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Greater Erie Regional Trail Network Press Conference

Erie, PA - On **Wednesday, July 18th at 10:30 a.m.** members of the Greater Erie Regional Trail network, welcome County Executive, Kathy Dahlkemper, City of Erie Mayor, Joe Schember, and the community to join them at **McClelland Park**, at East 26th Street and McClelland Avenue, for a media event to promote its website, erietrails.org, and trail signage. Following brief comments, guests will be welcomed to walk one of the trails and see the signage that has been created.

The Greater Erie Regional Trail network is an initiative, led by the municipal members of the Erie Area Council of Governments, designed to promote the awareness and use of the recreational trails throughout Erie County. Phase one of the project included the development of the Greater Erie Regional Trails brand with an identifiable logo, the creation of a mobile responsive website with trail mapping, the installation of 26 wayfinding signs for 11 trail locations and inclusion in VisitErie's HelloErie app and Adventure Guide.

Erie Area Council of Governments', Jessica Horan-Kunco, project manager, says, "Now that we have completed phase one, it is the perfect time of year to share the new website and begin phase two which will include trailhead and trail site signage. We hope that residents and visitors will enjoy all that the Greater Erie Regional Trail network has to offer and come back for more!"

[Erietrails.org](http://erietrails.org) is designed to make it easier for visitors and residents to find recreational trails throughout the county. Whether you like to hike in the woods, walk in a city park, or take a stroll on the waterfront, Erie County has a vast array of park and recreational opportunities to explore. Users will find trail locations, see maps of the trail routes, see trail lengths, view photos of the venues and terrain and learn about upcoming activities and events.

This project is funded in part by a Multi-municipal Collaboration Grant from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. The project partners include Erie County Planning Department, Erie County Health Department, Let's Move Outside, Emerge 2040, Penn State Behrend, VisitErie, and the Erie County Signing Region Trust.

The Greater Erie Regional Trail network currently includes 15 trail locations and is still growing. Our municipal participants include: the City of Erie, Fairview Township, Girard Borough, Girard Township, Harborcreek

Township, Lawrence Park Township, Millcreek Township, and Summit Township. Other participants include Asbury Woods Partnership, the Erie County Conservation District, Penn State Behrend and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. We welcome additional municipalities and trail owners to join the network to be part of creating a comprehensive map of Erie County's trails. Click on Join The Network on erietrails.org to learn how.

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