

Q1 Why is the Canal important to you?

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#	Responses	Date
1	It's in my neighborhood and an important part of our family and community activities and culture	3/25/2016 4:21 PM
2	Historical, open space and trail corridor linkages through suburban easy to get to access. Many miles of pleasure and I am much fitter as a senior citizen because I began exploring it 25 years ago!	1/19/2016 9:22 AM
3	It represents an important part of the region's heritage and technology.	1/13/2016 9:12 AM
4	It's a big factor in the development of the East Coast Greenway through Pennsylvania	1/4/2016 12:37 PM
5	Eco-tourism. It is a nice place to walk and enjoy the outdoors. I also enjoy the history of the canal and historic features, like maintaining the canal boat, the locks, and buildings.	1/4/2016 10:18 AM
6	It is a great piece of history and a wonderful spot to exercise and spend time with the family.	1/2/2016 10:18 PM
7	Its one of the best preserved towpath canals	12/29/2015 12:46 PM
8	It is a scenic wonder rich with history and tons of wildlife. And it is the one place I enjoy riding my bike with out being concerned about being run over by cars.	12/29/2015 9:07 AM
9	It's important because it's family friendly for walking, hiking and biking. There is so much history along the canal and scenic and different activities to do with the family	12/28/2015 7:33 PM
10	The history, it's a place for many species of animals to hunt and live. It can be pretty.	12/28/2015 10:34 AM
11	It is a nice walking trail. The houses along the canal are interesting to look at. I like the big tree swing and go on that sometimes. I wish the canal was not so dirty and fresh water would flow again.	12/28/2015 9:08 AM
12	Beautiful, like to walk it.	12/13/2015 5:56 PM
13	wildlife habitat, fishing, canoeing, skating,and walking the tow path to name a few thing	12/12/2015 6:32 PM
14	I have been walking, biking and enjoying the nature along canal my entire life	12/10/2015 1:34 PM
15	It is important: as a greenway, historic park, recreation, habitat for wild animals, & an emergency source of water for fighting catastrophic fires.	12/8/2015 11:48 PM
16	Recreational opportunities	12/7/2015 7:57 PM
17	It's the best preserved of the towpath canals.	12/7/2015 10:16 AM
18	It helps to show and teach people about early American History.	12/7/2015 10:08 AM
19	important	12/7/2015 9:21 AM
20	Because it links us to the past, while moving us into the future.	12/1/2015 7:48 AM
21	It is important to me for numerous reasons, mainly recreation. I also appreciate it for its historic value and beauty.	11/28/2015 9:54 PM
22	Safe recreational area for children and older folks to ride bikes and walk.	11/24/2015 10:50 AM
23	Peaceful scenic place. Good to ride bike. A lot of bird life including breeding Yellow-throated Warblers.	11/23/2015 8:29 PM
24	The Canal is important to me because the area is beautiful and provides tools to explore it more.	11/23/2015 9:36 AM
25	History, exercise and beauty of nature...all in one!	11/23/2015 8:50 AM
26	It is an integral part of our local history	11/23/2015 8:03 AM
27	It is beautiful, peaceful, adds value to my property, and is a source of wonderful recreational opportunities	11/20/2015 9:19 PM
28	I was born and raised in Bucks County and have lived in many other areas throughout Pennsylvania. I recently lived in Denmark for over 3 years and I came to appreciate the bike riding culture. When my wife and I were moving back to Pennsylvania, a key factor on where we were going to live was access to the canal.	11/19/2015 8:13 AM
29	The canal and towpath comprise my backyard. They have played a prominent role in my life (and family life) for the past 31 years.	11/17/2015 10:15 PM
30	It is in my backyard.	11/17/2015 6:14 PM

31	For photography and nature study.	11/17/2015 3:37 PM
32	The combination of the Canal, the River and the Railway in proximity to each other is a unique historical and early industrial artifact.	11/17/2015 1:36 PM
33	1. A very long, level, and convenient hiking and biking trail. 2. Multiple ancestors who built, staffed, and managed the Lehigh Canal.	11/17/2015 11:14 AM
34	The Canal has so much history for our area - it was an integral part of commerce hundreds of years ago and allows us to remain close to nature that live there.	11/17/2015 10:15 AM
35	It provides (in no particular order): 1. Historical and cultural interest 2. Habitat 3. A green link and long-distance multi-use footpath and bike route 4. The great possibility of being managed to help relieve local flooding and demonstrate innovative green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) solutions and stormwater control measures (SCMs).	11/17/2015 7:10 AM
36	It provides an alternative biking and hiking path for the physically handicapped. Especially, a safe thoroughfare between river communities; River Road is not a safe place to bike.	11/17/2015 5:35 AM
37	It is historically significant & provides a great walking path	11/16/2015 9:32 PM
38	Historic and recreational reasons	11/16/2015 8:28 PM
39	It is important historically, as waterway preservation, and as a natural habitat. It is a valuable resource that needs to be maintained.	11/16/2015 4:50 PM
40	because it is such a great source for contemplation of wildlife, and its scenic beauty.	11/16/2015 2:46 PM
41	It is our history! We have lost more than enuf of our history in both the delaware & the lehigh valleys. Having some sign posted does not tell our progeny the full story of what was there!	11/16/2015 2:37 PM
42	It is our history! It needs to be preserved for posterity, not reduced to a few words on a sign somewhere marking where it used to be!	11/16/2015 2:31 PM
43	It provides and excellent path, to stay physically active and by it stay healthy	11/16/2015 9:16 AM
44	It is an anchor in our region. It ties together all of us with its long history. It's what keeps us tied to the Delaware River and nature. It's a source of pride to many old timers as well as newcomers to the area. In fact, people flock here BECAUSE of the canal.	11/16/2015 8:56 AM
45	Part of our History	11/16/2015 8:25 AM
46	It runs behind our office, I walk there often.	11/16/2015 8:21 AM
47	It's a great recreational resource for the region.	11/16/2015 8:18 AM
48	The Delaware Canal one of the last, intact, 19th century American towpath canals. (The C&O in Maryland is another, and enjoys National Park status). It is the ONLY canal that can feasibly be restored to working order. England has proved, again and again, the value and benefits of such a plan.	11/16/2015 8:06 AM
49	I love the canal. I often walk, jog and ride my bike along the canal. The scenery and wildlife is beautiful.	11/15/2015 7:12 PM
50	Health physical and mental. Also it's a nice way to commute into Yardley.	11/15/2015 11:50 AM
51	I live near the canal, and use it for recreation (running, biking, walking) and relaxation (enjoying nature, photography). It is important to me to teach my children about nature, and specifically the nature that is local to us.	11/14/2015 11:08 PM
52	Habitat for our wildlife and a place for humans to connect with nature	11/14/2015 9:08 PM
53	A combination of history, recreation and tradition.	11/14/2015 3:54 PM
54	Enjoy the tranquility and view. Safe environment to enjoy the outdoors.	11/14/2015 3:39 PM
55	It's not just a haven for mosquitos	11/14/2015 2:30 PM
56	Beautiful nature historic and LOVE to ride my bike weekly	11/14/2015 12:25 PM
57	Beautiful scenery, peaceful, no traffic!	11/14/2015 11:27 AM
58	The Canal is important to me because of its history, beauty and memories. It is home to much wildlife and is a serene place to spend some time.	11/14/2015 11:26 AM
59	Beautiful and peaceful	11/14/2015 11:15 AM
60	It's preserved space and it's a great recreational area. Also, I enjoy seeing the various forms of wildlife that call it home.	11/14/2015 11:03 AM
61	History, scenic	11/14/2015 10:46 AM

