigh Conference of Churches

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A consortium of 140 churches and faith-based affiliates driven by faith to bring healing, housing, and hope to the Lehigh Valley’s most vulnerable. The Conference’s social service programs support and encourage the hungry, the homeless, people facing mental illness and/or addiction. The LCC provides a continuum of care designed to move individuals from crisis to self-sufficiency. Our mission is to unite communities of faith as ecumenical partners. Speakers are available on each program or the Conference as a whole.

Lehigh County Community Gardens Program
Lehigh County Farmland Preservation Program

The Lehigh County Farmland Preservation Program works with landowners to preserve agricultural land with conservation easements. The program is also known as the purchase of development rights program. Landowners are financially compensated under this voluntary program to perpetually preserve their properties for agricultural production. Over 21,500 acres of farmland have been preserved in Lehigh County.

Lehigh Gap Nature Center

We are a member-supported, nonprofit, environmental education and wildlife conservation organization whose mission is to protect and restore wildlife and habitat for the benefit of people, wildlife, and the earth. Our headquarters is in Lehigh Gap, north of Slatington and Walnutport, on our 756-acre refuge. We have restored the habitat on the Kittatinny Ridge at Lehigh Gap that was destroyed by a century of zinc smelting in Palmerton. We publish Wildlife Activist three times per year plus American Hawkwatcher annually. The center is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Contact us about speakers or membership information.

Lehigh Valley Arts Council

Incorporated in 1991 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts-service organization, our mission is to: promote the arts; encourage and support artists and their development; assist arts organizations; and facilitate communication and cooperation among artists, arts organizations, and the community. The region’s central voice for the arts, the Arts Council has 127 nonprofit organizations, 54 businesses and 640 individual artists and arts patrons. We focus on making the arts accessible to all citizens and providing services to area artists and arts organization, services that include arts research, advocacy, accessibility for people with disabilities, professional development, special events, publications, and cooperative marketing initiatives.
The Lehigh Valley Bartering Community is a local initiative to build a network of gardeners, crafters, artists, hobbyists, tinkerers, farmers, and anyone else dedicated to sustainable, alternative exchange. Everything offered for trade within this community is grown and/or made right here in the Lehigh Valley, minimizing the product’s dependence on fossil fuels and substandard labor practices abroad. This bartering group emphasizes local, event-based community gatherings. You can keep in touch with LV Bartering Community members between events, however, by joining the group on Facebook, where you will be among the first to hear about upcoming barterers. You may also join a mailing list by contacting Adam at adam.heidebrink@gmail.com

Lehigh Valley Audubon Society

Our mission is to help people gain an appreciation and understanding of nature through birds, provide educational services on local wildlife to our community, and protect local habitats that are critical to local (and international) wildlife populations.

Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/lvaudubon

and Meetup events page

www.meetup.com/Lehigh-Valley-Audubon-Society

How can Universities and communities work together to promote sustainability? Lehigh University’s South Side Initiative (SSI) has developed a few different ways to answer this question in the past years.

—Mary Catherine Foltz, in “South Side Initiative” on page 10

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Lehigh Valley CASK (Committee Against State Killing) is a LEPOCO working group whose goal is to end capital punishment in Pennsylvania. Members share information regarding legal developments surrounding the issue, plan events that help increase public awareness of problems regarding the selection of persons to be determined unworthy of life, and meet with legislators to discuss alternatives to the current use of the death penalty. Meetings are at the LEPOCO office and are held periodically on a date selected at each meeting. Notice of meetings is given on the LEPOCO website, through the newsletter, and in weekly email updates.

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)

The Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities and promoting the full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life. LVCIL provides services for its consumers such as information and referral, peer support, independent living skills, and individual and systems advocacy. The organization also provides housing search and support, services for landlords, a 24-hour sign language interpreter referral service, youth transition services, and community outreach through specialized programs and groups.

Lehigh Valley Black News Network

The Lehigh Valley Black News Network is an informative eNewsletter & blog designed to inform you about events and community information related to the connection and inclusion of communities of African-Black-African American descent throughout the Lehigh Valley and the State of Pennsylvania. The LV BNN e-letter is distributed and viewed by over 5000 internet readers from the Lehigh Valley Region, parts of Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Reading.
Lehigh Valley Humanists is a group focused on a progressive life stance that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead meaningful, ethical lives capable of adding to the greater good of humanity. Our goal is to promote Humanism and foster the building of a vibrant community dedicated to a positive ethical life-stance in the Lehigh Valley Area.

