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Re: Report to Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance
Debra Frawley – At-Large Board Member

Recent meetings and outreach

The Mid-America Trails and Greenways conference was held in Columbus, Ohio in May. I attended along with other IHTC Project Support Team co-workers to represent the IHTC. We had an information table in the vendor area and spoke with many people. The Trail Trips itineraries, including those along the Armstrong and Redbank Trails and the northwestern PA sections of the EPT, were available and many were taken. Some of the speakers from this conference may be at the IHTC Summit in October.

The PA Route 6 Alliance held an educational summit to discuss connections to the heritage corridor. It crosses the EPT near Corry and I discussed how to find more information about the trail.

A Towns & Trails meeting was held in East Brady focusing on potential new businesses that want to open near the trail corridor. Attendees discussed shuttle services, B&Bs or guest houses and more.

The Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards dinner was very well attended. The EPT donation basket was very welcome and sold for well over \$200.

Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition

The next IHTC meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2018 and will again be a webinar. The featured speaker will be from the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management of Robert Morris University. They will be providing tools and training for capacity building and more. Please take the 5-minute survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X8MV2M7> to indicate what organization-growing priorities might be best to cover during this webinar and at the IHTC conference in October.

The IHTC 2018 Fall Summit will be October 2-3, 2018 in Morgantown, WV. The first day will feature mobile workshops, socials and maybe a Shark Tank with prizes. A full day of sessions and speakers will be on the next day.

Corridor gap committee

The EPTA gap committee has met both in person and via conference call to continue to inventory gaps and try to determine readiness. We also discussed more subjective problems. For example, a gap can be ranked lower in readiness because the group does not have the capacity to complete it but, that gap needs to be ranked higher in needing help to get it done for the same reason. More information will be presented during the Board meeting.