62	Because it is a literally living piece of history. It is unique because it can be used and enjoyed, not just viewed or studied from behind glass. It's something man-made that has become a part of nature.	11/14/2015 10:33 AM
63	Enjoy walking it. Nature !	11/14/2015 10:31 AM
64	Convenient, beautiful, unique, wildlife, peaceful...what else can I say!	11/14/2015 10:24 AM
65	Recreation. I walk, run, bike on the canal path - both alone and with neighbors - at least once per week. Access to the canal path is a key "quality of life" aspect for me.	11/14/2015 9:36 AM
66	It is a National Historic Treasure that benefits the public and surrounding communities.	11/13/2015 2:42 PM
67	It is a wonderful resource to see nature and to recreate.	11/10/2015 6:54 PM
68	great recreational opportunity to walk without car traffic	11/9/2015 11:59 AM
69	It's history, recreational opportunities, transportation, and beauty.	11/9/2015 9:13 AM
70	I use the towpath to ride my bike while viewing nature and to cross-country ski also.	11/7/2015 9:23 AM
71	I love taking walks and exercising on the canal. It is a way to get in touch with nature and be near the water.	11/5/2015 5:51 PM
72	It is where I run and my wife and I go for walks. It is a wonderful escape from the realities of the world.	11/5/2015 2:12 PM
73	It is an integral part of living in Bucks County. We walk our dog and bird for eagles on the towpath. We LOVE the towpath, the rich history of the canal as we walk (locks and tender's houses) and location adjacent to the Delaware River.	11/5/2015 8:13 AM
74	it is historical showing how things were done before all this technology	11/2/2015 4:04 PM
75	I live one block from it and it's always been a great, easy place to to for a walk or bike ride.	11/2/2015 8:13 AM
76	My property borders the canal. We love the beauty, recreational and educational opportunities for our family.	11/1/2015 12:43 PM
77	The Canal is a lovely historical landmark that gives us the opportunity to engage with it through the towpath. The historical element of its past and the present nature it offers must be preserved for all.	10/30/2015 4:25 PM
78	Locally, the towpath is a great place for scenic exercise. Nationally, I'm hoping that the canal becomes a vital link for the East Coast Greenway.	10/26/2015 10:59 AM
79	I have a home on the canal	10/26/2015 7:42 AM
80	Recreation and Nature. Growing up in Bucks County my family canoed on the canal frequently. It was quiet water for kids to learn canoeing and have fun. We picniced and took walks, a little biking, learned alot of history thru my parents and the towpath trail signs. Today I enjoy the natural scenery. I haven't yet, but I intend to get the grandchildren out to bike on it. If there was reliable water in it I would get the canoes and grandchildren out in the summer.	10/24/2015 10:59 AM
81	IT WAS HERE AS I WAS GROWING UP WE SWAM INTHE CANEL FISHED IT.MADE MAKE SHIFT RAFTS HAD BONFIRES IN WINTER FOR ICE SKATING THINGS KIDS DONT HAVE AVAILABLE.PROGRESS TOOK AWAY.WAS ALWAYS AFUN PLACE TO HANG OUT.	10/22/2015 1:04 PM
82	Because I don't want rats and mice in my yard	10/22/2015 7:36 AM
83	It is close to my house, and a nice park also scenic,	10/22/2015 5:06 AM
84	historical significance	10/12/2015 9:32 AM
85	Great place to walk, amazing history	10/9/2015 10:26 AM
86	A significant recreation and exercise resource	10/7/2015 10:00 PM
87	The towpath has provided my husband and me with a place for off road biking and we have spent many hours enjoying the scenery and wildlife along the canal's banks. Along with the canal on the NJ side it is our favorite place to bike.	10/5/2015 12:08 AM
88	I live on the canal at Lock 18 and rely on the canal for beauty and recreation.	9/16/2015 5:09 PM
89	It keeps a threat of history alive through eastern Pennsylvania, and is also a natural, ecological resource.	9/16/2015 7:45 AM
90	It has historical significance and today can be a wonderful recreational space.	9/12/2015 8:12 PM
91	Historical value and walking.	8/9/2015 2:45 PM

Q2 How do you currently use the Canal?

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#	Responses	Date
1	bike, walk	3/25/2016 4:21 PM
2	hiking, typically 4-6 miles. Access sites bring me to new locations to explore along the Delaware River. I am partial to locations where I can walk into a business center for a cup of tea.	1/19/2016 9:24 AM
3	My family and I walk the trail, explore the locks, and canoe the prism when it's watered.	1/13/2016 9:12 AM
4	I bicycle on it for exercise and recreation. Also give tours to out of town guest along River Rd. It provides great views and offers a history lesson.	1/4/2016 12:39 PM
5	I walk along the path. I use a pavilion in Hugh Moore Park for a large picnic each summer. I have been to the canal museum and plan to take relatives there for a canal boat ride on their next visit.	1/4/2016 10:19 AM
6	Excercise and communing with nature	1/2/2016 10:19 PM
7	Hiking	12/29/2015 12:46 PM
8	Hiking and biking.	12/29/2015 9:07 AM
9	Biking, waking running. Participating in the 165 challenge. I have participated in the musikfest 4 miler and the D&L 1/2 marathon. We also attended the ghost canal boat ride and walk at Hugh Moore park which the whole family enjoyed and will do again next year	12/28/2015 7:48 PM
10	For walking and biking.	12/28/2015 10:34 AM
11	Just for walking and the scenes	12/28/2015 9:09 AM
12	Walking, fishing in spring	12/13/2015 5:56 PM
13	wildlife watching, canoeing,fishing walking	12/12/2015 6:35 PM
14	Walk and enjoying the nature and wildlife	12/10/2015 1:35 PM
15	For exercise walks.	12/8/2015 11:49 PM
16	Biking	12/7/2015 7:57 PM
17	Hiking	12/7/2015 10:16 AM
18	wildlife viewing	12/7/2015 10:09 AM
19	walking trails,biking	12/7/2015 9:21 AM
20	Hiking, biking and kayaking	12/1/2015 7:48 AM
21	As a way to connect to the various Delaware River towns as I ride bicycle along it. I also take my son for bicycle rides along the canal.	11/28/2015 9:56 PM
22	Bike riding.	11/24/2015 10:57 AM
23	Walking, bird watching, biking.	11/23/2015 8:29 PM
24	Walking, skipping stones, picnic, to see wild lfe, etc	11/23/2015 9:36 AM
25	Hiking	11/23/2015 8:50 AM
26	Walking and biking on the towpath	11/23/2015 8:04 AM
27	I walk the towpath and stare at a dry ditch, praying for water	11/20/2015 9:20 PM
28	Bike riding and hiking	11/19/2015 8:14 AM
29	When there is water, i enjoy canoeing, paddle boating, kayaking, ice skating, ice hockey, etc.	11/17/2015 10:16 PM
30	Walking the towpath, nature watching	11/17/2015 6:14 PM
31	Bird and other photography. All things nature.	11/17/2015 3:37 PM
32	Walking the towpath - which creates a unique 'back of house' view of the neighborhoods it pass through.	11/17/2015 1:37 PM

33	When I can get there. I live in Massachusetts.	11/17/2015 11:14 AM
34	Walking/ biking	11/17/2015 10:15 AM
35	As a tourist attraction -- for long distance walking/hiking As a green retreat and for botanical, bird and insect watching interest.	11/17/2015 7:11 AM
36	Bike and Hike	11/17/2015 5:35 AM
37	Walk my dog there every day	11/16/2015 9:33 PM
38	We usually bike the entire length each riding season (we do it in sections - not all at the same time). We always stop at various places of business along the canal.	11/16/2015 8:29 PM
39	Recreation	11/16/2015 4:51 PM
40	I walk along the canal and bike portions of it nearly every day.	11/16/2015 2:47 PM
41	Very often. For walks, running and biking, and to bring my relatives with me to spend quality time	11/16/2015 9:17 AM
42	Walking, hiking, fishing, photography, enjoying nature... I am also planning on getting a canoe.	11/16/2015 8:57 AM
43	Biking along the towpath	11/16/2015 8:25 AM
44	Frequent walks, with and without our dog, occasional bike trips. We explore different areas.	11/16/2015 8:21 AM
45	We ride our bikes and walk the towpath.	11/16/2015 8:18 AM
46	I hike it many, many times. I have biked it, I have canoed it, and I have done an end-to-end hike.	11/16/2015 8:06 AM
47	Walk, jog, and bike.	11/15/2015 7:13 PM
48	Bike to washingtons crossing from Yardley train station. Also train station to Morrisville. Just me orthewhole family. Much safer than the main road.	11/15/2015 11:52 AM
49	Running, Biking, Walking, Photography, Bird-watching. I moderate a photo project called Friends on the Towpath, that is centered on the connections, between people and nature, that occur along the canal.	11/14/2015 11:10 PM
50	Walking, biking,birding	11/14/2015 9:08 PM
51	Walking and biking on towpath. Canoeing when water is cleaner. Sitting by it while I read a good book.	11/14/2015 3:56 PM
52	Running, biking and walking	11/14/2015 3:39 PM
53	Don't	11/14/2015 2:31 PM
54	Mostly biking	11/14/2015 12:25 PM
55	Running and walking	11/14/2015 11:27 AM
56	Take walks	11/14/2015 11:26 AM
57	Walking	11/14/2015 11:16 AM
58	Several times per year. A few times a year to fish; sometimes to walk it for exercise.	11/14/2015 11:04 AM
59	Fishing, riding	11/14/2015 10:47 AM
60	Yes	11/14/2015 10:34 AM
61	Walking biking	11/14/2015 10:32 AM
62	Walk, bike and monitor activity from my house which overlooks the canal (yep - I am more than lucky)	11/14/2015 10:25 AM
63	Walk, run, bike. For exercise, to visit with neighbors, to clear my mind.	11/14/2015 9:36 AM
64	Frequently walk and run along the canal towpath	11/13/2015 2:45 PM
65	Hiking, walking, biking and bird watching. I especially enjoy seeing so many eagles along the river as I use the towpath. Spotting an eagle is becoming the norm instead of a rarity.	11/10/2015 6:55 PM
66	Very often	11/9/2015 11:59 AM
67	Bike, walk, kayak,	11/9/2015 9:13 AM
68	Bike, cross- country ski and view nature	11/7/2015 9:24 AM
69	I take walks by myself, with my dog, or with my partner. Sometimes I go for a jog.	11/5/2015 5:52 PM