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Lehigh Valley Humanists

I hope that the current political situation being faced by our country can help us realize that in a community all people are interconnected and that all members and aspects of the life in a community are important.

—Erlinda Aguiar, in “Preserving Our Communities” on page 7

Lehigh Valley Greens

A local group based on the principles of “green politics” (also known as ecopolitics), it embraces the formally organized Lehigh County and Northampton County Green Parties. It aims is to create an ecologically sustainable society rooted in environmentalism, nonviolence, social justice, and grassroots democracy. We promote the Green Party’s Ten Key Values through both electoral and non-electoral actions. We invite all concerned citizens to join us in our efforts to free our society from corporate influence and improve our community, state, and country through all facets of social and political activism. Meets monthly. Contact us for more information.

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Lehigh Valley Greens

Lehigh Valley Gas Truth

Grassroots group fighting for a ban on shale gas development, clean air, clean water, and a sustainable future free of fossil fuels. For more information on how to get connected, please contact Karen Feridun, Founder of Berks Gas Truth.

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Lehigh Valley Gas Truth

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The Food Policy Council was formed to promote policies and action towards a local food system that benefits our community, our environment, our farmers, and our economy in ways that are equitable and sustainable. The Lehigh Valley Food Policy Council is working to foster awareness and understanding of the role played by an environmentally healthy food system in food security, economic vitality and the health and well-being of Lehigh Valley residents.

The Council’s Steering Committee of stakeholder representatives meets monthly at United Way offices. Working Groups meet monthly across the Valley, and the Council as a whole meets semi-annually. Membership in the Council is free. You can follow their work and join the discussion on the Council Facebook page: www.facebook.com/LVFoodPolicyCouncil.

Working Groups

Food Access – Making sure that fresh healthy food is available and affordable for everyone in the Lehigh Valley. Currently working on summer foods initiatives while school is out.

Consumer Education – What is good food and how do we use it? Do residents of the Valley have the tools they need to pursue healthy eating?

Food Recovery and Respect – How do we use our food well and reduce the waste? Currently building out a Valley-wide model of food recovery.

Community Farms and Gardens – Connecting with coordinators and gardeners across the Lehigh Valley, growing community support and involvement to improve food security, knowledge of what we eat, and technical assistance.

Land Use – Preserving farmland in order to grow a local food economy; fostering stewardship of available land for healthy food production.

Farm to School – Working with schools to add local, fresh, healthy food options to lunch, activities, and curriculum.

Farming – Working on ways to best support and encourage the Lehigh Valley residents who grow our foods and to help them improve their market and operations.

Infrastructure and Logistics – Examining the local food system to improve linkages for sustainable growth and efficient delivery.

Entrepreneurship – Encouraging workforce and economic development that focuses on local investment and re-investment in the Lehigh Valley food system.
The LV Social Impact Center is a co-working and event space where social entrepreneurs, non-profits, and other passionate community members can come together to bring about positive change in the community and act as peers to cross-fertilize and develop their ventures. During business hours, we are a co-working space and on many evenings we host community conversations and networking events on issues that are important to the community. In the coming year, we will be exploring the possibility of becoming a part of the global Impact Hub network with over 75 Impact Hubs and 14,000 members. Stop by and check out what we are doing or just come and work for a few hours if you are an independent contractor looking to connect with passionate, like-minded people.

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Lehigh Valley Progressive Events is published on the 15th and 30th of each month. It is a grassroots effort to publicize events about peace & justice, the environment, global warming, media/framing healthcare, election integrity, and corporatism/democracy in the Lehigh and Northampton County area in Pennsylvania.
Lehigh Valley Sustainability Network

The mission of LVSN is to create the avenues for collaboration, education and action that will facilitate the creation of a more sustainable Lehigh Valley. The Network’s goals include cultivating leaders who promote sustainability, increasing the visibility of sustainability and engaging the community in addressing sustainability issues. The Network is currently working on developing a web resource to serve as a regional portal to information on organizations, events, projects and education in sustainability. Any organization or individual that defines itself as interested in sustainability is welcome to join the network. News about the Network is available on Facebook, Twitter (@lvsustain), and LinkedIn (group: Lehigh Valley Sustainability Network).

