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## **ANNUAL MEETING TO CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY AND LOOK TO THE NEXT 10 YEARS**

US Route 6 based businesses, organizations, community leaders and the public are encouraged to come celebrate the past 10 years of Route 6 as a PA Heritage Area and learn about future projects and initiatives at the PA Route 6 Alliance's Annual Meeting and Awards Program on May 13th and 14th in Carbondale.

The City of Carbondale, 2014 Heritage Community of the Year, will roll out the welcome mat and highlight their progress made in their Heritage Community. Events will include an optional bus tour from Wellsboro, leaving on Wednesday, May 13th. In the evening a tour of the Carbondale Historical Society's D&H Museum with a reception will take place. The morning of May 14th, participants can enjoy a Historic Trolley Tour of Carbondale.

The Annual Meeting will convene at 11 a.m. at the Best Western Pioneer Plaza in Carbondale and will include a period of networking with sponsors and exhibitors followed by the PA Route 6 Annual Business Meeting. Keynote speaker, Acting DCNR Secretary, Cindy Dunn, will discuss the agency's strategic planning efforts and PA Heritage Areas.

The meeting will conclude with a ceremony awarding this year's "DO 6" Winners in the categories of: Heritage Partnership Award; Leadership Award; Heritage Community of the Year Award; Heritage Tourism Award; Artisan of the Year Award; and Lifetime Achievement Award.

During the meeting the revised Management Action Plan will be reviewed, including the goals, strategies, and projects for the next ten years. The 2014 Economic/Tourism Impact Study of State Heritage Areas will also be presented.

The meeting and awards program will take place on Thursday, May 14th at the Best Western Pioneer Plaza, Carbondale, PA, starting at 11AM. The cost of the luncheon is \$30. Registrations are due by April 29th. Online registration and downloadable registration forms are available at [www.paroute6.com/annual\\_meeting](http://www.paroute6.com/annual_meeting).

Event sponsorships are also available to organizations, businesses, and groups who may want to display their products, projects, services. Sponsorship information and registration is also available online at [www.paroute6.com/annual\\_meeting](http://www.paroute6.com/annual_meeting).

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