70	Exercise on the towpath	11/5/2015 2:12 PM
71	Dog walking and birding, most notably for nesting eagles in winter. I once cycled the entire length over two days.	11/5/2015 8:14 AM
72	visit it	11/2/2015 4:04 PM
73	For recreation, and "transportation" (I can get to a park off the towpath and that's much easier than driving there during an event)	11/2/2015 8:14 AM
74	Walk, bike ride, walk dogs and enjoy looking at the canal from our house.	11/1/2015 12:44 PM
75	I live in New Hope Borough, right on the towpath and use it to walk my dog, ride my bike, interact with nature and the wildlife as well as walk into town.	10/30/2015 4:26 PM
76	Bicycle rides and visitor tours	10/26/2015 11:00 AM
77	I use the towpath for hiking and biking	10/26/2015 7:43 AM
78	Walking.	10/24/2015 11:00 AM
79	JUST LIKE TO WALK THE TOWPATH.	10/22/2015 1:05 PM
80	I walk everyday on it	10/22/2015 7:36 AM
81	Walks and recreation bike rides	10/22/2015 5:06 AM
82	I do not	10/12/2015 9:32 AM
83	walking	10/9/2015 10:26 AM
84	Bicycle travel and scenic tourist route for out of town guest	10/7/2015 10:01 PM
85	We use the canal mainly for biking.	10/5/2015 12:08 AM
86	We use the towpath for biking and walking.	9/16/2015 5:10 PM
87	Not at all since it is empty in Upper Black Eddy. It has been more than a decade since we have been able to kayak in it or watch wildlife or even walk or bike the towpath because years of engineering neglect have left it vulnerable to every kind of disaster.	9/16/2015 7:46 AM
88	Walking path	9/12/2015 8:12 PM
89	Walking and entertaining our house guests.	8/9/2015 2:48 PM

Q3 Who uses the Canal and who doesn't?

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#	Responses	Date
1	My whole family.	3/25/2016 4:21 PM
2	I see white middle class users: families, couples singles. Many bikes, walkers, and a few times even a kayaker.	1/19/2016 9:25 AM
3	I have seen a nice mix of people on it. The Northampton County section isn't particularly ADA-compliant.	1/13/2016 9:13 AM
4	Outdoor people use the canal. Indoor people do not use the canal.	1/4/2016 12:40 PM
5	Lots of people use the canal. Mainly, I see people, families and individuals, walking and biking. I also see people fishing. I see many families using the picnic tables and pavilions in the park.	1/4/2016 10:21 AM
6	Locales use the canal more visitors should be told about it. Maybe doing races along the canal to bring new people to the canal.	1/2/2016 10:20 PM
7	Everyone should use it as it is an asset to everyone. I would assume those folks who have no interest in getting outdoors and enjoying the beauty around them don't use it.	12/29/2015 9:08 AM
8	Outdoorsy people use it, people interested in history, bikers, runners, walkers, fisherman. I guess people who don't use may not know about what it all has to offer.	12/28/2015 7:48 PM
9	Active people, runners, walkers, bikers. Unfortunately trouble makers, the homeless and kids who throw parties at night use the trail. Most of the community doesn't take advantage of the trail.	12/28/2015 10:36 AM
10	My husband and I use it	12/28/2015 9:09 AM
11	Dah	12/13/2015 5:57 PM
12	do not know	12/12/2015 6:36 PM
13	Everyone I know uses it in one way or another	12/10/2015 1:36 PM
14	This question makes no sense. Who uses? People, deer, birds, fish, other animals. Who doesn't? same as those who use it.	12/8/2015 11:51 PM
15	Active adults and families use it. Couch potatoes do not.	12/7/2015 7:58 PM
16	Walkers, bicyclists, naturalists.	12/7/2015 10:17 AM
17	N/A	12/7/2015 10:11 AM
18	Good question,don't have an answer	12/7/2015 9:22 AM
19	All members of my family do	12/1/2015 7:49 AM
20	It seems to me that all ages use the canal. I regularly see young families, senior citizens and all ages in between either walking or riding bikes along it.	11/28/2015 9:58 PM
21	My entire family uses it.	11/24/2015 10:57 AM
22	We all do.	11/23/2015 8:29 PM
23	Active people use the canal. Ignorant people do not.	11/23/2015 9:36 AM
24	I have all types and ages of people on the towpath.	11/23/2015 8:50 AM
25	Everyone uses the canal.	11/20/2015 9:21 PM
26	Casual bikers and hikers	11/19/2015 8:14 AM
27	Don't understand this question, sorry!	11/17/2015 10:16 PM
28	???	11/17/2015 6:14 PM
29	Walkers, runners, bikers, nature nuts use the canal. No motorized vehicles! No drones!	11/17/2015 3:40 PM
30	I see walkers, bikers, runners, dog walkers, but this of course only happens on the towpath. The actual canal is unusable.	11/17/2015 1:38 PM

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31	Don't know.	11/17/2015 11:14 AM
32	I think everyone uses it to some degree - I am not sure who specifically doesn't.	11/17/2015 10:16 AM
33	Locals walking their dogs seem to be a primary user group; some people also use it for long distance walking or running or cycling. I'm not aware that many others use the canal for much else.	11/17/2015 7:12 AM
34	I could be glib and say Smart People use it and Ignorant People do not. Based upon the parking lots near the canal, I assume that more than in immediate neighbors use the canal towpath, especially during fishing season.	11/17/2015 5:37 AM
35	People how appreciate the outdoors, history and try to keep somewhat physically fit use the canal. Couch potatoes do not	11/16/2015 8:30 PM
36	Everyone who lives along the canal, spends time on the Delaware, families walking, bikers, hikers, local restaurants, tourists, and students use the Canal. Most of the people in Texas don't use the Canal.	11/16/2015 4:57 PM
37	Everyone I know in the community uses it	11/16/2015 2:47 PM
38	N/A	11/16/2015 9:17 AM
39	Moms and kids, young and old people trying to stay healthy all use it. Fishermen use it. Weekened tourists use it. If there were more playgrounds installed (skate park, designated skating areas in winter, etc.) perhaps more children and teens would use it. Small concert venues (like the one in Easton or Wi-Hi-Tuck) would work well for communities to hold events in the canal park. Purchases of adjacent properties would expand the park's usefulness for all--like the old papermill property from the canal viaduct on Cooks Creek. I can't think of any one group that doesn't use the canal.	11/16/2015 9:02 AM
40	people who like to be outdoors and those who don't	11/16/2015 8:26 AM
41	In our section, many bicyclers, often from out of town. Local outdoors-oriented people, including some hunters. Don't see a lot of young people unless part of a family outing.	11/16/2015 8:23 AM
42	Those who are looking for a longer walk/bike ride typically use the canal. Shorter walks are probably not users.	11/16/2015 8:19 AM
43	From what I see, everyone uses it! Young and old, hikers, walkers, runners. Bikers, alone and biking groups. Dog walkers. I have seen handicapped people on the towpath. Kayakers, boaters, ice skaters!	11/16/2015 8:07 AM
44	My whole family uses the canal in one way or another.	11/15/2015 7:13 PM
45	Whole family does. Some Yardley friends live to far away from it to walk on it.	11/15/2015 11:53 AM
46	Anyone uses the canal! I meet folks of all ages along the canal. I will say that I actually see/meet more older individuals (45+) than I see younger individuals (<25).	11/14/2015 11:11 PM
47	Don't understand this question	11/14/2015 9:09 PM
48	People who enjoy nature and exercise use it Laxy people don't use it.	11/14/2015 3:57 PM
49	Mostly locals	11/14/2015 3:40 PM
50	Do not	11/14/2015 2:31 PM
51	Locals regulars occasionally others	11/14/2015 12:26 PM
52	Many families and local people use the canal for walking, running and biking.	11/14/2015 11:36 AM
53	everyone i know uses it in one way or another	11/14/2015 11:27 AM
54	Uses: People who enjoy fishing close to home. People who use it for recreation and exercise. Kids who want to hide and smoke/drink under the railroad bridge. Who doesn't: People who are afraid of getting their windows smashed out at the Yardley/Black Rock parking area. People (women) who are afraid of being attacked while walking alone on some of the more remote areas.	11/14/2015 11:06 AM
55	Everyone uses it	11/14/2015 10:47 AM
56	Too broad of a question for me to have an opinion.	11/14/2015 10:34 AM
57	Huh?	11/14/2015 10:32 AM
58	Everyone I know uses it (lower makefield)	11/14/2015 10:26 AM
59	My view. Active people and families.	11/14/2015 9:37 AM
60	People who enjoy the natural beauty and historic significance	11/13/2015 2:47 PM
61	People who enjoy the outdoors use it. People who do not want to ride bikes on the road use it. People who do not enjoy nature do not use it.	11/10/2015 6:56 PM

