

Endless Mountains Heritage Club



Gifted Opportunities with the Heritage Development Endowment Fund



Susquehanna River North Branch Water Trail

The Possibilities Are Endless

You are invited to join a distinct group of people dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich history, heritage and culture of the Endless Mountains. Members of the Endless Mountains Heritage Club are special individuals contributing financially in the services of the Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc. and its partner agencies, ensuring sustainability of our efforts. While we invite contributors to donate now, we also realize the importance of EMHR being considered in long range financial plans. By doing this now, you may realize tax advantages to increase the value of your estate, enabling you to do more than ever dreamed possible.

Invest in the Future of Our Past

LEVELS OF GIVING	
Yearly Individual Member	\$35
Yearly Family Member	\$50
Agency/Business Memberships	
1-10 employees	\$100
11-50 employees	\$150
51-250 employees	\$250
251+ employees	\$500
Special Donation Levels of the Heritage Club	
Copper Beech	\$1,000
Silver Maple	\$5,000
Golden Oak	\$10,000
American Sycamore	\$25,000 +

The Endless Mountains Heritage Region includes the rural Northeast Pennsylvania counties of Wyoming, Bradford, Sullivan and Susquehanna

PLANNED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Outright Gifts—Direct gifts of cash and appreciated securities are the most common types of gifts and bequests. However, other forms of marketable property including personal property, notes and deeds of trust, closely-held securities, patents, oil, gas and mineral rights and appreciated real estate are also welcome.

Deferred Gifts—A deferred gift transfer of property or interest in property at a specified point in the future. Until the date of transfer of the property, the right to all income or other economic interest in the property is either retained by the donor or given to another beneficiary. There are current tax benefits from such a gift.

Life Insurance—When the added protection of an insurance policy is no longer needed, transferring the policy's ownership to EMHR can result in tax benefits for you and a generous gift of legacy. The EMHR may also be included as a beneficiary of the policy.

Charitable Lead Trust—May be appropriate if you have ample income now, but desire to retain ownership of trust principal to meet financial goals for your family. Income will be directed to the Endowment Fund for a specific term of the trust, after which time the principal will return to you or designated survivors.

Charitable Remainder Trust—This type of trust allows you and your beneficiary to retain a lifetime interest in the trust. You are paid a certain amount each year, depending upon the type of trust you establish. At your death, or that of your beneficiaries, the remainder of the trust is turned over to EMHR. You can receive tax benefits both for charitable deductions for federal income tax and estate tax purposes.

Wills and Bequests—A gift through your Will or a Bequest permits you to retain all of your assets during your lifetime and/or the life of your spouse. Designation may be for a percentage of your estate or for a specific amount.

Leaving a Legacy

Please allocate my donation to:

General Purposes of Heritage Development _____
 Historic Site Projects [specify site if desired] _____
 Heritage Site Projects [specify site if desired] _____
 Greenways & Trails [specify trail if desired] _____
 Cultural Resource and Education Projects _____

Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc. Mission Statement:

"A non-profit organization working with a broad network of regional partners to preserve the rural, agricultural character of the region, convey its story through implementation, and enhance existing sites and facilities in a manner that will serve the education and recreation needs of residents and visitors."

Make All Checks Payable To and Mail To:

Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc.
 2 Jefferson Street
 Towanda, Pennsylvania 18848

Pennsylvania Charitable Solicitations Act: Donated funds may be earmarked for specific projects supported by the organization, provided the organization determines that such procedures will not jeopardize its tax status. The organization is regulated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the "Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act." A copy of the official registration and financial information for the organization may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free (1-800-732-0999) within Pennsylvania. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Your Place in Our History...

The Endless Mountains Heritage Region wants to be your partner in creating a legacy of stewardship of the heritage and natural resources of the Endless Mountains. Through the Heritage Club, you can join with people who demonstrate their passion for the heritage of our region and commitment to preserving and enhancing our resources.

Your place in our history can be established by making a significant gift to support the Endless Mountains Heritage Region and our partners.



The Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc. was incorporated in 1998 as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and a membership-based agency. We are a state-approved Heritage Area of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Through the generous financial support of our members, our agency and our partners can ensure the preservation and appreciation of the wonderful historic, natural and recreational resources of Pennsylvania's Endless Mountains.

Featured Projects & Initiatives of the Endless Mountains Heritage Region.

EMHR has served the four counties of Wyoming, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Bradford as a state-designated Heritage Area through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Since receiving that designation, our agency has secured and administered DCNR grants for the planning and implementation of projects contributing to community and economic development, protection and preservation of historic assets, enhancement of natural resources and creation of greenways, and support of agriculture and heritage tourism. Just some of our success stories include:

Heritage Sites & Museums

Funding has been provided to almost every museum and key heritage site of the Endless Mountains for special purpose studies and construction and renovation projects. Local and regional heritage sites and museums are vital partners of our agency and many serve as vital centers on the Endless Mountains Heritage Trail.

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS
HERITAGE TRAIL

Greenways & Trails

We are proud to serve as Water Trails Manager of the Susquehanna Rivers North Branch, a National Recreation Trail of National Park Service and as a Gateway agency of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network. Our staff are active in providing technical assistance to local organizations in developing and maintaining trails, campgrounds and greenway and open space areas.



Scenic Vistas & Byways

Our agency sponsors, funds and provides technical assistance to local and regional groups interested in maintaining and interpreting the value of our area's abundance of scenic vistas and byways. Working collaboratively with state agencies and municipalities, EMHR works to revitalize these unique attributes.

Interpretation & Education

The Endless Mountains has a rich character embedded in the stories of our people. From Native American history to European settlement, from war engagements to anti-slavery activity, from faith-based missionary and sacred place establishments, our region's people have powerful stories to tell. It is the mission of our agency to tell the story of the entire region to residents and visitors.

Agricultural & Rural Way of Life

The Endless Mountains are known for unmatched rural landscapes, shaped by centuries of farming and timbering.

Reinforcing the region's agriculture and forestry through its heritage of local leadership, EMHR takes a regional approach to enabling stewardship for the region's man-made and natural assets and its communities—to save and promote a vital heritage and invest for the future.

If you now qualify for membership in the Endless Mountains Heritage Club, please let us know. If not, we hope you will accept this invitation:

- I am happy to inform you that I now qualify for the Heritage Club by including the EMHR in my Will, Insurance, Trust or with an Outright Gift (please circle the method used):
- I would like additional information on: How to qualify for membership Ways to add to my planned giving

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

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