Lehigh Valley Vanguard

Established in March 2014, Lehigh Valley Vanguard is an open access journal for radical thinkers and readers. Our mission, most essentially, is to subvert the dominant paradigm and question authority. We provide a space for people who would otherwise be marginalized for their dissenting ideologies. Lehigh Valley Vanguard features subversive prose, poetry, and visual art. We are locally grown, but nationally and internationally read. Our hope is to build a sustainable culture by encouraging critical thought within our community. We also facilitate events and grassroots activism within the Lehigh Valley. We have a rolling submissions policy. Please send submissions by email.

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a popular term full of promise and possibility—creative placemaking—has come to resonate broadly as a positive new approach to civic life. But in our enthusiasm to lay out the blueprints, map out the details of creative place, we have missed a full split in the road

—Doug Roysdon, in “Creative Place-making: A Matter of Words” on page 6

Lehigh Valley Vegetarians

Our purposes are to educate ourselves and the community about the health, ethical, and environmental benefits of a plant-based diet; to learn cooking techniques; to share home-prepared foods; and to develop community.
LEPOCO (Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern) brings people together to counter threats to peace, our way of life, and our planet. Ongoing programs, all open to the general public, include: Peace Camp, LEPOCO Peace Singers, Annual Dinner in March, Peace-a-thon (for bikers and walkers) in May, Potluck & Politics discussion series, monthly book discussion group, First Friday film series. There are several working groups: America’s Solidarity Group, Stop the Wars Committee, and Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing. Actions generated as needed. LEPOCO publishes a newsletter and a weekly email calendar, and updates its website calendar regularly. Call for more information.

Lehigh Valley Zoo

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The mission of the Lehigh Valley Zoo is to be a leader and model for wildlife conservation, education, and animal welfare while providing a friendly and fun place for citizens and guests of the Lehigh Valley. Find us on social media:
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Lehigh Valley Veterans for Peace

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Our military-industrial complex continues to produce fewer jobs per dollar invested than any other economic sector, and yet our military budget continues to grow, having doubled since 2001. As Veterans for Peace, we work with others to increase public awareness of the costs of war. If you share our values and vision, join us as we strive to end war as an instrument of national policy. We meet every second Thursday at 6 pm at the LEPOCO Peace Center.

LEPOCO Peace Center

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The Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Association (MAREA) is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization that promotes environmentally-friendly energy and lifestyle choices for individuals and small businesses. We are dedicated to informing and educating the public on renewable energy production, energy efficiency and sustainable living through meetings, workshops, educational materials and energy fairs. Our monthly meetings, free and open to the public, are held on the last Tuesday of each month at TEK Park, Route 222, Breinigsville, PA, 18031. Please see our website for current schedule of speakers and detailed directions.

Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Association

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The Martin Luther & Coretta Scott King Memorial Project

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The Martin Luther & Coretta Scott King Memorial Project of the Lehigh Valley is an organizational initiative designed to develop a memorial and strategic community programs to commemorate and memorialize the life-work and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King by leading a collaborative funding, construction, and program development process to honor their national and international contributions to world peace, justice, and equality.

Martin Luther & Coretta Scott King Memorial Project

Lower Saucon Township Historical Society

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The Historical Society seeks to preserve and maintain the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse as an example of 19th century Pennsylvania architecture, to utilize it as a place of public education, to acquire, conserve and archive artifacts, manuscripts, photographs, recordings and ephemera relevant to the history of Lower Saucon Township and to make them available for research, study and education.

Lower Saucon Township Historical Society
We address the social determinants of health that impact life outcomes for some of our most vulnerable community members (i.e. formerly incarcerated, juveniles aging out of the foster care system, homeless populations, individuals recovering from addiction, and newly settled refugee communities). MANLV addresses social needs of isolation, lack of community engagement, lack of a sense of belonging, poverty, institutional racism, restorative practices, health outcomes, education, and violence. One of eight pilot sites around the world in a global cooperative designed to build and share knowledge, resources, and experience in order to create a cooperative egalitarian economy from the ground up.

