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**REGISTRATION FOR
*RIVERFRONT COMMUNITIES:
A SUSQUEHANNA SYMPOSIUM*
NOW OPEN**

*Conference Includes Plenary and Concurrent Sessions, Keynote Addresses,
Training Sessions and Outdoor, Mobile Workshops*

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) today announced that registration is open for *Riverfront Communities: A Susquehanna Symposium*, to be held June 8-10 at the Hilton Harrisburg and Towers, in downtown Harrisburg, Pa. Symposium program and both online and mail-registration information are available at www.SRBC.net/RiverfrontSymposium.htm.

The symposium is about the challenges and opportunities common to riverfront communities throughout the Susquehanna River Basin – in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The plenary and concurrent sessions will feature speakers from all three states and other national organizations. In addition, there will be keynote addresses, training sessions, exhibits and outdoor, mobile workshops in and along the Susquehanna River. The entire symposium is tailored for elected officials, representatives of business and industry, environmental and conservation organizations, government agencies, advocates for healthy communities and greenways, and anybody else who wants to exchange ideas for using and conserving their rivers' resources to improve their communities.

Paul Swartz, SRBC Executive Director, said, "For many years, the Commission has recognized the value of bringing together officials from riverfront communities to exchange ideas for capitalizing on our rivers' resources. This symposium now offers that platform, and so we thank the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for taking the leadership role and for the added financial support from the PA Departments of Environmental Protection and Transportation. We also appreciate the seventeen other partners from New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland who helped shape the overall symposium agenda."

Three plenary sessions will be held covering topics including The Susquehanna Greenway: A Call to Action; Cities Capitalizing on the River; and Regional Revitalization Projects. In addition, a variety of concurrent sessions will be held in five overall tracks, including: (1) Recreation, (2) Economic Development, (3) River Corridor Management, (4) Susquehanna Greenway Partnership and (5) Hands-On Training.

The symposium's primary sponsors include the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Department of Transportation, PA Environmental Council, SEDA-Council of Governments and the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. In addition, the following companies and organizations contributed financial support for the symposium: Geisinger Health System; Lycoming County Planning Commission; PPL Corporation; and The Center for Rural PA and Western PA Watershed Program.

SRBC is the governing agency established by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.

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