



SHAUN LEHMANN

nominated by Jim LaTorre

PATC's trail maintenance work at the Palisades District of the C&O Canal National Historic Park had been substantially dormant since 2020. In the fall of 2024, Ranger Shaun Lehmann was assigned to renegotiate the General Agreement between the Club and the Park. Shaun immediately met with the newly assigned District Manager and invited PATC to return to the Park while the agreement was being updated.

PATC reestablished its presence in the Park, enlisted maintainers for all covered trails, and built a crew to work on large projects. Shaun collaborated with PATC to develop a two-year workplan; led several trail inspection hikes to discuss implementation of the work plan; arranged for the Park's Natural Resources Ranger to take PATC members on a hike to learn about the Park's rare, endangered and invasive plants; and arranged for PATC to have access to a tool cache on Park property. Because of Shaun's leadership, the General Agreement was formally signed in June 2025.

Shaun continues to communicate regularly with PATC and is always accessible when needed. He has provided timely support and guidance since our return to the Palisades.