Through its special events and thematic lectures, the Center for Ethics emphasizes opportunities for continuing, hands-on development of our powers for ethical reflection, moral leadership, and responsible action. The Center’s programs are designed to engage us in intensive, reflective thinking about individual and collective values. Semester-long programs in the past have focused on hunger, patriotism, sustainable communities, women in global perspective, and human rights.

Based on the puppets and scripts of Doug Roysdon and developed through collaborations with many artists, Mock Turtle Marionette Theatre exploits the versatility of the puppetry arts. After a fairly extensive touring career, beginning with its founding in 1978, Mock Turtle turned its focus to activities at the Ice House in Bethlehem and over thirty collaborative partnerships with Valley arts and community groups, ranging from the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley to Pennsylvania Sinfonia to the DaVinci Science Center. Increasingly, their partnerships are established to emphasize important children’s issues such as literacy, diversity, and child abuse prevention.
The mission of the NAACP—Bethlehem Branch is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

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The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—Easton Branch is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. Our vision is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.
Nurture Nature Center is a science-based organization that combines science, art, and community dialogue to get people talking and thinking critically about environmental issues in their communities. Visitors to our building, which opened in November 2011, can experience our science theater and four art galleries. Our main exhibit is Science on a Sphere, a giant animated globe that displays breathtaking visualizations of Earth and planetary science.

Open houses: Wednesdays 10 am–1 pm; Thursdays 6–9 pm; Saturdays 10 am–1 pm. On Thursdays, NNC frequently hosts special programs, and on Saturdays 11 am–12 pm, a live Science on a Sphere show.

New Bridge Group

Formed to build bridges between artists of all ages and disciplines to the community by creating a vibrant and productive arts group, with a tribal feel, in the Lehigh Valley. The tribal concept is about creating genuine relationships with true freedom of information and a future of limitless potential bound only by the imagination. The New Bridge Group wants to change the world view of art and its relationship to earth and the community. The group is comprised of visual artists, musicians, writers, and creative people of all kinds interested in supporting and promoting the arts in the Lehigh Valley.

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Natural Builders Guild

Gathering of professionals and homeowners interested in forming a Guild to promote and foster the Natural Building trades, methods, and practices in the Greater Lehigh Valley. (A working group of the Alliance for Sustainable Communities–Lehigh Valley)

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Kate Brandes, in “Seeking Common Ground:” on page 24

“to contemplate some of the bigger societal questions I face daily about changes to the land and natural world around me, I turned to writing fiction to open the conversation within myself”

—Kate Brandes, in “Seeking Common Ground:” on page 24
Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA)

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PASA’s mission is promoting profitable farms that produce healthy food for all people while respecting the natural environment. PASA hosts educational and social events throughout the year in every corner of Pennsylvania. Check out our website for more information and join us at an upcoming event.

PEACE-Youth

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PEACE-Youth was started in 2015, soon after the group’s neighborhood was targeted for the path of the PennEast pipeline. Our focuses currently are threefold: Stop the PennEast Pipeline, Ban Fracking, and help switch our communities to sustainable energy and sustainable living practices. We support all environmental practices and ecosystem restoration. As we develop, we hope to collaborate with schools and offer curriculum support for teachers to integrate this awareness into the classrooms and help youth recognize the incredible dangers we face — but also the amazing opportunities that come with an energy revolution.

No one is immune to the perils the environment is facing, which is why it is imperative that individuals, organizations, and countries begin to work together now before it is too late to reverse the damage.

—Courtney Cohen, in “A Plastic Ocean: Consequence of Disunity” on page 18

Penn State Cooperative Extension Service – Lehigh County

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County, state, and federal support enables us to help local residents with everyday challenges such as identifying threats to crops or teaching families how to manage their finances. We reach out as Extension Educators and volunteers to share Penn State’s resources with residents of Lehigh County. Agriculture, horticulture, 4-H youth, and family living programs are offered.
Pennsylvania Farmers Union (PFU) is a policy and advocacy organization (501-c4), the dedicated policy voice of family farmers, rural and urban residents and consumers across the Keystone State. Through policy, advocacy and education, PFU works to preserve a sustainable local economy while ensuring domestically grown, healthy food choices for our community. PFU is a grassroots organization where policy positions are initiated locally. Whether it’s food safety, dairy, specialty crops, trade or any other issue facing Pennsylvania family farmers, PFU listens to farmers, trade organizations, conservation organizations, and food coops; in sharing a deep commitment to conservation and the success of family agriculture.

