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**Oil Region Alliance Update Report
For the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance Meeting; October 19, 2016**

McClintock Trail – Approximately ½ mile of Waitz Road has been upgraded with additional drainage, and the installation of Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA). This is Phase I of III; when completed the entire Waitz Road will have a hard surface making it much smoother for cyclist.

Oil Creek Memorial Landing – Phase II of the project will begin on October 17, 2016. The access to Oil Creek and a small stretch of additional drainage will be completed in 2016 along with the project/site sign. A set of stairs that will directly connect the adjacent business with the site, a kiosk and other items are in the works for 2017.

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! Entries have been received and are currently under review. Winners will be announced in December. ORA staff is looking forward to another year of this project in 2017.

Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition Fall Summit – ORA President, John Phillips, will present with David Kahley of the Progress at the IHTC Fall Summit on leveraging your trail to drive economic & community development.

Franklin Bike/Ped Master Connection Plan - ORA sits on the committee for this project and have been actively involved. The City of Franklin has been bike friendly achieving the bronze level for bike friendly through the League of American Bicyclists. They have the desire to continue to build upon what they have achieved to encourage more bicyclists to come into the business district. A draft plan has been completed and will present to the public tentatively on November 9, 2016.

City Of Oil City Trail Town – The City of Oil City continues to work on making the community more friendly and welcoming to bicyclists and visitors in general. The trailhead project at Justus Park is in progress; parking spaces have been dedicated for the trailhead users, and the kiosk panels are in the fabrication process.

The City of Oil City has made progress with the West End Trail Gap. It was cleared and a solid base of asphalt millings has been laid, with plans to pave this section next year pending on funding. This project moved 0.5 miles of trail off the road providing trail users a safer route.

Lighting the Center Street Bridge with led lights will be bid out soon; the Oil City Main Street Program has partnered with the Oil Region Alliance for the implementation of the project. The idea is the lit bridge will provide a sense of warm and uniqueness to the community. The community continues to implement projects to make the community a friendlier place to visit.

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