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Oil Region Alliance Update Report
For the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance Meeting; July 18, 2015

Oil Creek Memorial Landing – The project was held up a bit, but is ready to begin in the next few weeks, with the completion date still scheduled for this fall.

Implementation of Signage Along the Trail Route Through Emlenton – ORA is assisting Emlenton Borough on this project. A review of the signage and walk through of the route has been completed. The Borough is preparing to issue the Request For Quotations for the materials and will install this summer/fall. ORA drafted the Request For Quotations for the kiosk; the Borough is reviewing the document, and it will be issued in the very near future.

2015 PA Statewide Greenways and Trails Summit - At the request of DCNR with the completion of McClintock Trail, Kim Harris submitted a proposal for, “*Rails with Trails: A Success Story.*” The presenters for the workshop will be Kim Harris, Carl Belke, President of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad, and Deb Frawley, Greenways Coordinator.

Oil Creek State Park Trail – “Missing Link” – The PA DCNR, Bureau of Parks has begun to actively to look at completing the lower three miles of trail within Oil Creek State Park; dubbed the “Missing Link.” DCNR has requested that ORA assist with this very important segment of trail, which is on the main Erie to Pittsburgh Trail route (the only section of the EPT in Venango County not completed). ORA has requested that Council on Greenways participate as well. A scoping has been completed for the southernmost section from Rynd Farm north to the ice control dam on the creek (approximately 1-mile). They are now in the beginning stages of talking with the County of Venango, property owner and the Oil Creek Railway Historical Society whom has been given operating and other rights via a clause in the deed. It should be noted this segment of missing trail is listed as a top ten priority in the newly released “*Pennsylvania’s State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2014 – 2019; Appendix H – Pennsylvania Land and Water Trail Network Strategic Plan 2014-2019.*”

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