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Wayne Bank Supports Wayne Pike Trails and Waterways Alliance

Honesdale, PA – James O. Donnelly, President and Chief Executive Officer of Wayne Bank, is pleased to announce that the Bank has supported the Wayne Pike Trails and Waterway Alliance with a \$15,000 donation towards the Lackawaxen River Trails project.

The Lackawaxen River Trails is a multi-year project guided by a group of dedicated community volunteers. They work with many community partners, including the Wayne County Community Foundation, to raise funds to build a trail system from Honesdale to Hawley on land, river, and rail. The plans are based on a feasibility study completed by Wayne County in 2020, which included public input that voiced overwhelming support for such trails.

“Wayne Bank is so proud to be a part of this project that will offer tremendous benefits for local residents, families, and visitors to our area.” stated Mr. Donnelly. “We are dedicated to investing in our communities and this project will provide a wonderful way for people to connect to the beautiful natural

resources of Wayne County, as well as extensive economic benefits, through increased tourism to our area.”

Since the feasibility study was released, the Lackawaxen River Trails has had much to celebrate. Construction of three river access sites has been fully funded by a combination of grants from the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with required matching funds coming from local foundations, companies, and individuals. Two sites will begin work in the fall of 2022, the third in 2023.

A river access at Industrial Point in Honesdale at the end of 12th Street will include ADA-compliant features, including a boat ramp, walking paths, parking, and park amenities such as picnic tables and a dry compost restroom. A river access in White Mills will have two boat ramps, ADA parking, and a dry compost restroom. These two sites will join a river access already completed in Hawley at Bingham Park and one that is planned in Indian Orchard near the intersection of Route 6 and 652.

These four sites will offer paddlers, fishermen, and nature lovers places to enjoy the Lackawaxen River and its beauty. All four sites will be official PFBC access points, which will provide consistent rules and enforcement to protect the river and its use.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation to help meet grant requirements for the project, visit waynefoundation.org.

PHOTO CAPTION - LEFT TO RIGHT: Grant Genzlinger, Lackawaxen River Trails project volunteer; Molly Rodgers, Lackawaxen River Trails project

volunteer; James O. Donnelly, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Bank; Jeff George, Lackawaxen River Trails project volunteer; and Ryanne Jennings, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wayne County Community Foundation.

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