

## Gap Committee 2019 1st Quarter Update

The Gap Committee consists of Deb Frawley, Courtney Mahronich Vita, Kim Harris, Mike Baker, and Chairman Ron Steffey.

The Gap Committee is requesting EPTA Quarterly Meeting time discuss upcoming grants and a round-the-table-input to on road sections.

### Foxburg Meeting

The EPTA Gap Committee and President Barney Scholl were invited and attended a gathering on March 12, 2019 at Foxburg hosted by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council(PEC) that brought together the Commissioners and Executives of the counties containing the Main Spine of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail. Executive Kathy Dahlkemper of Erie County and Executive Rich Fitzgerald of Allegheny County welcomed everyone to the presentation and discussion. The goal of the gathering was to gain support for the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail with the initial step of all the counties formally adopting a resolution to support the completion of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail. Since the meeting, the gap committee has been contacted that Venango, Erie, Clarion, and Armstrong Counties have adopted the resolution.

The floor was also open to general concerns and questions from the counties. Main concerns included working with the ATV community as an ally, recruiting volunteers to assist with trail management and staff capacity, and a time table. Additionally, Executive Dahlkemper insisted that EPTA allow Erie County, the local municipalities, and local stakeholders be involved with how the "Start" of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail is decided and marketed in Erie County.

The Gap Committee held a general discussion after the larger meeting that included

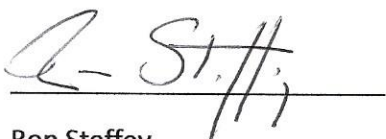
- A concern of the Gap Committee is EPTA Board adopting an on-road policy that would be too rigid to implement.
- A possible Rail with Trail Project in the Corry area
- Input and thoughts from Brett Hollern
  - Brett is a new employee of PEC and has been involved with the Great Allegheny Passage

Conflict of Interest noted.

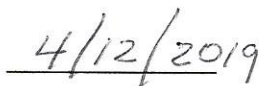
- It is being noted that the Chairman of the Gap Committee, Ron Steffey, is also the sole proprietor of Steffey Trail Connections and is actively involved and employed with numerous sections on and near the trail.

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This report is submitted by Chairman Ron Steffey and was open to suggested edits by the committee. The final edit is approved by the majority of the Gap Committee.



Ron Steffey



Date