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**Kimmett's Lock Trail Groundbreaking**  
**March 2, 2012**



Speakers: U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent, Dennis Demara - Pennsylvania Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Greg Weitzel—Allentown Department of Parks & Recreation, Elissa Garfalo—President Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

Project entails development of a 1.5 mile multi-purpose trail from north to south along the east side of the Lehigh River from Canal Park to Kimmett's Lock Park.

**Upcoming Events**

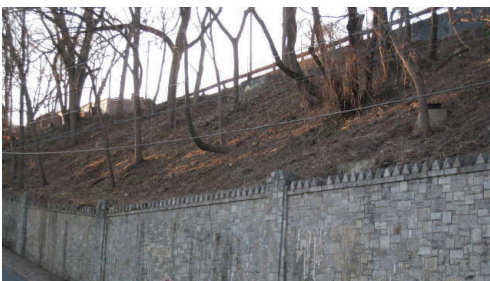
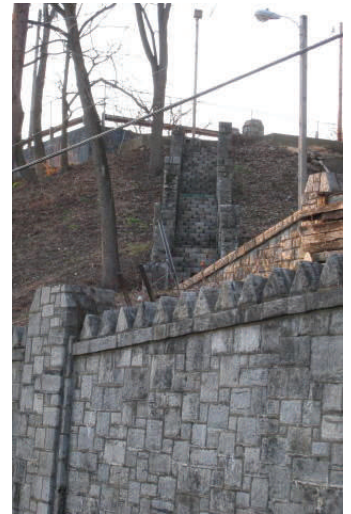
**March 17—10:00 a.m.—noon Kitemaking & Kiteflying** presented by Master Kitemaker Clifford Quinn. Location: Bucky Boyle Park. Registration required. Free

**April 21 —10:00 a.m.—noon Flyfishing for Beginners** presented by members of the Hokendauqua Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Location: Trout Creek Parkway West. Registration requested. Free.

**Parks Dept...Clears Way**

Ever notice all the wonderful stone structures throughout the city? Travel along MLK Drive and at 10th Street you see a grand stone stairway, the "steps to nowhere." At one point that area of Fountain Park was teeming with industry and workers utilized those steps daily as they traveled between home and their places of employment. The stone walls served to protect those below from falling debris, but more importantly instilled a sense of pride and permanence during a time of crisis.

Today, all that remains is the beautiful staircase and stone walls, serving as reminders of the Great Depression and a government program which put people back to work creating many such structures in Allentown. Employees of the Allentown Parks Dept. recently cleared the vegetation and removed litter to allow us to more greatly appreciate these wonders.



Built during the 1930s these stone structures were activities of the Works Projects Administration employing individuals in need of work as well as skilled craftsmen such as stone masons.

**Have a story? Let us know!**

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