62	I would hope everyone use the canal	11/9/2015 12:00 PM
63	Active people of all ages use it	11/9/2015 9:14 AM
64	Outdoor enthusiasts. We are gling to purchase light kayaks soon	11/7/2015 9:25 AM
65	There are many different kinds of people who use the canal.	11/5/2015 5:53 PM
66	People who want to exercise or just get out and enjoy nature use it. Lazy homebodies do not use it.	11/5/2015 2:13 PM
67	We use the stretch between the county line and Point Pleasant most weekends. Users are about evenly split between cyclists and walkers. We see boy scout troops, families, couples and singles of all ages both cycling and walking.	11/5/2015 8:18 AM
68	many people to walk, ride bikes	11/2/2015 4:04 PM
69	Everyone in our house and all of our guests love it.	11/1/2015 12:44 PM
70	Residents of the towns adjacent to the Canal and visitors of all kinds utilize the Canal as well as all the wonderful wildlife and nature.	10/30/2015 4:27 PM
71	Users are those who enjoy history, scenery and exercise and non-users are those who don't	10/26/2015 11:01 AM
72	My husband and I	10/26/2015 7:43 AM
73	PEOPLE FISH CANOE.	10/22/2015 1:06 PM
74	Some people do some people don't but I do	10/22/2015 7:37 AM
75	Family's picnics bike riding feed ducks and fishing	10/22/2015 5:07 AM
76	Not many people below Yardley use the canal	10/12/2015 9:33 AM
77	I use the towpath not the canal	10/7/2015 10:02 PM
78	We have seen many people biking, jogging, walking their dogs and birding. I would imagine also that local people might use it to get from one particular place to another.	10/5/2015 12:09 AM
79	No one can use the canal unless there is water in it. Bikers, horse riders and hikers use the towpath.	9/16/2015 5:10 PM
80	Everyone from near and far could use it, mostly for hiking and bicycling. Now few people do, in part because there is no public parking and few points of access.	9/16/2015 7:48 AM
81	People who just drive past and don't notice their surroundings probably would not care about the canal.	9/12/2015 8:13 PM
82	Our entire family and friends.	8/9/2015 2:48 PM

Q4 What are the obstacles to using the Canal?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 11

#	Responses	Date
1	The "water" portion is constantly blocked by fallen trees. Sometimes too shallow to canoe. Would be great if this was alleviated.	3/25/2016 4:22 PM
2	Except for the washouts, generally there are no obstacles that I found.	1/19/2016 9:26 AM
3	Time, handicapped accessibility.	1/13/2016 9:13 AM
4	Obstructions between the Bristol and Morrisville segment of the canal.	1/4/2016 12:41 PM
5	Some portions of the path along the path are eroded after flooding and bad storms. That is the biggest obstacle.	1/4/2016 10:21 AM
6	Access points and parking	1/2/2016 10:21 PM
7	Filled in sections and railway & highway crossings on fills.	12/29/2015 12:47 PM
8	Lack of sufficient parking at certain areas. And lack of bathroom facilities along certain stretches of the canal.	12/29/2015 9:09 AM
9	Safety concerns. Allentown has a bad rep so I don't use the trail in that area	12/28/2015 7:48 PM
10	No easy access , docks etc. to river access. Trail is crushed stone, making it hard to traverse. Canal is full of leaves, trash, trees and obstacles. Canal is not deep enough to kayak and canoe on in certain parts.	12/28/2015 10:38 AM
11	None	12/13/2015 5:57 PM
12	not being able to cycle the entire lenth	12/12/2015 6:37 PM
13	In Morrisville (where I live) there a as few places where the towpath is blocked by the railroad tracks and bridges	12/10/2015 1:39 PM
14	None	12/8/2015 11:51 PM
15	Closures for construction are often inaccurately listed.	12/7/2015 7:59 PM
16	lack of water, elevated road and railroad crossings	12/7/2015 10:18 AM
17	Many sections are becoming too crowded.	12/7/2015 10:12 AM
18	maintenance in some areas	12/7/2015 9:22 AM
19	Some trailhead parking lots are small. Plus the section through Allentown to Cementon needs to be completed	12/1/2015 7:50 AM
20	Limited access in certain areas, but if you know where the access points are it's not really a big hindrance.	11/28/2015 9:59 PM
21	Safe parking for access points. The towpath could be just a little wider in some spots for joint use by bikers, runners and walkers.	11/24/2015 10:58 AM
22	I like it as it is but need to make sure the water is clean and invasive vegetation is controlled.	11/23/2015 8:30 PM
23	Getting there with your gear	11/23/2015 9:36 AM
24	Not enough people know about it, and the joys of a day on the towpath. Better parking. More services.	11/23/2015 8:51 AM
25	Bike lane access to the canal. I live about a mile away from the canal and I have to put my bike on a bike rack on my car, drive one mile, park and then take my bike off the rack. I live off of Woodside Road in Lower Makefield township. There is a fantastic path along a majority of Woodside Road, but it stops about 1/2 mile short of Taylorsville Road and doesn't connect or provide access of riding my bike directly to the canal path	11/19/2015 8:20 AM
26	Lack of water.	11/17/2015 6:15 PM
27	None.	11/17/2015 3:40 PM
28	There's no water!!! and no access.	11/17/2015 1:40 PM
29	Sections that impede continuity.	11/17/2015 11:15 AM
30	Perhaps some don't know much about it...?	11/17/2015 10:16 AM
31	Marketing of it as a regional and even potentially national recreational resource.	11/17/2015 7:13 AM

32	Because I know and use my access points, none.	11/17/2015 5:38 AM
33	Often "empty" which brings the Mosquitos -	11/16/2015 9:33 PM
34	Very few - sometimes the sections that are closed for repair deter us.	11/16/2015 8:31 PM
35	It is empty and collapsing in places. Some areas are run thru private property. Some areas have no public access or places to park safely.	11/16/2015 5:01 PM
36	none except that some spots have breaks in them	11/16/2015 2:47 PM
37	I have no find one... I think it's perfect, just keep the good work	11/16/2015 9:18 AM
38	Boat access to the Delaware, not enough parking in places, not enough rest rooms, lighting for evening events, larger picnic areas, and I really think (as a fund raising effort) the Canal should start licensing vendors in spots along the canal to attract people---hot dogs, ice cream, crepes, food trucks, etc... this would gain income and draw more people in to use the canal.	11/16/2015 9:05 AM
39	the surface of the path in some places is difficult to ride	11/16/2015 8:27 AM
40	Don't really see any.	11/16/2015 8:25 AM
41	I know there are a few obstructions that prevent users for staying on the canal path in the lower part of Bucks County. I understand that they are scheduled to be corrected, though.	11/16/2015 8:20 AM
42	Better parking. Secured water sources (which it already has some of, and the others needed are readily available).	11/16/2015 8:08 AM
43	Could use more places for convenient parking to access the canal. Parts of the towpath are narrow and not in great condition. Many parts where NJ side seems better maintained. Some parts require dismounting from bike and crossing busy roads or riding along railroad tracks.	11/15/2015 7:20 PM
44	Pedestrian canal access. Not well advertised with signs to the canal. Should be an event up the pa canal down the nj canal to new hope from washingtons crossing or Yardley. Sponsored by health insurance.	11/15/2015 11:56 AM
45	Access to the canal. I live within walking distance, however the trails that I need to take to the canal are not maintained by the township or county. My other walking route requires that I pass through another property owner's yard, and luckily he has granted me permission to do so. At times on weekends, during the summer, parking can even be an issue at Black Rock Rd.	11/14/2015 11:13 PM
46	None	11/14/2015 9:09 PM
47	Would prefer it to flow better to keep the green algae out	11/14/2015 3:58 PM
48	Adequate parking	11/14/2015 3:40 PM
49	Dirty and respect for others. I ride bike regular and try to be very conscientious of others	11/14/2015 12:26 PM
50	Only obstacle I think of would be weather dependent.	11/14/2015 11:37 AM
51	lack of parking at some entrances, unmaintained portions	11/14/2015 11:27 AM
52	Can't think of many. Sometimes the path is muddy. That's the only thing that's prevented me from going there -- but there's not much one can do about that.	11/14/2015 11:07 AM
53	Parking, lack of water	11/14/2015 10:47 AM
54	Good access	11/14/2015 10:32 AM
55	None	11/14/2015 10:26 AM
56	Need more benches or picnic tables. I see older people near the access points (like Black Rock in Lower Makefield) but sometimes they dont go too far because there is no place to sit for over a mile.	11/14/2015 9:38 AM
57	Towpath in need of care and maintenance	11/13/2015 2:48 PM
58	Lack of bathroom facilities along the 60 miles.	11/10/2015 6:57 PM
59	bike traffic is unsafe. I am often startled. They do not use words or other means to notify pedestrians.	11/9/2015 12:02 PM
60	Lack of water in some areas...repairs	11/9/2015 9:15 AM
61	I am not certain if we will be able to park near enough to a launch site as we may not be strong enough to carry our boats for a long distance.	11/7/2015 9:27 AM
62	Some obstacles may be the cold and if a gate is locked so you can't get in and park. The obstacles are few.	11/5/2015 5:53 PM
63	Only snow in the winter	11/5/2015 2:13 PM

