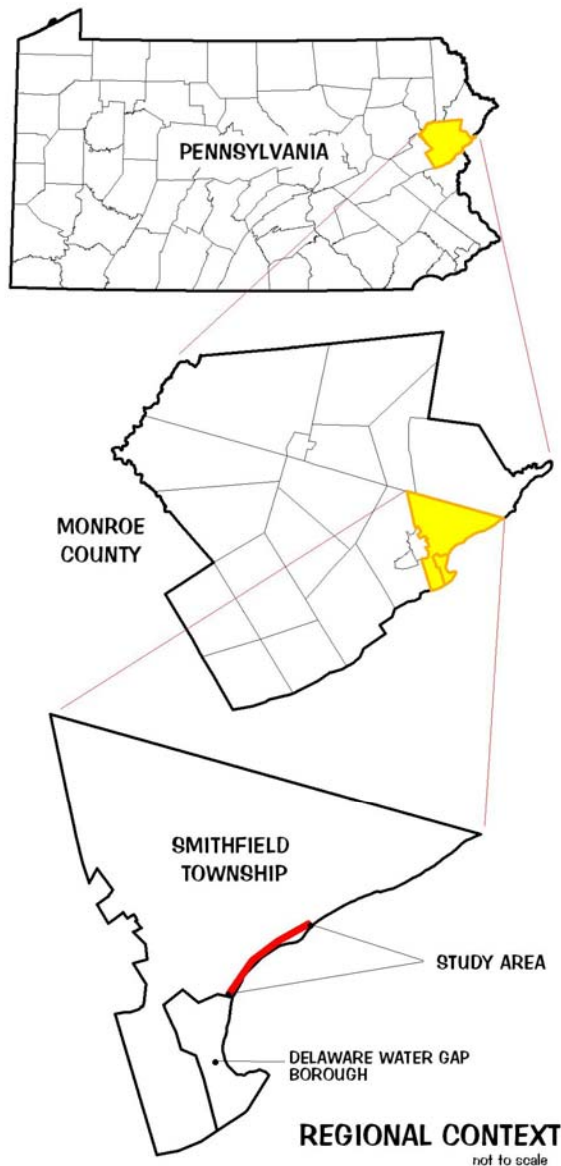


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Study Purpose, Goals, and Objectives

The purpose of this study is to determine the feasibility of creating a trail connection from the southern terminus of the McDade Trail in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) to the PennDOT I-80 Welcome Center in Smithfield Township.

This study describes the analyses of feasibility issues and the determination of a preferred alignment of a multi-use trail system in this area called the Shawnee Greenway.



Goals and objectives of this study are as follows:

- Determine a preferred trail alignment,
- Identify typical types of details for construction in subsequent phases,
- Identify potential environmental concerns,
- Determine estimate of probable costs for the preferred alignment,
- Propose ownership, operation, and evaluate legal feasibility of the proposed trail right-of-way,
- Propose various sources of funding for trail design, engineering, environmental clearances, acquisition and construction,
- Identify potential linkages to surrounding trails,
- Prepare draft and final feasibility plans for the Greenway Trail,
- Prepare mapping for the preferred trail alignment

