

Save the date! **FEBRUARY 19TH, 2010**

THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN SUMMIT

Growing quality communities that benefit from the resources of the region.

At Penn Township Firehall
1750 Pine Road Newville, PA 17241

Register at www.southmountainsummit.blogspot.com

An event sponsored by The South Mountain Partnership's Member Organizations

Online registration preferred. For more information or to register by phone call the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, 717-258-5771 (Ask for John Luthy or Kim Williams). Registration deadline February 12, 2010

Who should attend? **Local officials, leaders, and business owners**



DISCOVER why the South Mountain region is critically important to the communities within and around it. Explore the natural and cultural assets of the region and why they are critical to our economic vitality and quality of life.

- Discover the most critical issues of the region and how they relate to your everyday life.
- Explore the rich network of local businesses that benefit from our cultural and natural resources.



LEARN about the South Mountain Partnership, an effort of a wide variety of organizations that are working to promote this region's assets and preserve its sense of place.

- Learn why 40 plus non-profits, county governments, universities, and state agencies are organizing to conserve and promote the assets of our region.



ENGAGE with your peers and the South Mountain Partnership organizations in your community. Join the South Mountain Partnership and help define the actions crucial to economic vitality and sense of place.

- Tell us your biggest challenges as a South Mountain business owner or community leader.
- Tell us about on-going efforts that you think the Partnership could support.
- Let the South Mountain Partnership know how we can help.



SOUTH MOUNTAIN
PARTNERSHIP

The South Mountain Partnership is a unified group of private citizens, businesses, not for profit organizations and governmental officials working to protect, preserve and enhance the South Mountain Landscape in Central Pennsylvania. South Mountain's land and heritage have brought us together to preserve its sense of place. This has become the mission of a partnership formed around the South Mountain Conservation Landscape Initiative (CLI). The CLI is a model for partnering that is effectively working in areas across the state; its champion is Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Visit us at: www.southmountaincli.blogspot.com

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FEBRUARY 18TH PRE-EVENT KICK-OFF The South Mountain Speakers Series

Attend "South Mountain: The Cradle of Conservation", the kick-off lecture of the Speakers Series. Learn how your region has a history of playing a crucial role in state and national conservation and how the legacy of past leaders is being honored today in current conservation work. For more information about the speakers series visit www.southmountainspeakers.blogspot.com

FEBRUARY 19TH SUMMIT SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00 REGISTRATION • Enjoy a continental breakfast to start your day

9:00-9:20 INTRODUCTION: JOHN QUIGLEY
"Pennsylvania, the leaders of conservation in concert with economic growth"

Learn about Conservation Landscape Initiatives, an innovative way of collaborating locally.

9:20-10:20 DISCOVER YOUR REGION:

SCOTT WEIDENSAUL, DAN MARCUCCI, & LENWOOD SLOAN

Learn About the Assets Crucial to Our Region's Prosperity

Explore through a multi-media presentation the assets and resources critical to your everyday life Hear from speakers on the topics of:

- Local agriculture and ag-tourism.
- Outdoor recreation and recreation opportunities.
- Our local natural lands and resources.
- Our heritage (evident in both landscape and in traditions) and heritage tourism.

10:25-10:40 Break & networking

10:40-11:50 WHAT IS THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP?

Learn what The South Mountain Partnership is doing to promote and sustain the region's assets that are essential to our quality of life and economic well being.

Learn how this Partnership can benefit you as a local official, business owner, or engaged citizen.

11:50-1:00 Lunch • Visit booths of South Mountain organizations and network.

1:00-2:00 SOUTH MOUNTAIN PROJECTS

Learn what projects are on the ground and how they may benefit you.

2:00-3:15 ENGAGE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY
How can we work together?

- Give feedback that will help prioritize the goals of the Partnership for the next five years.
- Let the Partnership know what resources (technical, financial, etc) you are interested in and what the Partnership can do to help you.
- Let us know if and how you would like to be involved.

SPEAKERS

John Quigley

Acting Secretary PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

John has been an instrumental figure at DCNR on alternative energy initiatives in Pennsylvania and efforts to determine if there are suitable underground areas in the state for the geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide. John has had a diverse career in the not-for-profit, public, and private sectors, including serving eight years as Mayor of the City of Hazleton.

Scott Weidensaul

Author and Wildlife Biologist

Scott has been a full time reporter and a freelance writer specializing in nature and wildlife including columns for the Philadelphia Inquirer and Harrisburg Patriot-News. Scott has authored more than two dozen books and is a Pulitzer Prize finalist. He lectures across the U.S., and is an active field researcher.

Dan Marcucci

PhD, MLA, AICP
Assistant Professor, Planning Program
East Carolina University

Dan is a scholar of landscape studies and planning. His current research examines the interplay between human and natural forces on landscapes and currently teaches at East Carolina University. He was raised near South Mountain and has done research in the region dating back twenty years. He is a graduate of Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania.

Lenwood Sloan

Director of Cultural and Heritage Tourism
PA Department of Community and Economic Development

Lenwood develops initiatives including Pennsylvania Festivals, The Artists and Artisans Trails, Pennsylvania Civil War Trails and others. He has been appointed by the Governor to represent the Commonwealth on the White House Summit of Cultural and Heritage Tourism.