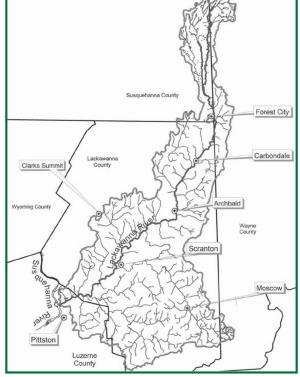
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The River Needs You

The LRCA is member-driven. Your ideas and support are vital to our work. We need to speak as one united voice for our river as we promote smart economic growth for our future. Your voice can help us educate and involve people and communities touched by our river.

Join the LRCA today and help us round the next bend.

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Nay Aug Gorge and Falls Area - Scranton

"The Lackawanna... takes its name from the Indian tongue and signifies the meeting of two streams... once abounding in fish of every variety, particularly known for its brook trout... gliding silently by over gravelly bars dancing in the sunshine... a river of the purest spring water... along its banks, thick with hemlock, oak and pine were deer and moose... among groves of rhododendron and laurel."

From A History of the Lackawanna Valley, Dr. Horrace Hollister, 1873



The Lackawanna River Conservation Association (LRCA) was founded in 1987.

The Mission of the LRCA is to involve the citizens of the Lackawanna River Watershed with the conservation and stewardship of the river, its tributary streams and water resources. Our mission is achieved through five goals (*Lackawanna River Citizen's Master Plan* developed in 1990 and updated in 2003):

- Clean up the river and its environment. Deal with junkyards, toxic dumps, abandoned coal mine sites, acid mine drainage, and sewer discharges.
- Develop a 40-mile Lackawanna River Trail along abandoned railroad grades (Rails-To-Trails), flood control levees, natural areas, and existing park lands.
- Create a partnership among local, state, and federal agencies, businesses, and community groups to promote clean up, conservation, and recreation projects.
- Develop partnerships with schools, universities, and the general public to promote environmental education, conservation studies, and research to better understand our local environment.
- Conserve open space and natural areas in our watershed.

LRCA & LVC Projects

LRCA has attracted over \$30 million in federal and state funding for projects addressing:

- CSO- Combined Sewer Overflow
- AMD- Acid Mine Drainage



The Old Forge borehole is the largest AMD point source of pollution on the North

American continent and responsible for 60 million gallons of mine water per day, 7,000 pounds of iron oxide per day, and 25% of iron pollution into the Susquehanna River.

- AML-Abandoned Mine Lands





LRCA has partnered with Scranton Tomorrow, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, PA American Water, businesses, civic organizations, & schools for environmental presentations, programs, and fairs.

The river is better, cleaner, and safer than it has been since the mid-1800s, but much work remains to be done.

For more information on how the LRCA is helping the environment of NEPA visit our website: www.lrca.org

The Lackawanna Valley Conservancy

The LVC operates in affiliation with the Lackawanna River Conservation Association (LRCA). It was incorporated on August 7, 1995, "to promote the conservation and preservation of natural, scenic, historical, and cultural resources in the Lackawanna River Watershed and nearby areas of Northeast Pennsylvania."

The LVC works with local property owners, developers, other conservancies and land trusts, and government agencies. The LVC functions to acquire conservation easements on private property or to acquire property in fee and either hold it for charitable conservation purposes or convey it to a government agency for conservation or recreation uses by the public.

The Lackawanna River Conservation
Association, Inc. (LRCA) and The
Lackawanna Valley Conservancy, Inc.
(LVC) are nonprofit, tax exempt, charitable,
and educational organizations with a mission
to provide land and natural resource
conservation and management services in the
350-square mile Lackawanna River
Watershed in portions of four counties in
northeast Pennsylvania: Wayne,
Susquehanna, Lackawanna, and Luzerne.

Membership in LRCA is growing!
Become a member and let government,
businesses, and civic leaders know you
care. Please consider leaving behind a
lasting conservation legacy by
remembering the LRCA/LVC in your will
or trust. Join the LRCA and know that you
support a cleaner and safer Lackawanna
River and its watershed!