

**TITUSVILLE TRAIL TOWN ACTION TEAM**  
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**Report to the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance Meeting**  
**Meeting Date: July 18, 2015**

**July 9, 2015**

**Fleming Park Improvement Project:** A Grant application to the DCED Greenways Trails and Recreation Program for this Project was submitted by June 30, 2015 date for September 2015 consideration. Private contributions through the recently created Greater Titusville Development Foundation will more than exceed the grant application match requirements. We are anxious to begin this project.

**Oil Creek Waterways Feasibility Study:** Titusville Redevelopment Authority is the Project Manager on behalf of the City of Titusville for a study of the feasibility of a water trail along Oil Creek, between Centerville (Crawford County) and Oil City (Venango County). Mackin Engineering is the Consultant. Field work has been completed on this project. Another Public Meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2015 at Drake Well Museum. Financial assistance for this study is provided through the Northwest Regional Planning and Development Commission Greenways Block Grant Program, the PA DCNR and the PA DEP, with matching funds provided by Crawford County, Venango County, the City of Titusville and Titusville Redevelopment Authority.

**Titusville Trail Town Master Plan:** in 2013 the City of Titusville completed a Trail Town Master Plan with the assistance of professional consultant Mackin Engineering. The purpose of this plan is to provide a guiding document to capitalize on economic development stemming from the region's trail systems, and growing outdoor recreation, heritage-tourism and bicycling markets. A Titusville Trail Town Action Team was formed to move this plan forward.

Within the Plan a list of Top 50 Projects were identified. Trail signage was listed as a priority project, as is promotion of outdoor activities and communication and cooperation with supporting agencies:

- A Sign Sub-Committee meeting will be held within the next few weeks. At this meeting committee members will walk the proposed sign route from the QCT at the end of S. Martin St. through town to determine sign locations. Funding for signage is provided through a grant from the DCED Keystone Communities Program, with matching funds provided by the City of Titusville and the Titusville Redevelopment Authority.
- GET OUTDOORS – IN TITUSVILLE! Facebook Photo Contest was created in partnership with the TTTAT, Emigs Bicycle Shop in Meadville and Crawford County Convention & Visitors Bureau. In acknowledgement of National Get Outdoors Day (6/13/2015) contestants were asked to post photos of outdoor activities in the Titusville area to the Titusville PA Trail Town Facebook page. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, from those photos, one random winner was chosen to receive a \$500 gift certificate to purchase a bicycle from Emigs Bicycle Shop. Plans are to make this an annual contest.
- Trail Memberships:
  - The TTTAT has joined Get Outdoors PA.
  - The TTTAT has joined the Friends of Oil Creek State Park organization.
  - The TTTAT is a member of the Trail Town Program Erie to Pittsburgh Regional Action Team (next meeting July 30, 2015)

**Letter of Support:** Was provided by the TTTAT to the City of Oil City for their Growing Greener Grant application to improve the CSO system in Cooper Run (which is a tributary to Oil Creek).

**City of Titusville - Queen City Trail (QCT) Maintenance:** The City of Titusville owns/maintains the QCT. The City has incurred additional labor and materials costs to mow the highly invasive Japanese Knotweed ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fallopia\\_japonica](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fallopia_japonica)) that is along the QCT. If other trails owners have had this same issue perhaps through this trail alliance we can work together for a better solution?