

## Corry Junction Greenway Trail Update July, 2019

The RTC Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund grant application was not approved this year. However the Information Kiosk is on schedule for a September grand opening on what was previously called the Impact Corry Rail Road Property. Since then IM sold the property to CIBA for \$1. The RDA and CBIA are better positioned to own and manage this property. The Depot building is being converted to office space for the Blue Zone Project team to be utilized for the next 3 years. A new IM board has hired a full time community director that will coordinate community efforts improving chances of additional funds – grants – projects as a community versus several unrelated single objectives. The Rail Road property is now referred to as the Junction Park, future home of the ETP Kiosk and CJGT trail head. The Trail Volunteer Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation approved our grant application for materials to install the kiosk and a Climax bike rack that was donated to IM.

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. Ron and the NWPA Bike Assoc. and members of the BZ Rails to Trail sub-committee did a walk about at the Junction Park and discussed the importance of using this section as the anchor for future development. Ron continues to work with CLA owners of the EBT and scheduled a workshop on July 11<sup>th</sup>. CLA – Sparty community members and BZ representatives will be attending.

BZ Community kick-off – Ron, NWPA Bike Assoc. and the Rails to Trails representatives were able to have our own table for the day. We were able to pass out literature, display trail counters, promote NWPA membership, answer questions, and Ron was able to have people fill out a survey.

3 TRAFX infra-red trail counters have been placed along the CJGT and have been collecting what we believe to be good data since July 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the software is purchased and an administrator identified data can be uploaded to generate reports and graphs. Our goal is to do this again during the winter months and to establish a baseline of data. Over time we expect to show increased usage as the BZ project progresses. This data can also be used to update economic numbers as well.