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**Catasauqua Officials Welcome State Senator Hiking To  
Raise Awareness of The D&L Trail**

On Friday, June 8 Catasauqua Borough officials met with several State Senators and regional officials along Catasauqua's portion of the Delaware & Lehigh Trail (D&L Trail) to discuss the Borough's revitalization efforts and the Iron Works project. The meeting was part of Senator John Yudichak's ongoing effort to hike the entire length of the D&L Trail this summer in honor of the Philadelphia Eagles' Super Bowl victory, as well as to raise awareness about the importance of the D&L Trail.

Accompanying Senator Yudichak on June 8 were Senator Lisa Boscola and representatives from Lehigh and Northampton Counties, the D&L National Heritage Corridor, the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, the Wildlands Conservancy, and others. Borough officials met the group at the historic Deily Coal Yard as the group made their way northward through the Borough. The meeting gave the Borough the opportunity to discuss the Iron Works project and how the improvement of the D&L Trail section through Catasauqua will help enhance community and economic development opportunities in the Borough.

Catasauqua Councilperson Christine Weaver, who accompanied the group on the Trail past the Iron Works site said, "When we heard that Senator Yudichak was going to be coming through the Borough last week, we thought it would be a good opportunity to offer up some refreshments and discuss the Iron Works project. We try to promote the Iron Works to anyone and everyone, and this was a good opportunity to spread the word about our efforts. It also allowed us to reinforce our strong partnerships with Senator Boscola and several of our regional partners."

The D&L Heritage Corridor has been working hard to raise funds to help close several gaps in the D&L Trail, one of which is along the section through Catasauqua. Earlier in the day at a press conference in Allentown, it was announced that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission will be working with regional leaders to apply for \$25 million in Federal funding to help close gaps along the D&L Trail through the Lehigh Valley.

The Iron Works project entails the redevelopment of the former Crane Iron Works site in Catasauqua for a mix of commercial, residential, and public uses. The initial phase of the development was completed in 2017 and included the construction of a new \$10 million building to house the Borough offices, fire department, and police station at the site. The next phase of the project will involve the preparation of the site for mixed use development via the selective demolition of old, obsolete industrial buildings and the installation of roadways, water, sewer, storm water, electric, gas, and other infrastructure throughout the site. This work will be constructed by the Borough and planned in partnership with Dunn Twigg Company, who the Borough has identified as the private development partner for the project.

For more information on the Iron Works, go to [www.catasauqua.org/iron-works](http://www.catasauqua.org/iron-works). You can follow Senator Yudichak's journey along the D&L Trail via social media @SenJohnYudichak on Facebook and Twitter.

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