



# Schuylkill National Heritage Area

Pennsylvania

**Authorized** November 2000

**Years since Designation**



2000 2002

**Management Entity** Schuylkill River Greenway Association  
(private non-profit corporation)

**Management Plan Status** update of draft plan in process

**Square Mileage of Counties in Heritage Area** 3,026



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## 2000 Census Data

Data	2000 Census	Percent Change from 1990
<i>Total Population</i>	3,225,122	+3.1
<i>Persons under 18 Years, Percent</i>	24.2	+3.7
<i>Persons 25-44 Years, Percent</i>	29.5	-5.8
<i>Persons Over 65 Years, Percent</i>	15.1	-1.4
<i>White Alone, Percent</i>	79.2	-7.7
<i>Hispanic Origin, Percent</i>	5.0	+71
<i>Black or African American, Percent</i>	12.7	+13.6
<i>Median Household Income (2000 \$)</i>	48,361	+8.6
<i>Percent Unemployed</i>	5.3	+2.4
<i>Percent Below Poverty Level</i>	9.0	-4.6

## Resources Profile

<i>Number of National Register Properties</i>	1013
<i>Number of National Historic Landmarks</i>	81
<i>National Natural Landmarks</i>	3
<i>National Park Units</i>	2

**Congressional Districts** 9

**Local Government Units** 590

## Profile

By 1777, when George Washington wintered his troops at Valley Forge, early entrepreneurs had already founded many of the historic towns along the Schuylkill River where the charcoal, iron and textile industries of the region would grow. In 1822, the first load of anthracite coal was taken from the Schuylkill headwaters to Philadelphia along the Schuylkill Navigation System (Canal), starting the engine that fueled American's early industrialization. The Schuylkill River Valley was central to the colonization and industrialization of America. Pre-Revolutionary mills and late 19<sup>th</sup> century factories – rural villages and the city of Philadelphia – all are part of the fabric of this river valley.

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