

Corry Junction Greenway Trail Update April, 2019

Submitted an application to the RTC Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund to purchase and install 2 bike fix stations along the Corry Junction Trail. The first station will be located at the current trail head off Route 426 and the other one on the downtown Railroad property next to new info Kiosk. Design layout work for the Kiosk is completed; currently work on the final picture selection and verbiage for each panel. Projected dedication is by the end of September. Enough time to purchase and install fix stations if awarded by the end of May. If we are rejected again, we will pursue local foundations for this money. Impact Corry applied for grant money from the Volunteer Fund to purchase the materials needed to install the Kiosk.

We continue to work with Steffey Trail Connections on closing the gaps between Corry and Sparty by offering support and making contacts with local stakeholders. The focus has been the railroad and the East Branch Trail and south.

The original Northwest PA Bike Association board has transferred their membership/direction to the local snow mobile club. I and another horse and bike enthusiast have attended their last meeting offering support to help them grow their membership and discussed potential trail activities including a ride-in when the info Kiosk is dedicated in September. Ron and I walked a section of the trail with a NWPA representative to check out its condition. It was very clean no trash was observed, however it is in need of drainage work before any limestone could be laid down. Since this not a in the scope of Steffey Trail Connections 'contract, we could use assistance in creating a plan to get this drainage work completed on the Corry Junction Trail. The snow mobile club can provide the volunteer work but the right equipment is needed. I'm open to suggestions and contacts for this type of project.

The Corry Chamber of Commerce and Impact Corry helped to host a Route 6 Tourism workshop. About 30 people attended, participants included local business owners as well as trail supporters from Erie to Pittsburgh including IHTC representatives. It was informative and has local business owners thinking about how their businesses can be impacted by bike tourism. It was a good follow up to the Community Chat conducted in the fall of 2017. We learned gravel road rides are a big attraction. Since Corry is now a Bike Trail Junction we hope to build on these resources.

Corry Blue Zone Project (3 year health improvement imitative) has completed its discovery stage and the Rails to Trails have been selected as one of several priority projects moving forward. Moving naturally is one of the cornerstones to building healthy communities. A great deal of focus will be placed on improved walking and biking trails and complete streets designs. This Project is supported by the Mayor, council and the Erie County Executive, as well as UPMC, Highmark, and LECOM. I've been asked to serve as the co-chair of the Built Environment Committee. We have our launch meeting on 4/17/19 interferring with the ETP meeting at TREC. Since rail to trails has been selected additional community support will help involve local people and the project will demonstate our commitment to foundations and granters we are focused and ready to move the needle. The rail road depot building is being converted into office space for the Blue Zone Leadership to be turned over to the community after their 3 year contract is completed.