This is the beauty and power of grassroots organization, bringing together diverse groups of people who would normally have no other reason to interact but the goal in front of them.

—Tara Zrinski, in “Renewable Energy vs. Fracking & Pipelines” on page 20

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Pennsylvania Certified Organic

Our purpose is to assure the integrity of organic agricultural products through education, inspection, and certification of growers, processors, and handlers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington D.C.

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Penn State Cooperative Extension Service – Northampton

Penn State Cooperative Extension in Northampton County gives local residents easy access to the resources and expertise of the Pennsylvania State University. Through educational programs, publications, and events, cooperative extension educators deliver unbiased, research-based information to Northampton County citizens. We can answer your questions on a wide array of topics. To find out how we can help you, browse our website or contact us by email or phone.

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Michigan’s Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE)

The Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) helps farmers across the country develop and adopt environmentally friendly practices. Since 1990, SARE has provided $377 million in competitive grants to farmers, ranchers, extension educators, and others to support new ideas. To learn more about SARE and how to apply for a grant, visit the SARE website.

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Planned Parenthood promotes and protects universal access to reproductive health care and freedom of choice to determine reproductive needs. Our health centers provide routine gynecological services, pregnancy testing, and options counseling, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, emergency contraception, abortion services (Reading), colposcopy, and cryotherapy (Reading and Wilkes-Barre). Our education programs provide healthy relationship information, decision-making skills, risk reduction, and information about birth control and sexually transmitted diseases, among others. The advocacy component seeks to educate the public around issues important to our mission. Health centers are located in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Hazleton, Reading, Scranton, Stroudsburg, and Wilkes-Barre.
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ProJeCt of Easton has served the greater Easton area for more than 40 years. ProJeCt advocates for at-risk populations in our community by establishing systematic and research based programs to break the cycle of poverty. We offer services to help our clients bridge the gap between poverty and self-sufficiency. ProJeCt’s nationally-recognized literacy programs provide instruction to function successfully in the workplace, as parents and as community members. Case management services enable clients to set and achieve personal, educational, and economic goals. ProJeCt’s mission is to help people help themselves.

**Plant a Row Lehigh Valley**

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Plant a Row Lehigh Valley encourages local backyard gardeners to donate one row in their existing gardens, and donate the produce from that row to local food pantries and free meal centers. We also gladly accept overflow produce! We cover Lehigh and Northampton counties, and we’re operated by local gardeners to benefit our neighbors in the Lehigh Valley who might be hungry.

- Register your garden...
- Dedicate one row of your garden to donate to the hungry.
- At harvest time, drop your produce off at one of our convenient donation locations throughout the Valley.

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POWER Northeast (Pennsylvanians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild) is an interfaith, interdenominational organization grounded in building community power by intentionally organizing to interrupt oppressive and inequitable systems that have historically negatively impacted Black, Latino/a, working class, and poor communities in the Lehigh Valley. Faith-based but not faith exclusive, we believe that we are one people and that if one suffers, we all suffer. Our courageous, prophetic clergy, congregations, and communities bear witness to, and actively participate in, the reclamation of marginalized and disenfranchised people, through grassroots organizing that provides opportunities to become bold agents of liberation, actively pursuing racial, social, and economic justice for us all. Monthly meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month.
Rural Preservation Association of NW Lehigh County

Our membership includes over 100 local citizens active in educating residents of the area on the benefits of farmland preservation and keeping us a rural, farming community. Although we are not a political group, our membership is very involved in the local community through government and volunteer work. We are farmers and non-farmers, long time residents and new folks. Every year, we organize a spring cleanup, give a scholarship to a student going into agriculture or environmental science, participate in the Open Gate Farm Tour and Pioneer Day, at Ontelaunee Park, hold a Christmas party, and support other organizations promoting farmland preservation and agriculture.
OUR MISSION Safe Harbor Easton is dedicated to empowering and educating homeless men and women, and to helping them to achieve a better way of life. To that end, we provide safe, secure housing and case management for all clients. It is our mission to see that everyone who comes to us is given the means and opportunity to live a life of fulfillment and recovery.