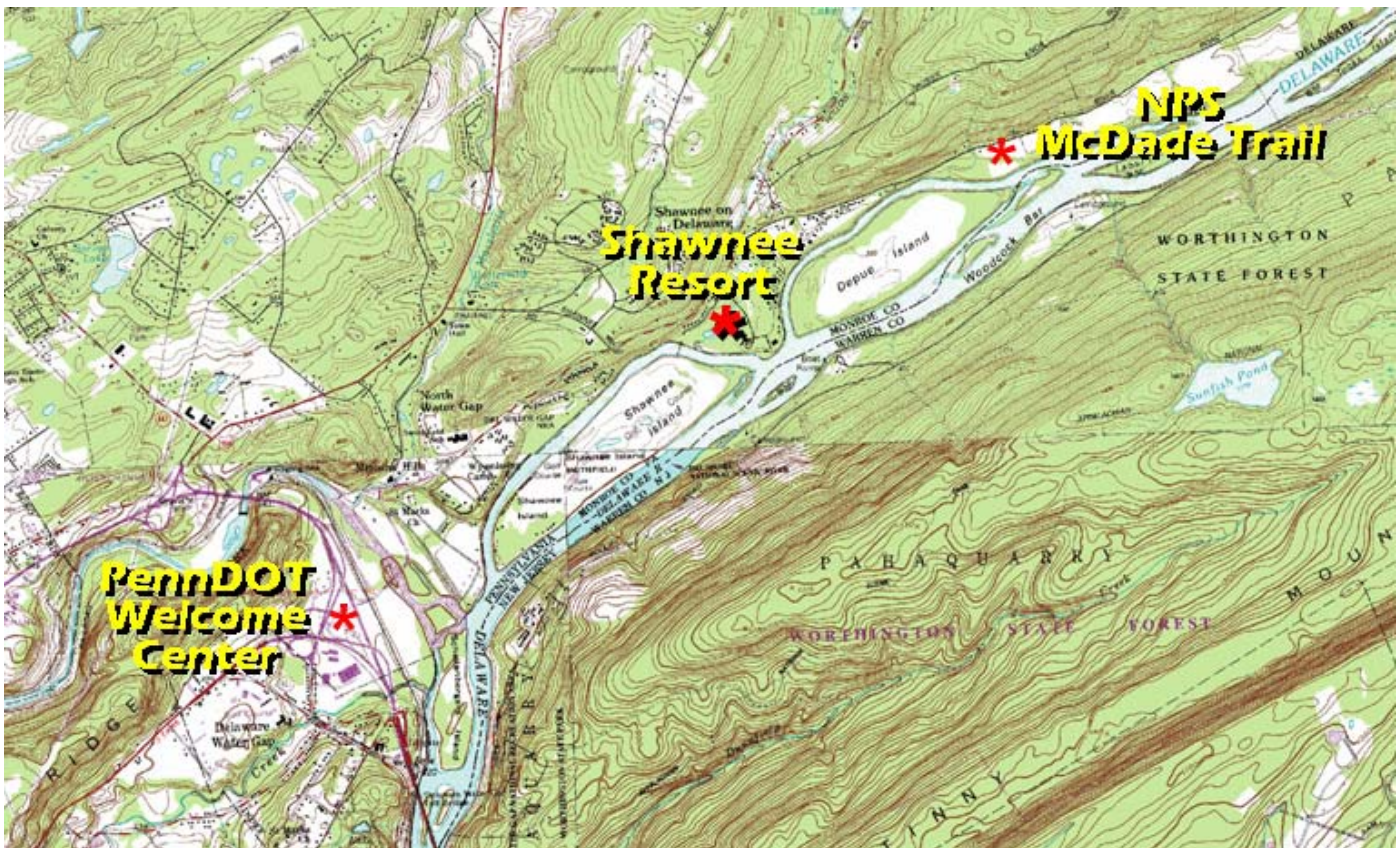
Regional Context – Map

The exhibit to the left shows the relationship between the study area, Smithfield Township, the Borough of Delaware Water Gap, Monroe County, and the State of Pennsylvania. The proposed greenway corridor spans approximately three (3) miles.

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Description of the Study Area

The Shawnee Greenway Feasibility and Location Study project area is located along a four-mile section of the Delaware River in eastern Monroe County, Pennsylvania. The study area stretches from the PennDOT Welcome Center on Interstate 80 to the Joseph M. McDade Recreational Trail, located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Between these points, the study area includes River Road, Brodhead Creek, Minisink Park, Smithfield Township Park, Shawnee Island, Shawnee Resort and Depue Island.



USGS Base Map of the Shawnee Greenway Trail Study Area.