64	washouts, River Road closings, areas where we cannot park or cross the canal on public walking bridges. That said, there are adequate public access parking lots along the stretch we use.	11/5/2015 8:20 AM
65	Easy access--some places are private property. Considerate sharing of the space among bikers, walkers, runners, dog walkers, and fishers	11/2/2015 8:15 AM
66	Frequent damage that closes portions of the canal.	11/1/2015 12:45 PM
67	The Canal is 60-miles long and naturally has points with structural issues. De-watering seems to be a major issue or lack of enough water. This does of course detract from the value of the over experience.	10/30/2015 4:30 PM
68	Flood damage north of Morrisville. Trail disruptions south of Morrisville.	10/26/2015 11:02 AM
69	There is no water in the canal	10/26/2015 7:44 AM
70	Water for boating.	10/24/2015 11:01 AM
71	Just keep it clean and no debris	10/22/2015 7:38 AM
72	Covered over on other side at Washington st just a trail here ,a dam was constructed to keep lagoon full so no passage through to the north side either	10/22/2015 5:10 AM
73	none	10/12/2015 9:33 AM
74	areas closed for maintenance.	10/9/2015 10:27 AM
75	Flood construction.	10/7/2015 10:03 PM
76	Distance might be one but we have traveled from North Jersey 8 times since April to use the towpath. Also, there are a few spots where the surface is a little rough. In some areas the canal is dry which would prevent people from using their canoes or kayaks.	10/5/2015 12:10 AM
77	There is no water in the canal at our Lock 18.	9/16/2015 5:10 PM
78	Lack of public access. (This could have been greatly enhanced if the old Upper Black Eddy Inn property (Chef Tell's) had been acquired when it was available for a long time.	9/16/2015 7:49 AM
79	Access points and parking	9/12/2015 8:13 PM
80	None for use it's our backyard.	8/9/2015 2:49 PM

Q5 How can we think about using the Canal in new ways?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Have a partially paved section for road bikers (get them off River road. I've seen several accidents). Increase the canoe factor.	3/25/2016 4:23 PM
2	More canoe and kayak opportunities?	1/19/2016 9:27 AM
3	As a section of a national bicycle tourist corridor (East Coast Greenway) .	1/4/2016 12:42 PM
4	Consider having sections of the canal or the river available for paddle boats or other water activities. There may need to be camping areas if people are able to following contiguous paths for very long distances. They may want to stay over or have rest areas.	1/4/2016 10:23 AM
5	More events along the canal and involve outside business's to organize events along the canal. One example work with B and B s to organize bike and stays along the canal.	1/2/2016 10:23 PM
6	Clear and rewater the south end	12/29/2015 12:48 PM
7	Encourage people to leave their cars at home and use the canal to walk to the towns to shop or eat or socialize.	12/29/2015 9:10 AM
8	Reach out to schools to have kids take field trips to the canal museum and learn about the history of the tow path, lock tenders. Do some night hikes in the summer. Have those colonial actors do ghost hikes/ walks at Bethlehem Sand island like the one that was done in Easton at Hugh Moore park. Have a one night camp out at Hugh Moore park. Jacobsburg park does this as do other state parks.	12/28/2015 7:48 PM
9	Clean canal, make it flow. Make it deeper, remove Fallon trees. Clean garbage, extend skywalk to include over water , install river overlooks, docks or legitimate access points. Make park more inviting aesthetically.	12/28/2015 10:40 AM
10	Use it more, like yardley	12/13/2015 5:58 PM
11	making the whole lenth open for the public	12/12/2015 6:40 PM
12	Education teaching the young kids about its original use	12/10/2015 1:40 PM
13	It is fine the way it is now usedl	12/8/2015 11:52 PM
14	Organized events	12/7/2015 7:59 PM
15	There is not much more that has not already been done.	12/7/2015 10:13 AM
16	canal boat rides like New Hope & Hugh Moore Park?	12/7/2015 9:23 AM
17	No comment	12/1/2015 7:50 AM
18	New uses could include various races and events whose entry fees might help to raise funds and create awareness to current and future needs to maintain it. Of course, this all takes planning and volunteer manpower.	11/28/2015 10:01 PM
19	If water levels can be maintained, it would be a nice place for canoes and kayaks. More signage to direct people off the Canal towpath into the towns would be nice.	11/24/2015 10:58 AM
20	Could increase historical interpretation and manage for native trees and other native vegetation. Stock fish for recreational fishing.	11/23/2015 8:32 PM
21	Organized community events that bring appreciation to the local residents, shop owners, etc. Make it benefit everyone!	11/23/2015 9:37 AM
22	Restore it!! Imagine, a financially supported, fully watered canal with functioning locks. Marinas with boat rentals, shops and restaurants along the away, more B&Bs.....it would become a huge attraction, and bring jobs and money along the entire 60 miles!	11/23/2015 8:54 AM
23	We can open it up to access from Septa trains and other forms of public transpport	11/20/2015 9:22 PM
24	Become more of a recreation destindation. Canoe and paddleboard rentals, rest stops and/or coffee shops, potential to light the path so it can be used at night	11/19/2015 8:23 AM
25	Re-water the canal.	11/17/2015 6:15 PM
26	It's fine the way it is.	11/17/2015 3:41 PM

27	When the water is in the canal, we can encourage all sorts of sporting activities including celebration events, neighborhood challenges etc. In addition I would like to see the canal used for transport up and down the canal using historic long boats. It is important that the canal locks and all historic and industrial artifacts are also restored.	11/17/2015 1:47 PM
28	1. Solicit and encourage archaeology at selected sites, such as the Mauch Chunk weigh lock. 2. Docent led walking tours. 3. Challenge walking tours, such as how long did it take a canal boat to travel from a to b. 4. Increased use of historic interpretive signs.	11/17/2015 11:20 AM
29	Advertising, using programs such as this to get new ideas.	11/17/2015 10:16 AM
30	See answer to Q 1	11/17/2015 7:13 AM
31	I would promote it's use as a route for inter-community biking. Stay off of River Road, etc. I am sure that a Naturalist (i.e. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve or Delaware Valley University) could find numerous topics for field walks.	11/17/2015 5:40 AM
32	More educational events. More organized rides with transportation so only have to ride "one way"	11/16/2015 8:31 PM
33	Use it to transport water providing revenue, keeping the water flowing and the Canal full.	11/16/2015 5:04 PM
34	i don't think that new ways of using the canal needs to be thought of.	11/16/2015 2:48 PM
35	School trips, and seniors citizens trips would be a plus for kids and our elders. Advertise next to the game events in the area. (Baseball, ice hockey, etc)	11/16/2015 9:21 AM
36	First, as I talked about in the last section, license vendors (food trucks and such) to draw people and gain income for canal maintenance. Then acquire more adjacent properties. Then plan events like concerts, historic themed shows, bring back a canal barge ride on a section of the canal (in Upper Bucks near Easton), childrens programs.... In other words, you guys really need event a PR and event planning committee. Also, put up more historic placards... example, about the Durham Iron Works, the old trolley and train systems... perhaps even purchase rights to restore the old trolley path above Riegelsville as a hiking path. Co-partner with towns such as Riegelsville for events such as a yearly celebration of the Roebling Riegelsville bridge's birthday. You could also use a brick and mortar program to create several small museums in canal houses and structures along the canal system.... with historic items and photos--each museum structure could be distinctly different than the other--each a stop on a "Museum Trail"... since each community has unique historic stories to tell. This would be an event for tourists to come and "do" the entire length of the canal, stopping at the little museum structures along the way. And where are OUR Mules?? There should be a program to get mules on the canal to represent every community along the path. Each community decorating their own mule statue.	11/16/2015 9:14 AM
37	n/a	11/16/2015 8:28 AM
38	Perhaps an end-to-end passport, with a map indicating features in each sections, that users could mark as they explore.	11/16/2015 8:27 AM
39	I don't know.	11/16/2015 8:21 AM
40	Restored, with working narrow boats as in England. We would see a 60-mile long industry spring up, with marinas, B&Bs, shops and restaurants. Every town it passes through would benefit, and the volume of people who use it would increase!	11/16/2015 8:09 AM
41	Canoe / kayak rental stations. Sculpture gardens. Arboretums. Bird sanctuaries.	11/15/2015 7:26 PM
42	Need events to promote use age. Say a race run or bike. Include new hope for lunch or something. Bird tours.	11/15/2015 11:58 AM
43	You need to be more creative at marketing the canal. It is a gem for our area! Have a graphic designer re-design some new Delaware Canal shirts/products (I love the idea of shirts for the different lock locations, e.g., "I live near Lock #5"). Host more fundraiser events along the canal, e.g., running, picnics, photo-walks.	11/14/2015 11:19 PM
44	Offer more organized walks	11/14/2015 9:10 PM
45	Bicycle tours with rustic campsites	11/14/2015 3:59 PM
46	I wouldn't want to over use it	11/14/2015 12:27 PM
47	I don't see many kayaks or canoes or paddle boards.	11/14/2015 11:37 AM
48	animal sanctuaries, nature education	11/14/2015 11:28 AM
49	Perhaps provide some rest areas along it. Perhaps put a picnic table every so far so people can sit to recover and/or enjoy a picnic and enjoy the scenery. There's really no place to sit and enjoy it aside from the parking areas.	11/14/2015 11:08 AM
50	Rewater it	11/14/2015 10:48 AM
51	Dredge it	11/14/2015 10:32 AM
52	More historical celebrations? Wildlife walks?	11/14/2015 10:27 AM