When people are part of a community in which they feel healthy, safe, valued, and respected, they are going to be more invested in that community and likely feel as though there is structural support to succeed within that community.

Adrian Shanker, in “Elevating the Huddled Masses: How Health Equity Promotes Sustainability” on page 12

The School of Natural Learning’s mission is to promote a holistic approach to early age learning, placing a strong emphasis on the arts, nature and friendship. Not a bricks and mortar school, it is a school in the sense of a shared philosophy and approach to learning based on holism. Through consultation and collaboration with diverse community partners, the School of Natural Learning both develops and implements programs to bring nature into the classroom and the classroom into nature.

Second Harvest Food Bank distributes over six million pounds of food each year to nearly 200 nonprofit organizations, including food pantries and soup kitchens, in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne Counties. We educate the community about hunger, train agencies that provide emergency food assistance, and advocate for policies that prevent and alleviate hunger.

Second Harvest Food Bank is a program of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley and a member of Feeding America, formerly named America’s Second Harvest: The Nation’s Food Bank Network.
The Sierra Club’s mission is to explore, enjoy, and protect Earth’s wild places; to practice and promote the responsible use of earth’s ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity in protecting and restoring the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. The Kittatinny (Berks and Schuylkill) Group, in concert with the national Sierra Club and the Pennsylvania Chapter, works on local, regional, state, and national environmental issues. We publish the Berks-Lehigh Sustainable Farm Directory, organize educational events and hikes, and evaluate environmental records of local political candidates.

Shanthi Project

Founded in 2010, Shanthi Project teaches therapeutic yoga and mindfulness classes throughout the Valley to hundreds of at-risk youth and trauma survivors, including children in the foster care system, veterans, and the incarcerated. Promotes mindfulness to thousands of school children and their teachers each school year. Through movement, breathing, and mindfulness, students learn valuable coping and life skills that cultivate self-awareness, enhance compassion, and promote positive emotions, helping to establish healthy and productive relationships with themselves, their families, and their communities. Teachers are skilled and compassionate, have received specialized training in trauma-informed yoga, including how to work with at-risk youth.

The Seed Farm

The Seed Farm is a new-farmer training program and agricultural business incubator located in Vera Cruz, PA. The mission of the Seed Farm is to help start and support new sustainable farms in the Lehigh Valley and to facilitate the development of a vibrant local food system. Up to six apprentices are selected yearly to learn organic vegetable production and marketing skills. Graduates of the apprenticeship program have access to the Seed Farm’s land, equipment, and resources to start their sustainable farming enterprises.
The South Side Initiative (SSI) brings together Lehigh University faculty, students and staff with the people of Bethlehem in order to share knowledge, foster democracy, and improve the quality of life in our city. SSI rests on the proposition that the teaching and research mission of the university—and the quality of life in Bethlehem—will be enhanced by this collaboration that allows for the sharing of local forms of knowledge, historical memory, and cultural practice with those in the university. SSI ultimately creates a forum to address pressing challenges in the life of the city, by creating opportunities for informed democratic deliberation and action.

The South Side Film Institute is a grass-roots organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the art of independent filmmaking, offering choices to patrons of the arts, and showcasing the cultural community of the South Side of Bethlehem. The Institute provides the annual SouthSide Film Festival in June.

The Sierra Club is the oldest and largest environmental advocacy organization in the United States. The Pennsylvania Chapter has nine Groups, including ours. We meet first Mondays, 7 pm at Northampton Community College, SouthSide Bethlehem campus, 511 E Third Street. (Note: we do not meet in July or August.) We work to protect our environment in the Lehigh Valley and globally. We engage in environmental activism, conduct conservation projects, present outings (hikes, etc.) in the area, present education programs, lobby state and national legislators about environmental issues and endorse candidates we feel best support the environment.
Stonehedge Gardens

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NON-PROFILE ORGANIZATION

In 1966 Russell Keich and Don Herring, avid gardeners and artists, purchased a farm and transformed it into a living museum, using salvaged materials from dismantled churches, barns, and other classic structures. Gradually the surrounding cornfields and stream were transformed into six acres of breathtaking gardens interspersed among waterfalls, water gardens, and ponds. Today, Stonehedge is a nonprofit public entity, perpetuating the continuing creative expressions of nature, the arts, and metaphysical and holistic healing. Our mission is to provide a healing, sacred, inclusive environment for personal and community transformation and wellness.

