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DCNR Names Josh Swartley to Head Delaware Canal State Park Complex

Harrisburg, PA - Josh Swartley, former manager of Neshaminy State Park, Bucks County, has been named manager of Delaware Canal State Park Complex in Bucks and Northampton counties, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn announced today.

“Josh will be overseeing one of our more popular state park complexes where attendance averages over 900,000 visitors per year,” said Dunn. “He brings a wide range of skills and qualifications from his previous assignments that can only enhance the visitor experience at Delaware Canal and Ralph Stover state parks.”

Josh will head park operations for the 60-mile-long historic canal and tow path, and the original canal locks and bridges found along the Delaware River. Among the state’s more diverse parks, Delaware Canal contains a 90-acre pond, many miles of river shoreline and 11 river islands. Also included in this state park complex is Ralph Stover State Park, along the Tohickon Creek in Bucks County.

The creek flows through the 45-acre park, providing scenic picnic areas and excellent viewing of white-water boating. The nearby High Rocks section of the park affords a scenic overlook of Tohickon Creek.

Swartley will oversee park grounds that include winding river banks and fertile farm fields; historic towns; adventurous recreation areas; and a scenic horseshoe bend along the Tohickon Creek.

“Being named manager of Delaware Canal State Park Complex is an honor for me,” Swartley said. “I look forward to working with the staff, the local communities and the many partners of the park. I am excited by the challenges ahead.”

Swartley, a native of Hilltown, Bucks County, replaces Rick Dalton who was named manager at Tuscarora State Park Complex in Schuylkill County.

Swartley began his career with the Bureau of State Parks in 1994. He served in multiple maintenance positions and as a DCNR Ranger at Nockamixon and Neshaminy state parks. In 2004 he was named a park manager trainee at Park Region 4 Office, based in Perkasie. In 2005, he was named assistant park manager at Hickory Run State Park Complex, Carbon County, and in 2007 he was promoted to manager at Neshaminy State Park.

Swartley holds a bachelor’s degree in recreation from Lock Haven University. He, his wife, and three children will be relocating to the Pipersville area.

For more information on Delaware Canal, Ralph Stover, or any of Pennsylvania's other 119 state parks, telephone 1-888-PA-PARKS from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; or visit www.dcnr.pa.gov (select "State Parks").

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