

## Schuylkill River Greenways NHA 140 College Drive Pottstown, PA 19464

## Auburn Bridge Reopening & SRT Extension Announcement & Celebration

**AUBURN** – The announcement and celebration will be held *Friday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m.* to introduce the public to a project that will reopen the bridge and create a section of the trail that opens the gateway to Schuylkill County.

**WHAT:** The project closes the last remaining break of the trail in Auburn. Eliminating the gap will create a 9.5-mile segment of the trail that will connect two counties and three towns.

**WHO:** Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area staff, partners and the public will come together for the official announcement of the project and to celebrate the soon-to-be closing of an important section of the Schuylkill River Trail.

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 16, 2018 at 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Game of Commission Parking Lot (Use <u>"1199 Bear Creek Road, Auburn, PA"</u> in your GPS) This will lead you to the end of Bear Creek Road where you'll then go through an open gate and follow an unnamed road to the parking lot.

**BACKGROUND:** The Auburn Bridge was constructed in 1919 to cross the Schuylkill River and compete with the Reading Railroad for Schuylkill County's anthracite coal. The Auburn Gap Project will reopen the bridge and build a ¾-mile multi-modal trail wide enough for both cyclists and walkers to use comfortably.

**Bike Ride Portion:** After the official announcement, the public and attendees are invited to bike for about a mile to the actual Auburn Bridge using the Schuylkill River Trail. Please bring your own bike if you would like to join the group ride.