



ARTA REPORT TO EPTA JANUARY 18, 2017

Armstrong Trail

- Work was completed late in 2016 on projects in Rosston, Ford City, Manorville, Kittanning, Templeton, Ford City and between Rimer and Phillipston on grant funded projects.
- The resurfacing project behind the treatment plant in East Brady is near completion and a meeting regarding completion of that section is scheduled for January 11 with borough officials, the Clarion County Conservation District, local property owners, AVL and ARTA.
- Bike route signage through East Brady was installed in late October, 2016. The sharrow work is on hold until Spring of 2017 due to a National Fuel project along Kelly's Way.
- An Eagle Scout project to cover graffiti at the historic coaling tower at mile 63.6 is complete.
- ARTA has ordered small Armstrong Trail signs to be placed on mile posts. It is important to ARTA that the Armstrong Trail identity is maintained.
- Caution signs are on order for use during trail resurfacing projects.
- The ARTA annual retreat was held on November 6, 2016. Goals for 2017 and beyond were established. High priorities for 2017 are directional signage and restoration of historic sites.
- Plans are underway for the 6th annual Eat, Play Ride fund fairing event to be held May 20, 2017.
- Keep PA Beautiful will take place from Rosston through Kittanning on April 22, 2017.
- Several projects are being considered for a Volunteer Fund Grant application in 2017.

East Brady Trail Town

- The East Brady Trail Town Initiative mural project is fully funded. Completion is projected to be no later than June 30 of 2107. The mural has a theme of "East Brady – Playground of the Allegheny" and features activities on the trail and the river along with local wildlife, hunting and fishing. A dedication ceremony highlighting this project, the new Riverfront Park and connections of the Armstrong Trail to town is in the planning stages.



Friends of the Riverfront

Progress & Updates as of 01/12/17

Shaler – Funding from SPC has been received to study the connection between Millvale and Etna.

Etna – Progress is continuing on the Etna Riverfront Park, that will continue the trail extension north. The park and trail are in the planning process to include a flyover as a community connection.

Aspinwall – Aspinwall Riverfront Park is currently working with Developers of Riverfront 47 in regards to expansion of the park. This development expands through Aspinwall as well as Sharpsburg. This development plans to expand the trail through the development to connect with Etna.

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority – (Section between Aspinwall and Chapel Harbor in O'hara) An easement has been negotiated and is held by FOR. The development of the trail will take place after construction on the authority's property, TBD. Friends of the Riverfront is working to PSWA to include the trail cost in their redevelopment plans.

Blawnox – Progress has been made with Blawnox Borough to potentially designate an on road route through town due to difficulties with NFS. FOR will be meeting with council at the end of the month to discuss the on road option.

Tarentum – All signage in Tarentum going north and south has been installed and the roughly 1.4-mile route is fully marked.

Brackenridge – Progress has been made working with the commissioners on designating an on-road route through the area.

Harrison Township – Harrison Township has received funding through the Active Allegheny grant program to complete a conceptual design of the trail route through Harrison Township. The process is slated to begin in 2017.

Contact has been made with Harmar Township, Cheswick Borough, Springdale Township, Springdale Borough, and East Deer Township to discuss potential routes through each municipality.

MERCER COUNTY TRAILS ASSOC

Jan 13, 2017

Fall Report:

It has been a busy and productive fall for MCTA! A \$30,000 Tourism Attraction Grant (TAG) has been acquired from the the Mercer County Visitors Bureau. This money has been used for the 10 ½ mile Upper Shenango River Trail-Greenville to Pymatuning State Park. Many thanks to Hugh Clark and Mike Kotyk for their grant wizardry! This money helped complete a DCNR compliant feasibility study from Porter Rd., Greenville north to Jamestown then west past Pymatuning State Park to the Ohio line. This report was written by Mackin Engineering PGH office.

Related to this project a TAG grant has been filed for \$20,000 to be used for the surface materials which will be applied by volunteers Dave Mansell and Bert Eaton. These volunteers received the wonderful advice and counsel from Ron Steffey and “his band of merry men”. With his help our volunteer roadcrew has completed all ditching work and is ready for aggregate once dry. If this grant is received by spring we will have a mile completed that connects us to another mile in Riverside Park.

Ongoing legal efforts to acquire 22 miles of trail from W Middlesex to New Castle. If secured this trail can connect north to Sharon and on to Sharpsville Trout Island Trail. MCTA meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Visit our website for more information.

Sincerely,

Fred Kiser, President.



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Oil Region Alliance Update Report For the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance Meeting; January 18, 2017

McClintock Trail – This year an additional approximate ½ mile of Waitz Road will be upgraded with the installation of Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA). This will be Phase II of III; when completed the entire Waitz Road will have a hard surface making it much smoother for cyclist. Waitz Road is a share-the-road section on a township road with an average vehicle count of 12 vehicles or less per day.

