



# Morris Canal Greenway in Passaic County

Quarterly Team Meeting *featuring*

## Morris Canal Preservation: Warren County's Story

*presented by* **Jim Lee, Jr.**

Before the advent of the railroad and motor vehicle, the Morris Canal was a vital transportation link from the coal fields of Pennsylvania and New Jersey's iron industry to major industrial cities like Newark and Paterson. Spanning 102-miles from the Delaware River at Phillipsburg to New York Harbor at Jersey City, the Canal climbed through the New Jersey Highlands, overcoming an elevation change of 1,674 feet. Today, various governmental organizations, historical societies and nonprofit groups statewide are collaborating to preserve the heritage of the Morris Canal by creating a passive bicycle-pedestrian Greenway along its route. The Warren County Morris Canal Committee is one such volunteer organization, serving as an adjunct to the Warren County Planning Dept., that has been a pioneer in Morris Canal preservation since the early 1980s.

**This presentation** chronicles Morris Canal historic preservation efforts in Warren County through achievements by the Warren County Morris Canal Committee, including various Canal acquisition and restoration projects, publications, canal protection regulations, and planning documents such as Warren County's 25 Year Action Plan for the Morris Canal Greenway.

**Jim Lee Jr.** is Vice Chairman of the Warren County Morris Canal Committee and a retired engineering manager previously working for Bowe Bell & Howell for 38 years. He grew up at the Morris Canal's Plane 9 west near Stewartville and presently lives at Plane 10 west near Phillipsburg. His maternal grandmother, Isabelle Lenstrohm Mann was the daughter of Morris Canal boat captain Peter Lenstrohm.

**Tuesday, February 5\* • 5:30 PM**  
**Clifton Arts Center**  
**900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ**

\* In the case of inclement weather, the presentation will be held on February 19 at 5:30 PM, please visit [www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org) or call 973-472-5499 for weather notifications

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