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## Report for the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance April 25 – July 17, 2018

The Oil Region Alliance is assisted Oil Creek State Park with new kiosk they are designing and having fabricated, specifically the overall look of the panels using the EPT Signage guidelines. These are now in the production stage.

The Oil Region Alliance is working on a kiosk with the Allegheny Valley Trails Association (AVTA) for the trailhead at the Saltbox House in Franklin. The AVTA will be adding a covered area that will be 10 feet by 10 feet, the kiosk panels will be under this cover, as well as other information, and a fix it station. Still in progress, AVTA is seeking the remaining funds to purchase materials to for the covered area.

The date of the Council on Greenways and Trails 2018 Awards has been changed to August 15, 2018. The event is being hosted by the County of Venango and the Oil Region Alliance, and is open to the public. The event will be held from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Oil Creek Memorial Landing in Oil City, PA along the McClintock Trail.

An update from the Allegheny Valley Trails Association -Allegheny River Trail Sunny Slopes Connector Road (1/2 mile in length), located 15 miles south of Franklin, (previously extremely rough), has had repairs made to it. Although it is not completely smooth it is much better for cyclists.

The Oil Region Alliance hosted PA Welcome Center Staff from around the state in July. During their two days in the region ORA Staff emphasized the great outdoor recreation available especially the EPT.

Oil City has secured all the funding needed to complete the top coat surface on the new section of trail from Darr Street to Osborne Street (approximately ½ mile), install signage, and construct primitive campsites near the Marina. The Marina bathrooms are also being painted to freshen them up. Work will begin this year on the trail, and the campsites will be completed next spring/summer. This is Phase I of a larger Marina project.

ORA is assisting where needed with the Emlenton to Foxburg section of trail. At this time we are holding private foundation funds that have been designated to be used toward the project.