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Oil Region Alliance Update Report For the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance Meeting; July 20, 2016

McClintock Trail

In May, the ditches along the southern section of McClintock Trail were cleaned, and several very stumps and very large balls of roots, that were remnants of trees coming down along the trail, were removed from the side of the trail.

The PA Northwest Regional Planning Commission employees adopted the southern section of McClintock Trail, their first cleanup this year was June 11. This year a number of employees from Specialty Fabrication joined them and Powder Coating located on Route 8 in Cornplanter Township just outside Rouseville. Signage has been installed along the trail specifying that the Staff of the Northwest Commission have adopted the trail.

The northern section of the McClintock Trail that is a share-the-road along Waitz Road (a dirt road owned by Cornplanter Township, is being upgraded. The Township will be upgrading drainage, and then apply a Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA). DSA is a well-graded, unbound mixture of aggregate designed for use as a wearing course on unpaved roads. This will be completed in phases over the next three years with funding through the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program with the Oil Region Alliance providing matching funds. When complete the surface on Waitz Road will hard and fairly smooth.

Oil Creek Memorial Landing – Phase II of the project was bid out in late winter and bids came in higher than the amount of funding available. ORA will seek a vendor to construct the grassy access area to Oil Creek, while securing additional funding to construct the stairs.

Recreational Trails in the Oil Region - ORA and AVTA funded and worked together to update, redesign, and print 25,000 trail map/guides. The publication includes the multi-purpose trails and, state designated water trails. It designates where hiking trails, cross-country ski, mountain biking, and equestrian trails are located, as well as camping, overlooks, and waterfalls. These maps/guides are free and have been distributed to locations throughout the Oil Region, and beyond.

The Get on the Trail! Entrepreneurial Business Plan Contest for along the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail (within the Oil Heritage Region) is now in its fourth year! The contest application period began on July 1 and we will accept applications that include a concept paper that are submitted online through July 31st. Winners will be announced in December.

More information can be found on the website at: www.getonthetrail.org

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