Oil Creek Memorial Landing –The access to Oil Creek, a small stretch of additional drainage and project/site sign were installed in 2017. As soon as the construction season arrives, the contractor will construct the steps that connect the adjacent business. A kiosk and memorials will also occur in 2017.

Kiosk on the EPT in the Oil Region –ORA is partnering with the AVTA seeking funding to install four kiosks (3 along the ART and one along the McClintock Trail at McClintock Well #1). In addition, ORA is partnering with OCSP to install kiosks in the along the trail in the Park. ORA is also working with the Park Management to install updated interpretive signage at the Blood Farm Day area.

The Get on the Trail! Entrepreneurial Business Plan Contest – The 2016 winners were announced in December; first place went to Karma Coffee, OARS received second place, and third place went to Little It Deli. ORA has received funding for the 2017 contest, and is looking forward to another year of this important project to enhance business along the trails in the region.

City Of Oil City Trail Town – Contracts have been signed for lighting the Center Street Bridge with led lights the ORA partnered with the Oil City Main Street Program and is providing project management. *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.*

Participating in Other Regional Projects –

- ORA has actively participated in the Franklin, Bike/Ped Study conducted by Mackin Engineering; a public meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. at Franklin City Hall.
- ORA is participating in the planning of the first Oil Region Cycling Classic. Ron Snyder of Franklin is spearheading the planning of this event, which will be a fundraiser for the Allegheny Valley Trails Association. Additional information will be released in the next few weeks. EPTA members will receive a direct email about the event.

Submitted by Kim Harris - Questions please contact Kim at 814-677-3152; Extension 120, or email kharris@oilregion.org.

Redbank Valley Trail Update for EPTA 1/12/17

1. Work should get underway soon on the next phase of the Climax Tunnel liner work funded by TAP funds. The pre-construction meeting is set for January 19, 2017 in Indiana, PA, with work to commence sometime after Feb. 27, 2017. Local contractor PALO was the sole bidder on December 1st. We recognize and are grateful to Sen. Scott Hutchinson and Rep. Donna Oberlander for their assistance.

2. DEP plans to do AMD remediation work within the next year or so near the area of the trail in Fairmount City, Redbank Township behind M&S Meats along SR 28.

3. Improvements will begin soon on the portion of the Sligo Spur north of SR 861 (Rimersburg Road) to within a mile of Sligo thanks to a recently awarded grant from the Northwest Commission Greenways Block Grant Program with funding from DCNR and DEP. Work is underway by volunteers on the portion of the spur between Lawsonham and Route 861, including brush cutting help from the Union High School Outdoor Club.

4. Stream bank stabilization work and drainage improvements on the trail were completed last Fall with the assistance of the Armstrong County Conservation District and a Penn Vest Grant at St. Charles and at Fishbasket. RVTA representatives have met with Clarion County Conservation District for help with similar work west of New Bethlehem.

5. A picnic and an Adirondack shelter were constructed in October and November 2016 near the Long Point Tunnel in memory of the late bridge decking and railing volunteer leader Ray Doverspike.

6. A successful fundraising event was held in December thanks to a \$5000 matching challenge and the many supporters who rose to and exceeded the challenge.



7. Work continues on several other projects, including planning for annual fundraising events, our maintenance manual, a shelter design, plans for refreshing some areas of the trail with crushed limestone, conveyance of the trail to RVTA, a magazine-type insert with The Leader Vindicator in Spring, among others.

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Fleming Park Improvement Project: Remains pending, research continues to fund project. Matching funds secured.

Application for Approval of Oil Creek as a PA Water Trail: Managing entity created (Crawford County Planning/Venango County Planning/TRA), funding for waterways map secured, map creation in process. Oil Creek Water Trail Association will meet next on 1/19/2017 to pull together final information for application.

Bicycle PA Route Connections in NWPA: A \$25,000 NWPA Greenways Block Grant was recently awarded for a "Bicycle Suitability Map and Plan, Connecting Titusville to Bicycle PA Routes and Neighboring Communities."

Queen City Trail Extension Feasibility Study: In unison with the above grant award, this NWPA Greenways Block Grant will also fund a true study of the feasibility to expand the Queen City Trail north from Titusville to Hydetown.

Titusville Trail Town Master Plan Update:

The Trail Town Master Plan Sign Committee has finalized gateway signage and trail signage directing trail users from the QCT into and through Titusville. Includes new street sign poles along proposed route that match new street light poles.

An \$88,500 C2P2 Grant was recently awarded to develop the QCT, to create the link from the base of the existing QCT into town. and to allow for handicapped access, signage and related site improvements.

Recreational Runners Fund Established by the Greater Titusville Development Foundation:

This fund has been established to provide support for projects, activities, and amenities that enhance local recreational race events, and to help provide a memorable experience for trail race participants, volunteers and spectators.

Applications being accepted now. For more information: www.titusvillefoundation.org.