Sustainable Energy Fund

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NON-PROFILE ORGANIZATION

Sustainable Energy Fund is a non-profit organization that assists energy users in overcoming educational and financial barriers to a sustainable energy future: a future in which energy is harvested, converted, distributed and utilized in a manner that allows all to meet their energy needs without compromising the ability of their children and grandchildren to meet their needs. See our website for information about our annual EnergyPath Conference!

Touchstone Theatre

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NON-PROFILE ORGANIZATION

Touchstone Theatre is a professional, nonprofit theatre company located in our multi-ethnic and multi-lingual Bethlehem. At its heart is a resident ensemble of theater artists rooted both in our local community and the international community of ensemble-created theaters. The ensemble is engaged in the creation of original work; the on-going development of theatre productions in which image, movement, space and sound play as important a role as the text; touring selected original and ensemble-created works; offering educational programs that inspire students of all ages to discover their creative voice; and demonstrate the power of theatre as a community-building tool.

As low-income communities, workers, and communities of color bear the brunt of the climate crisis they did the least to contribute to, fossil fuel companies use their influence to deceive the public into thinking there is no alternative, exploiting people and planet all in the name of profit.

—Lindsay Meiman, in “In dark times, movements for justice exalt hope.” on page 16
Transitions Lehigh Valley is one of over 100 official Transition Initiatives in the U.S. and part of the global Transitions movement. The Transitions movement looks to communities for meaningful action regarding peak oil, climate instability, and economic chaos. Currently, our focus is on creating Transitions U, a means for providing workshop, training, hands-on learning, strategizing, and think tank sessions throughout the Lehigh Valley to engage and empower people in each community so as to unleash their creativity and their collaborative strength and enabling them to work toward resilience and sustainability. We are also exploring residential solar energy projects.

Turning Point is the sole domestic-violence agency for Lehigh and Northampton counties. Its mission is to eliminate domestic violence in the Lehigh Valley through empowerment, education, and engagement. Services include a 24-hour helpline (610-437-3369), emergency shelter, crisis and options counseling, court advocacy, children and teen programming, transitional housing, and extensive community education and outreach. Health care professionals are trained through medical advocacy programming. All of the agency’s programs and services are available in English and Spanish and are provided free of charge.
United Sludge-Free Alliance

United Sludge-Free Alliance is volunteers from all over America, a non-profit organization dedicated to shining an honest light on the issue of sewage sludge solids and liquid wastes disposal. By highlighting known dangers, contamination "mysteries", industry-resistant science, political history, personal stories of community and worker contamination, alternative uses and actions that every citizen can participate in, we empower YOU to recapture your health, food, water, air, outdoor environments and the wonderful places we call home. Our mission is to provide educational information on the health and safety risks to our food, water, communities and environment of the backwards and dangerous use of sewage sludge wastes as a false fertilizer and irrigation supply.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Valley Against Sex Trafficking

The Valley Against Sex Trafficking is a coalition of professionals and community members dedicated to eliminating human sex trafficking in the Lehigh Valley through prevention efforts in awareness, action, and aftercare.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Water Resources Education Network (WREN)

WREN is a nonpartisan informal collaboration among organizations and public officials working for the protection and management of Pennsylvania’s water resources, both surface and ground water, through grass-roots education and informed policy-making. WREN provides training and grants for local coalition building to promote community awareness and the public policies necessary to protect Pennsylvania water resources. The WREN Program focuses on Watershed Education to prevent non-point source pollution, and Source Water Protection to raise awareness about the importance of keeping public drinking water sources safe from contamination. Sign up for our free newsletter at www.waterwisepa.org or www.sourcewaterpa.org!

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Watershed Associations

For more information and a map showing the areas served by each watershed association, visit watershedcoalitionlv.org.