53	"More use in the same way (recreation)" - through motpre inviting and clearly communicated access and distance. More places to sit, stop and rest. I think people with limited abilities might be intimidated about starting out not knowing where they can stop or how far. "New ways" - would like to see more kids on the canal fishing, boating, catching frogs, etc. many parents would want to go with them, so if the parents had a place to sit that might help. Also canoe rental or public canoes. Would need a clean way to "dock" without getting covered in mud.	11/14/2015 9:45 AM
54	More events with community participation	11/13/2015 2:50 PM
55	Possible commuter route by walking or biking depending on where people live and work.	11/10/2015 6:58 PM
56	Encouraging more group activities and meet-ups.	11/9/2015 12:02 PM
57	Transportation	11/9/2015 9:15 AM
58	Encouraging more young kids to cultivate a healthy outdoor lifestyle by making acrivities accessible for them I Some how.	11/7/2015 9:29 AM
59	Make the waterway itself more user friendly and cover the entire towpath in the red gravel.	11/5/2015 2:14 PM
60	I believe the towpath is currently being used for its best use. The canal could provide more water access for kayaks and other small watercraft if it was filled for it's entire length. Also, restoration of the mule barges for tourism and living history events.	11/5/2015 8:22 AM
61	I think until there is a steady control of water levels in the Canal it would be hard to try to plan new events or ways of using it.	10/30/2015 4:31 PM
62	Boating and ice skating	10/26/2015 7:44 AM
63	Can school groups (maybe they do) use it for outdoor education like they do at Peace Valley Nature Center and Churchville Nature Center?	10/24/2015 11:04 AM
64	HAVE CANOE&KAYAK RENTALS	10/22/2015 1:07 PM
65	Putting benches along the canal for people to sit and relax	10/22/2015 7:39 AM
66	Recreation boating pAddle boarding, fishing and hiking	10/22/2015 5:12 AM
67	promote events like the boat show	10/12/2015 9:33 AM
68	more paddling	10/9/2015 10:27 AM
69	Walking races, art classes, Walking loop maps	10/7/2015 10:08 PM
70	Perhaps charity 5K runs, photography contests or birding competitions etc.	10/5/2015 12:10 AM
71	There are many places, near visitor areas, that could support visitor services like kayak rentals, food concessions, bike tours, horse rides.	9/16/2015 5:12 PM
72	Just get water in it and let it be itself.	9/16/2015 7:50 AM
73	Not sure	9/12/2015 8:14 PM
74	Rental of bikes and advertising places like "The Homestead" in Upper Black Eddy, When water is in the canal, fishing and kayaking?	8/9/2015 2:54 PM

Q6 In what ways can we ensure the survival of the Canal as an important community, economic, social and environmental asset into the future?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 17

#	Responses	Date
1	not sure.	3/25/2016 4:23 PM
2	Feature it in seasonal activities (i.e. Canaloween)?	1/19/2016 9:28 AM
3	More advertising to get people using the trail and being aware of it as a resource for outdoor fun and educational activities. I like the haunted canal concept. That is a good event to attract attention. I think it is very important that access to walking, biking, and fishing on the canal remain free. There could be other activities added that incur a charge to raise funds. Consider more services, such as a room to rent for events	1/6/2016 3:37 PM
4	Always maintain a connected towpath trail. The water will always come and go and cost the most to maintain but a connected trail should be vital. Look at the C&O canal. It is mostly unwatered but the trail attracts 1000's of visitors every year.	1/4/2016 12:46 PM
5	Promote promote promote. Bring visitors and organize events that promote movement along the canal. Work both sides of the river!!!!	1/2/2016 10:24 PM
6	Provide more funding	12/29/2015 12:48 PM
7	If more people use it and realize what an asset it is you will have more voices fighting to keep the canal.	12/29/2015 9:10 AM
8	Continue advertising the activities. Offer some more 5ks, walks etc. do a Zombie run from sand island Bethlehem to Hugh Moore park in October. Partner with musikfest, art quest, peep fest and other festivals that take place in the lehigh valley to utilize the canal trails and parks. Reach out to the local running clubs to utilize the canal.	12/28/2015 7:54 PM
9	Put signs up around canal. Have the police walk bike and on horseback on trail. I have never seen a cop along the trail. Inspect trail at night - lots of parties and troublemakers on trail especially summer months.	12/28/2015 10:42 AM
10	By keeping it clean and flowing water	12/28/2015 9:10 AM
11	Make it more of focal point	12/13/2015 5:58 PM
12	proper funding	12/12/2015 6:41 PM
13	Maintain it. For example, there is a big tree that fell into it in Morrisville Boro that needs to be removed.	12/8/2015 11:53 PM
14	Keep up the publicity	12/7/2015 7:59 PM
15	Every section of the Canal is different. Some sections should be left alone and allowed to become wildlife sanctuary's. Some sections need more flower and tree plantings. Littering and graffiti must not be tolerated and individuals who are caught must be punished to the highest extent of the law and there names should be announced on the DLC website and news media.	12/7/2015 10:23 AM
16	Eliminate barriers.	12/7/2015 10:18 AM
17	Enter into state budhet & ask for donations	12/7/2015 9:23 AM
18	I think you are doing a good job right now	12/1/2015 7:50 AM
19	Having proper oversight and financial resources to maintain and improve the canal will be paramount as I see it.	11/28/2015 10:02 PM
20	Provide adequate funding to keep up with maintenance.	11/24/2015 10:58 AM
21	The state and municipal governments should join in an inter municipal coalition to share resources for canal and park maintenance and improvement. The coalition could have a board representing each government. All would contribute dues annually for park improvement. Projects done jointly would result in economies of scale.	11/23/2015 8:34 PM
22	Clean up days(maybe themed), planting or tending to the flora and fauna	11/23/2015 9:38 AM
23	Secure state financial support.	11/23/2015 8:54 AM
24	Make surer it has water. And make sure lots of people use it.	11/20/2015 9:22 PM

