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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Heritage Areas Program

The Heritage Areas Program was established within DCNR to identify, protect, enhance, and promote Pennsylvania's historic, natural, cultural, recreational, and scenic resources, as well as to stimulate community revitalization and economic development.

Since 1989, the program has served as a model of success for its grassroots, community-focused approach. DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation administers the program.

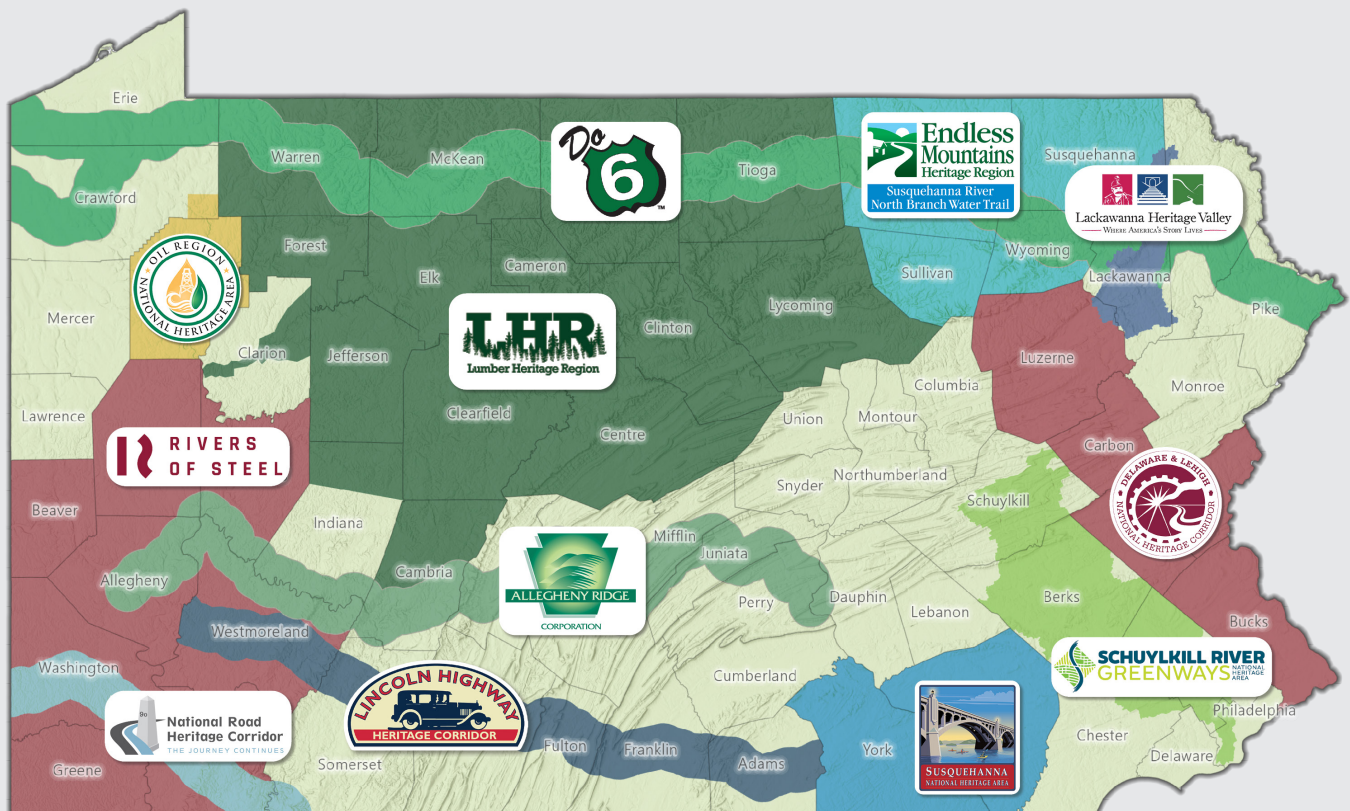
Pennsylvania's 12 Heritage Areas work in 57 of the Commonwealth's 67 counties. Six of these areas are also designated as National Heritage Areas, more than any other state.



Heritage Areas create cross-sector partnerships that enhance a region's "sense of place" and strengthen regional economies. Each Heritage Area's work is bottom-up and directed by community partners to achieve five primary goals:

- Economic Development
- Partnerships
- Cultural Conservation
- Recreation and Open Space
- Education and Interpretation

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Each of Pennsylvania's 12 Heritage Areas are managed separately. They are as unique as the history, resources, and communities they serve.

▼ Allegheny Ridge Heritage Area

A key asset in this Heritage Area is the Main Line Canal Greenway, which links communities along the path of the original 1830's canal between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

▼ Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

This Heritage Area preserves and interprets, the history of the over 165-mile transportation route that carried anthracite coal between Wilkes-Barre and Bristol, Pennsylvania.

▼ Endless Mountains Heritage Region

The mountain range, named for its endlessly rolling hills, is rich with iconic pastoral landscapes shaped by centuries of farming, timbering, and land conservation.

▼ Lackawanna Heritage Valley

This Heritage Area tells the story of the Lackawanna Valley and promotes stewardship of the region's resources—its land, historic anthracite coal, the rail industries and its people.

▼ Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor

One of three state heritage areas that represents a period of America's transportation history. The 200-mile corridor is intentionally reminiscent of the 1913 Lincoln Highway with quirky supersized structures and scenic two-lane roads.

▼ Lumber Heritage Region

This region tells the rich heritage of Pennsylvania's forests—from their use by indigenous cultures to the conservation efforts that have resulted in today's managed forests.



▼ National Road Heritage Corridor

Also a National Scenic Byway, this Heritage Area celebrates the nation's first federally funded interstate highway.

▼ Oil Region National Heritage Area

This region preserves the history and heritage of the birthplace of the world's modern petroleum industry. The first successful commercial oil well was drilled in Venango County in 1859.

▼ PA Route 6 Heritage Corridor

US Route 6 in Pennsylvania is the heart of the American Dream. This tranquil highway through the northern tier is 400-plus miles of history, heritage, and small-town culture.

▼ Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

Rivers of Steel celebrates southwest Pennsylvania's industrial history, the landscape that fueled it, and the hard-working people who made it possible.

▼ Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area

This Heritage Area tells the story of southeastern Pennsylvania's role in the American, Industrial, and Environmental Revolutions.

▼ Susquehanna National Heritage Area

This region focuses on the lower Susquehanna River's cultural and natural resources, including the scenic landscapes and historic communities along its shores.



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