

Wildlands Conservancy Permanently Protects 27 Acres in the Lehigh Valley

By Abigail Pattishall

Emmaus – Wildlands Conservancy, the premier nonprofit land trust of the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River watershed, announced today the permanent protection of 27 acres, situated in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County. This recent acquisition will expand its Emmaus-based South Mountain Preserve to more than 400 acres.

“South Mountain is the mountain that gave rise to our mission more than 40 years ago,” says Christopher Kocher, president of Wildlands. “Everyday citizens knew the mountain mattered, and they formed a community of support to protect it forever, and today their generous legacy continues to help us protect the open spaces that are precious and remaining, right here at home.”

Located at the base of South Mountain Preserve (see map) in an area that is vulnerable to encroaching development, the permanent protection of these 27 acres preserves mature forest and diverse vegetation that are essential for improved water quality and sustained wildlife habitat.

Wildlands acknowledges the support of its giving community, especially the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources, along with private donations, for funding the acquisition of this property from and in cooperation with the Rogers family.

About South Mountain Preserve

South Mountain is among Wildlands' first land acquisitions, dating back to 1976. The preserve helped set in motion the permanent protection of more than 55,000 acres throughout the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River watershed. It stands today as one of nine nature preserves owned and managed by the land trust – a locally storied property among an inventory that is presently growing. South Mountain boasts woodland trails, pronounced rocky outcroppings and unique vistas in an otherwise developed landscape. It is considered part of the 750-acre Robert Rodale Reserve.



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"Brooklyn"

By Susan Lyons

STROUDSBURG - The Words & Film series presents "Brooklyn", on Sunday March 1st at 2:00 PM.

The Eastern Monroe Public Library is proud to present "Brooklyn" as part of its "Words and Film" Sunday Matinee Series. The presentation will take place on Sunday, March 1st, 2020 at 2:00pm. Admission is free.

In Brooklyn, An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

Brooklyn is based on the bestselling novel by Colm Toibin with a screenplay written by Nick Hornby. Directed by John Crowley, this film stars Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen, and Domhnall Gleeson. Please note that this film is rated PG-13.

The Eastern Monroe Public Library is located at 1002 North 9th Street, Stroudsburg, PA. For further information on this event please call 570-421-0800x317 or visit www.monroep.org.

NMIH Receives S.T.E.M. Grant from EVS Metal

By Glenn Koehler

BETHLEHEM, PA – Today, representatives of EVS Metal's East Stroudsburg facility reaffirmed their commitment to offering students of Stroudsburg Middle School invaluable exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) through the National Museum of Industrial History's (NMIH) Future Innovators Fund with a \$3,000 grant.

For the second year in a row, EVS Metal has allowed NMIH to waive the costs for nearly 400 public school students to visit the museum and connect lessons from America's industrial past to today's ever-changing world of technology and innovation.

The Museum's Future Innovators Fund is a program to which donors contribute to help students engage in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics with social history learning opportunities. Donations help offset the cost of school field trips and outreach programs for eligible schools.

"EVS Metal's strong support for their community and education through industrial history is important in teaching new generations where we came from," said NMIH President & CEO, Kara Mohsinger. "By telling the story of our country's history of innovation and connecting it to today's world, we hope to inspire future engineers, entrepreneurs, and inventors."

"Having a Smithsonian Affiliate available in our backyard is an incredible asset with which to educate the young people of our community and give them the resources they need to become future leaders in technical fields," said Joe Amico, Vice President of EVS Metal. "By invoking the stories of the men and women who founded and built the U.S. and combining those stories with the skills students need to succeed, it's a win-win scenario."



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