

Dear Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your consideration of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor for your BUILD grant program.

Visit Bucks County is excited to support the efforts by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor to connect a substantial portion of the D&L Trail as part of The Waterfront development in the City of Allentown. The completion of this section would connect the entire trail system which runs from Wilkes-Barre to Philadelphia. This connectivity will encourage locals and visitors to explore the entire trail.

Visit Bucks County generates economic impact for Bucks County by marketing and promoting the many things to see and do throughout the region. Recreation is a key driver of visitation that help support the local economy, and visitor spending alone generates nearly \$1 billion in economic impact. We have nearly 28,000 hospitality jobs with many of them in our river towns along the Delaware Canal.

We thank you for your consideration.

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