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Oil Region Alliance Update Report
For the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance Meeting; October 21, 2015

McClintock Trail - The southern 1.5 miles of the McClintock Trail has been adopted by the staff of the Northwest Commission. ORA has designed a sign that will be placed at the northern and southern entrances of the trail segment noting that the trail has been adopted. The first clean-up is scheduled to be held October 16, 2015.

Oil City Trail – In conjunction with Oil City’s “Christmas Past” event the Oil Region Alliance, and Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad will once again bring the Santa Train to Oil City on December 6, 2015. Santa’s train will stop along the trail adjacent to National Fuel just off Relief Street.

Oil Creek Memorial Landing – Phase I of the project is complete and open to the public. This includes the preconstruction grading, paving the entranceway and parking area, and installation of trail user amenities. Phase II (final) is slated for the spring of 2016 which will include the grassy access area to Oil Creek, landscaping and kiosk.

Implementation of Signage Along the Trail Route Through Emlenton – The trail route through Emlenton Borough has been signed, and a small dedication was held on October 5, 2015. A kiosk is in final stages of layout, and will be fabricated with anticipated installation in the spring of 2016. The kiosk will include a map and brief description of the Industrial Heartland Trail Coalition (IHTC). Frank Maguire is working on providing the IHTC map and description.

2015 PA Statewide Greenways and Trails Summit – Both Marilyn Black and Kim Harris attended the 2015 Greenways and Trails Summit. The “*Rails with Trails: A Success Story*” presented by Kim Harris, Carl Belke (President of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad), and Deb Frawley, Greenways Coordinator received outstanding reviews and comments. Kim Harris participated with Ron Steffey and Deb Frawley presenting at the “Trail Organizations Coalition: Success and Struggles” session positive feedback on session evaluations was received.

Interpretive Panels - Summer intern Breanne Mason researched, wrote, and assembled visuals for 6 new outdoor interpretive panels for the Queen City Trail in Titusville, 2 for Justus Park in Oil City, and 1 for the Old Emlenton Mill in Emlenton. These 9 panels are now being laid out by General Graphics. Each host municipality will install them as the panels become available in the spring of 2016.

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