25	Make it a recreation destination	11/19/2015 8:24 AM
26	Keep its landmark status. Keep funding.	11/17/2015 3:42 PM
27	Clearly finance is the most important thing to secure. This needs to be a combination of a trust, local taxes, and use fees. The canal is already designated a park but I'm not sure if that creates protection in perpetuity.	11/17/2015 1:51 PM
28	1. Encourage "site representatives", i.e., volunteers who take responsibility for a section of canal and towpath. The site representative might not necessarily do the maintenance work, but would periodically report on any problems, and any successes. This person might also be the docent for a section. 2. Ensure all success stories get into the local news.	11/17/2015 11:24 AM
29	Education - start talking about it at local schools - offer to take over a science class to talk about local species, etc.	11/17/2015 10:17 AM
30	See answer to Q4	11/17/2015 7:13 AM
31	Get the adjacent municipalities to think about the canal, and promote it as a recreational asset within their boundaries.	11/17/2015 5:41 AM
32	Keep it in front of the communities that it goes through emphasizing the commercial benefits and of course the politicians need to be kept aware of its significance.	11/16/2015 8:33 PM
33	Seems it's happening now with funding and public meetings. Historical land preservation?	11/16/2015 5:06 PM
34	by keeping it a national park	11/16/2015 2:49 PM
35	Keep the public aware of the canal existence, get the schools involved,	11/16/2015 9:23 AM
36	Keep out the pipeline! We don't need a gas pipeline going under the path of the canal or the Delaware. Also, the drilling of this canal will turn the historic Indian Village site (a corn field now) into an industrial mess. We expect the Canal Commission to be one of the loudest voices to protect the environment of the canal and areas adjacent to it. And by all means, we need to fix the holes in the canal using more historic techniques--re-building the canal the way it was originally built--not just patching over with un-structured dumping of trap rock and covering over with bentonite. The canal structure is more like building a massive stone wall. If the canal won't stay filled with water, its popularity will waste away. When I first came to the area 20 years ago there used to be canoes in the canal all the time. Now I see none.	11/16/2015 9:19 AM
37	guess it always comes down to funding	11/16/2015 8:28 AM
38	Work with the host communities to strengthen the local economies by encouraging Canal visitors to also visit stores and restaurants.	11/16/2015 8:28 AM
39	The canal needs a commitment from us! Pennsylvania has done a great thing when they made it a state park, much better than just about every other canal state. However, it needs a long-term commitment of financial support, planning board, clear vision. The Friends of the Delaware Canal are also to be commended for their outstanding role!! Full disclosure: I am a member.	11/16/2015 8:11 AM
40	Be in the zillow walking score. Raise awareness.	11/15/2015 11:59 AM
41	Connect our local youth to the canal. If they are not connected to it, they will not care to protect it in the future. Get involved in schools, and give a presentation. Educated people on the importance of open space and the benefit to their property value. Host more social events to gather the community along the canal.	11/14/2015 11:22 PM
42	Have the government stop wasting money on overly priced contracts with kickbacks and fund the state parks well. Tax on cracking to partially fund state parks.	11/14/2015 4:02 PM
43	Keep the integrity in tact. Patch w same material not just throwing in fill Promptly remove obstacles and clear large trees and debris from the water	11/14/2015 12:28 PM
44	More publicized volunteer opportunities and local politicians support.	11/14/2015 11:38 AM
45	increased property values	11/14/2015 11:28 AM
46	It needs to be better maintained. When Hurricane Sandy blew through years ago, trees that fell into the canal and across the paths rested in place for weeks on end. We need to make sure that water levels are maintained as well so that animals/fish living in the water do not die. It would not be a bad idea to install surveillance cameras for a greater sense of security.	11/14/2015 11:11 AM
47	Rewater it. Encourage use	11/14/2015 10:48 AM
48	Take care of it	11/14/2015 10:32 AM
49	The surrounding communities must value and support this unique asset	11/14/2015 10:27 AM

50	Basic canal maintenance and path maintenance is key. Need clarity on what the state is funding and what needs private support. Keeping the usage high keeps people engaged, so more-inviting access, maybe signs with suggested options, better advertisement of bike or canoe rental spots, picnic spots.	11/14/2015 9:49 AM
51	Keep it well maintained, eliminate terrible noise pollution from nearby airport	11/13/2015 2:53 PM
52	Continue to promote the beauty of it!	11/10/2015 6:58 PM
53	Open access to the canal walk to other communities by providing recreation activities such as kayaking in the canal or bike lessons. I would also love to see more nature tours.	11/9/2015 12:04 PM
54	Public awareness, programs, canal boat rides	11/9/2015 9:16 AM
55	Not sure. The survival and maintenance of the path is more important than the canal to me	11/7/2015 9:30 AM
56	Keep it cleaned and maintained.	11/5/2015 6:03 PM
57	Keep it clean and penalize those who litter or dump	11/5/2015 2:15 PM
58	State budget funding. As part of a larger trail system. Partnering with health care organizations nearby and communities along the river where the canal is a vital part of the economy. I think Elisa has done a great job promoting the D&L in recent years.	11/5/2015 8:24 AM
59	publicity. keeping it open	11/2/2015 4:05 PM
60	I'm hoping that the DCNR and friends of the canal have enough money and support to make necessary repairs.	11/1/2015 12:46 PM
61	I do not know the rules or legislature in regards to the Canal, but I would hope that there was a way to ensure a strategy plan (5-10 year plan) and proper funding too. There will always be volunteer organizations to help out as well, but I think the State organizations should have a more robust involvement or interest in the condition and survival of the Canal.	10/30/2015 4:36 PM
62	That is financially improbable.	10/26/2015 7:47 AM
63	Somehow it needs to be promoted in all those asset areas so more people care and are involved, willing to help thru volunteering and allowing tax money to fund it.	10/24/2015 11:09 AM
64	REPAIR THE LEAKS SOME AREAS ARE EMPTY	10/22/2015 1:08 PM
65	As long as us the neighbors keep it clean special if we live right behind it	10/22/2015 7:40 AM
66	Encouraging recreation, keeping it a clean and safe place to take family's Tourist hikes , fund raising bike rides.walk over bridges in areas needed so it can be followed without breaks from start to finish	10/22/2015 5:18 AM
67	preserve the portion that is still accessible	10/12/2015 9:34 AM
68	dedicated funding for maintenance and repair.	10/9/2015 10:28 AM
69	See which canal bridges has electric nearby and light them up for a few hours at night. Especially those seen by the road.	10/7/2015 10:13 PM
70	Much has been done in the last few years to restore the towpath's surface to its pre flooding condition so I would say that keeping up on the canal's maintenance would be one way. Another way might be to provide more port o johns and benches at various spots. More ambitious advertising of the canal's existence, designation of parking lots in the literature as well as the fact that one can go to trailink.com for additional information about the canal's towpath.	10/5/2015 12:14 AM
71	The canal will survive as long as it is basically maintained. However, to thrive, the canal needs to be filled and additional opportunities for visitor activity need to be added.	9/16/2015 5:14 PM
72	Prevent development that cuts into the Berm and shuts off access. Nature will do the rest. Its ecology has been devastated in significant stretches and needs time to restore itself. Amphibians, birds, small animals and other life are completely gone.	9/16/2015 7:53 AM
73	publicize its value including the Philadelphia Visitors Bureau	9/12/2015 8:15 PM
74	MAINTENANCE	8/9/2015 2:54 PM

Q7 What are some other canals, trails and waterfronts you've visited, and how can their successes be translated to the Delaware Canal?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 30

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1	not sure.	3/25/2016 4:23 PM
2	D&R, Morris, Lehigh, Erie, Finger Lakes, Manchester, England, Sowerby Bridge, England, Amsterdam, Delft, etc. Promotion of canal as a tourist destination with travel infrastructure support for multiple day hikes (inns, luggage transfer, etc.)	1/19/2016 9:31 AM
3	Other canals (Erie and C&O) seem to have better tour books and marketing. They also have bicycle tour companies that provide services.	1/4/2016 12:49 PM
4	Boston, mystic, Baltimore harbor, the Burlington Vt Waterfront and bike trail. The importance of the towns along both side of the river working together to promote events that bring people to the canals and the towns. Maybe build a list of people who have biked or walked the whol canal system. A mini Appalachian trail.	1/2/2016 10:29 PM
5	Volunteer involvement	12/29/2015 12:49 PM
6	Perkiomen Trail, Schyukill River Trail. They have maps and detailed information on the web about their trails, how to access them and detailed maps which makes planning a visit so much easier.	12/29/2015 9:12 AM
7	I have been to the canal in Herklmer, Ny. They have a boat ride which takes you through the actual lock and tells the history. I have also been biking on the canal trails in pittston, ny which has a touristy type town (shops, restaurants etc) by the canal.	12/28/2015 7:59 PM
8	Schuykill trail along the river is awesome. Access to the river for boating activities . Reinforce sides of canal with stone walls. Plant more species of flowers, signs, brick paved sections etc.	12/28/2015 10:44 AM
9	The Delaware Raitan canal in N. J. Uses for boating; as a water source.	12/8/2015 11:54 PM
10	Pine Creek Trail, GAP, C&O canal, Greenbrier Trail - get into some sharing of publicity to promote the general area of these fine trails	12/7/2015 8:01 PM
11	Erie Canal. It is always a money issue (where do you get it). Do the minimal and ask the local residents their opinion and what they want done.	12/7/2015 10:29 AM
12	N/A	12/7/2015 9:23 AM
13	Union canal trail, Schuykill River Trail	12/1/2015 7:51 AM
14	I have visited other canals, trails and waterfronts, some in other states. I can say that they usually appear to have an affluent demographic using them and the appeal is universal, Delaware Canal included.	11/28/2015 10:07 PM
15	Cape Cod trail was nice. I recall that they have brochures to guide you on where you can park, rent bikes, towns to visit. This could spur some tourism in the little towns, which would help justify funding for maintenance.	11/24/2015 10:58 AM
16	I'm not aware of many similar areas. Others are larger and have recreational boating, or a lot of commercial enterprises which is inappropriate for DC.	11/23/2015 8:35 PM
17	N/A	11/23/2015 9:38 AM
18	See England and their amazing canal system! The C&O Canal in Maryland, a national park, one of the most visited in the entire network. The Erie Canal Corridor....see how the towns have benefited from tourism dollars! (Check history: in the 1820s, NY beat Pa. in the canal game; they're doing it again!)	11/23/2015 8:57 AM
19	I lived in Denmark, there are canals throughout most of the city. Some of the advantages were the accessibility to the canals (riding bike to canals, public transportation access), cafes and bars along the canal, the water was clean, people were in the canals all of the time with canoes and paddleboards. The canals were a place to go for exercise and for relaxation	11/19/2015 8:29 AM
20	None.	11/17/2015 6:15 PM