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**Carbon County Groundwater Guardians (Dallas)**  
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**Cooks Creek Watershed Association (Springtown)**  
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**Fry’s Run Watershed Association (Easton)**  
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Also see listing for Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley on page 73.
The Weston A. Price Foundation is dedicated to restoring nutrient-dense foods to the American diet through education, research, and activism. Founded in 1999, the Foundation disseminates the research of nutrition pioneer Dr. Weston Price, whose studies of isolated non-industrialized peoples established the nutritional parameters of human health and determined the optimum characteristics of human diets. Our local chapter, WAPF-LV, hosts public presentations dealing with food, nutrition, health, and food-producing systems. We also publish a small, quarterly newsletter and, to help connect consumers to local food producers, a directory of local farms. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/westonprice.lvchapter.

Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley

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The Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley serves as an umbrella organization for community watershed associations in Lehigh, Northampton and surrounding counties. The Coalition’s mission is to preserve and enhance watersheds throughout the region. It pursues its mission through outreach and education to the public, resource and information sharing among its community watershed organization members, and advocacy on key issues critical to water resource health in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding region. Most recently, the Coalition initiated Pennsylvania’s first Master Watershed Steward Program, which serves to train ordinary citizens to be effective volunteers in local water resource protection.

WDIY 88.1 FM Lehigh Valley’s Community NPR Station

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Tune in for NPR programming, WDIY Classics, The Blend, public affairs, folk and jazz programming Monday through Friday. See our website for the complete schedule of programming heard on WDIY. The mission of WDIY as a public radio station is to engage the Lehigh Valley community through a wide-ranging exchange of music, arts, news and culturally diverse information. WDIY partners with various community and business organizations in the Lehigh Valley.

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The YWCA Bethlehem is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Celebrating our 90th year, our services include an adult day services center with over 33 years experience in senior care, case management and recreational activities for seniors at the Fred B. Rooney Building and the case management at Episcopal House, Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series in its 43rd year and girls’ and women’s empowerment programs such as TechGYRLS after-school STEM program, Prom Dress Day, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Lehigh Valley and racial justice education programs such as Study Circles on Racism and Race Relations and Intercultural Reading Circles.

Wildlands Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust of the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River watershed. We’ve been creating lasting connections to nature since 1973, through land protection, environmental stewardship, and education. Wildlands has protected more than 54,000 acres of high-conservation-value lands, it benefits more than 19,000 school-age children annually through environmental education, and is focused on improving water quality and wildlife habitat within and beyond its nine nature preserves totaling more than 2,600 acres. Wildlands’ main office and the Air Products Environmental Education Center, is headquartered at its 77.5-acre Pool Wildlife Sanctuary in Emmaus, Pa. For more information visit our website.
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Agri-Dynamics was founded in 1979 to provide natural products for livestock animals. Over the years our line has evolved into equine, small pet, and human health products and services. Today, we proudly offer additional horticultural services designed for golf course and turf management. What hasn’t changed is our ongoing commitment to the health of the family farm and our planet.

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Crooked Row Farm

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At Earthlight Natural Foods, it is our mission to empower consumers through education and to provide them with the ability to choose products that help them attain their healthy lifestyle goals. We offer only the highest quality foods and supplements and we pride ourselves on our customer service. We believe that it is our duty to be socially responsible and environmentally sustainable. We seek out those attributes in all of our business associations. We support our community through charitable contributions to a variety of organizations and strive to support local businesses by offering their foods and products in our store.

Restaurants and breweries providing eco-friendly dining. Family owned and operated. Strive to shorten time from field to plate. Beers brewed on site. Most food vendors within 100 miles. ‘Upcycling’ implemented by partnering with local farms using breweries spent grain for livestock; in turn, the livestock is purchased for the restaurants. All-natural, responsibly-raised proteins, produce and ingredients used whenever possible, GMO-free rice bran oil, recyclables. Partners with the Rodale Institute to compost. 100% renewable energy: wind, solar, LED lighting. View their sustainability initiatives.

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We’re located in the Grand Eastonian Suites Hotel building on Northampton Street in beautiful, downtown, Easton, Pennsylvania. Our gourmet deli features wraps, sandwiches, salads and paninis using the best and freshest ingredients. We also offer many vegan and gluten free options for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Ask about our special request vegan baked goods! We also do CATERING for social & corporate events: Weddings, Breakfats, Brunches, Lunches, Dinners, Picnics and more. We use local, sustainable food whenever possible. www.facebook.com/GreenHarvestFood

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