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New Name Same Work

It is finally official Schuylkill County's VISION is now Schuylkill Connects!

Why the name and brand change?

To better align with our mission of connecting organizations, communities, and resources in Schuylkill County and reduce the confusion of who we are and what we do (not eyecare ;).

For the most part our work in Schuylkill County is not changing. We continue to look at what we do and how we do it to provide the best services

in the most sustainable fashion. While some updates are still being made on our new website, check us out!

In future emails we will dive deeper into our programs, how they are administered, and who we impact.

[Schuylkill Connects Website](#)

Spooky Schuylkill 5k



Record breaking 5k!

The 2024 Spooky Schuylkill did not disappoint! Over 225 runners, walkers, and wheelers hit the race route with a lot really getting to the Halloween spirit with great costumes!

Funds raised support Connects work in Schuylkill County, which includes Healthy Schuylkill Communities and Youth Summit. Additionally, Connects sits at the table of many local, regional, and state task forces to advocate for Schuylkill County and other rural communities. We pride ourselves on our partnerships and the support we provide to communities, government entities, schools, and organizations. Read our latest blog about Spooky Schuylkill and visit our Facebook page for all the fun photos.

[Spooky Schuylkill Blog Post](#)

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Were you unable to make the Spooky Schuylkill and interested in supporting our mission? Here are few things you can do:

Donate at givebutter.com/schuylkillconnects

Sponsor a Wreath. Executive Director, Mandy Fitzpatrick, personally hosts a fundraiser for Wreath Across America with \$5 of every wreath sponsorship giving back to Schuylkill Connects and guarantees that her father and all in eternal rest at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery are honored and remembered.

Register to volunteer. Email info@schuylkillconnects.com to learn more about volunteer opportunities that include assisting with [bike rodeos](#), [walk audits](#), fundraisers (like Spooky Schuylkill) and more!



Words from Executive Director

I wanted to take a brief moment to introduce/reintroduce myself.

My name is Mandy Fitzpatrick and serve as the Executive Director AND Program Director. Connects is currently an office of one...moi.

I'm a lifelong resident of Schuylkill County, alumni of Minersville Area and Penn State University (completing two years at Schuylkill Campus). I have a public health background with a strong interest in improving Schuylkill County through policy adoption, built environment improvements, and advocating for safe and equitable access to communities and services for all. Additionally, I am invested in strengthening the infrastructure of our organizations through capacity building initiatives to connect organizations to resources to improve operations to better serve Schuylkill Countians.

When I'm not working, I love to travel. Travel to me can range from hopping on an airplane to visit National Parks across the United States to hopping in my car (Kitty) to visit attractions and trails across PA and in neighboring state.

If you have interest in learning more about my work and goals, Connects' mission, and how you can possibly get involved or support our mission, please feel free to email for a Coffee and Connect!

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