21	My best examples are from England where the canal system as a whole is restored and run as a commercial operation for mainly leisure/ recreational purposes. The public rents boats from licensed vendors. I'm not sure how it all works but I assume there's a combination of public and private money.	11/17/2015 1:54 PM
22	Sorry, I was thinking about the Lehigh Canal, but my comments apply to the Delaware also. You should also build a partnership with any groups, including NJ State Parks, who have responsibility for the remains of the Morris Canal and the Delaware and Raritan Canal. Also, I know that the Delaware and Lehigh Corridor has a relationship with the Appalachian Mountain Club and the National Park Service, but I am not clear what that is. Also, what is the relationship of the D&LNHC to the National Canal Museum, a/k/a Hugh Moore Park. Something periodically in the weekly email, and permanently on the website would be helpful. Some important points: 1. Build continuity. That is why the Appalachian Trail is a success. 2. Build community. 3. Make the organizational relationships clear. (See above.)	11/17/2015 11:35 AM
23	Need to add attractants -- e.g. periodic coffee shops/shacks, bicycle rental hubs, bike and walking tour events and interpretative tours, perhaps even goecaching and treasure hunt events etc -- along the canal (especially with cultural and natural history, perhaps even innovative GSI/SCM clues and focuses?)	11/17/2015 7:16 AM
24	Again, promote what you have in the way of an infrastructure, parking, rest rooms, pavillions etc. Then add same.	11/17/2015 5:43 AM
25	Pine Creek Trail, GAP, C&O, Greenbrier Trail. Since they are all within a days drive perhaps partner with them to advertise the recreational opportunities all within the same general geographic area. There are many more in addition to the above notes ones which perhaps could be part of the "group."	11/16/2015 8:36 PM
26	The Jersey side of the Delaware! Most major cities. Water is valuable.	11/16/2015 5:08 PM
27	Few I can't name them.... great access (parking lots) to the recreation path. And very well maintained	11/16/2015 9:26 AM
28	Eire Canal, the Canals in central France, the Canals in Italy... all have rich history and are well promoted. Each are used as vacation spots. Each is used for actual barge travel... you can even rent barge boats for vacation. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the canal was made navigable again for it's entire length--with functioning locks, as in just about all the European Canal systems? Check out the canal boats on the canals in England, for example.	11/16/2015 9:21 AM
29	New Castle, Delaware, waterfront trail; trails throughout Hickory Run State Park; Locust Lake and Tuscarora Parks; various state gamelands throughout the area. Develop more side trails that are less crowded, keep them well-marked and maintained, so visitors can have that "alone in the woods" experience as well as the popular main trail.	11/16/2015 8:33 AM
30	C & O just need to maintain the surface to ride on	11/16/2015 8:30 AM
31	The Erie Canalway...check it out!! The C&O Canal National Historic Park...outstanding! NJ is creating a Morris Canal Greenway, even though 90% of that canal is gone for ever! The D&R Canal in NJ. The Ohio and Erie Canal in Ohio. The Miami and Ohio Canal in Ohio. The Rideau Canal in Canada! England...England...England!!! Check out what the Rails to Trails Conservancy has accomplished in their first 25 years, and look at what has happened to the towns with Rail Trails. There is great success to be had!!	11/16/2015 8:14 AM
32	The Schuylkill River Trail is nice and wide and mostly paved so it attracts more bikers - road bikes as well as mountain and hybrids. It also goes all the way into Center City so connecting to a city/town or "destination" is attractive. Princeton has canoe and kayak rentals.	11/15/2015 7:31 PM
33	Lake nockamixon. Rays town lake. Good biking trails because they offer rolling bumps. Features for bikers. Eco tourism.	11/15/2015 12:00 PM
34	Bathrooms, better benches or picnic areas, and merchandise advertising the trail.	11/14/2015 11:26 PM
35	Raritan canal, various rail trails. Government/private partnerships	11/14/2015 4:05 PM
36	I wouldn't change it other than to maintain it cut back brush remove down trees	11/14/2015 12:29 PM
37	Maybe add a few more benches along the canal for some people who would want to sit and enjoy or rest during physical activity along canal.	11/14/2015 11:40 AM
38	C&O Canal in DC is very similiar but better maintained	11/14/2015 11:29 AM
39	Our family doesn't do a lot of hiking. We just enjoy having the canal nearby and use it from time to time.	11/14/2015 11:12 AM
40	Erie Canal in Lockport ny. Great history lesson.	11/14/2015 10:49 AM
41	Pay attention to it. Dredge, clean, stock, plant grasses	11/14/2015 10:33 AM
42	Lehigh Gorge. It has organized biking business. Some of the bike shops in our canal towns (like Firehouse Cycles in Yardley) could do a similar business renting bikes and providing some guidance on where to go. Would be nice to have signs along the canal showing where shops or restaurants are located.	11/14/2015 9:51 AM
43	Create good water flow and maintain the foliage (fallen tree removal etc.)	11/13/2015 2:56 PM

44	Perkiomen Trail, Pennypack Trail, Schuylkill River Trail, D&L National Heritage Corridor Trail, D & R Towpath. Accessible parking.	11/10/2015 7:06 PM
45	I enjoy that the canal is low key and not stressed by commercial activities like boardwalks are. The canal walk is safe for the most part and people are friendly. Guided walks would be nice to talk about the canal history.	11/9/2015 12:05 PM
46	Lehigh, Cape Cod, D&R Maintenance	11/9/2015 9:18 AM
47	Burlington Vermont made the rails to trails as did Philly and parts of the Ap trail.	11/7/2015 9:32 AM
48	Oceans and lakes. Trails should be maintained	11/5/2015 6:03 PM
49	Rochester Erie Canal but that is much more commercial.	11/5/2015 2:15 PM
50	Our canal along the Delaware River is unique and special. The AMC volunteers offer many, many hiking, cycling and boating opportunities each month through their newsletter/website. It's a good model.	11/5/2015 8:30 AM
51	What about benchmarking or creating shared experience events with Fairmount Park organizations as they have done some great work on the pathways, trails and waterfronts in Philly. Also, perhaps the NJ Raritan Canal Trail too.	10/30/2015 4:41 PM
52	Appalachian trail	10/26/2015 7:49 AM
53	I biked the C&O towpath as a teenager. It's a longer canal. A number of miles were long gone but it was a great trip. The translation, I think, would be scouts and other groups traveling the Delaware canal with a few campgrounds (I have camped at Tinicum, maybe there are more). Just recently I visited the National Canal Museum in Easton on the Lehigh canal. I found it informative and enjoyable. So did the 8 year old with me. Something similar closer to lower Bucks Co. where there is a large population nearby, I think could be viable. The San Antonio, TX Riverwalk I have been to is quite different from the Delaware Canal. It's a destination spot in a city with lots of restaurants packed in. I don't know if there is a spot for a small version of that along the Delaware Canal. New Hope is a small town that already has its restaurants.	10/24/2015 11:44 AM
54	MAINTINANCE IS THE KEY WORD.	10/22/2015 1:10 PM
55	They look great	10/22/2015 7:40 AM
56	Playwicki park neshaminy creek, masons mill park very nice picnic areas recreation areas . Play grounds canoe rentals,	10/22/2015 5:23 AM
57	On the Erie Canal it seems some communities celebrate the canal with banners, signs and lights.	10/7/2015 10:19 PM
58	We have used most of the rail trails in NJ including the Delaware Raritan main canal and feeder canal, the Paulinskill Trail and Sussex Branch trail as well as the Delaware Lehigh trail. I believe that people are more likely to use a trail when it is properly maintained and there is easy access as well as enough parking at various spots along the way. I think PA has done a wonderful job in restoring the canal after the devastating floods.	10/5/2015 12:17 AM
59	None.	9/16/2015 5:14 PM
60	I've lived near the canal system in central England, where access is easier, pubs and restaurants have restored derelict industrial buildings and a sense of transportation in an earlier time has been recreated. That would not work everywhere along the Delaware canal, with its very different setting and size. But perhaps the occasional mule-drawn boat, where feasible, would be a start.	9/16/2015 7:57 AM
61	I recall that the other sites all had various access points with good parking nearby	9/12/2015 8:17 PM