

Council on Greenways & Trails

MARCH 2010

PROGRESS REPORT

Progress

In year two so far.

Greenways Plans Adopted

Crawford County—September 2008

Venango County—April 2009

Special points of interest:

The Greenways and Open Space Steering Committee is incorporating into a Pennsylvania non-profit known as the *Council on Greenways & Trails*. This will enable us to accept money directly and apply for grant funding directly rather than going through one of the member organizations.

All of the original members will remain the same and retain a voting seat on the Board.

Grant Awards:

- Titusville - trail engineering
- AVC - riverfront protection acquisition
- AVTA/AVC - streambank restoration
- AVC - river access
- Titusville - Parks, Open Space Master Plan
- Emlenton - River access
- ORA - Allegheny GeoTrail
- ORA - Trailhead improvements

Applications:

- Franklin - Bicycle Friendly Community, national status
- Titusville - Trail Town
- AVC - Accreditation through national Land Trust Alliance
- Continued funding requests

Getting Attention:

- EPTA website 1008 hits
- AVTA fundraiser sold out
- Oil City Waterways Plan public viewing standing room only
- News articles in The Derrick, Corry Journal, Titusville Herald, Erie Times News, Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Trail "gaps" getting smaller

East Branch Trail - Phase I - will start construction of 3.1 miles of trail with a parallel horse and buggy route in March 2010

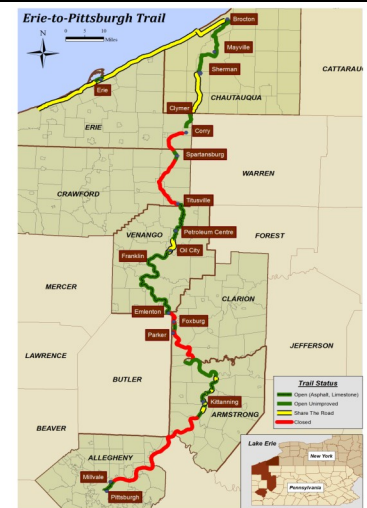
Queen City Trail - in Titusville will begin design and engineering spring 2010

Oil Creek State Park Trail extension - design 2010 with construction funding available

McClintock Trail - Phase I - 1.8 miles complete along Waitz Rd., Cornplanter Twp.

McClintock Trail - Phase II - design and engineering beginning spring 2010

Allegheny River Trail - Emlenton to Foxburg - right-of-way agreements circulating for signature



Erie-to-Pittsburgh Trail

Compare to the Great Allegheny Passage - 2008 economic impact study showed \$40 million among the six small towns along the trail.



Implementation of the Greenways Plans

Don't let them sit on the shelf!

The Greenways Coordinator is available to help coordinate your projects, for technical assistance, grant writing assistance, mapping, etc.....

Continuing projects

Prioritizing of Natural System Greenways

- Water quality
- Flood management
- Stormwater management
- Habitat
- Open space and recreation

Streambank restoration project plus wildlife blind/scenic view platform, primitive camping area

River access projects

More...

Oil City Waterways focus - completion and implementation of plan

Promotion of Oil Creek State Park, Trails, Waterways, Trail Towns

Trail Town audits and promotion

Bicycle Friendly Community improvements

Website updates and maintenance

More...

Trails

Segments still to come:

East Branch Trail - Rt. 89 Spartansburg to Hydetown - design and construction

Queen City Trail - Titusville to Hydetown construction

McClintock Trail - Waitz Rd. to Oil City construction

Emlenton to Foxburg - design and construction

Erie-to-Pittsburgh Trail - more connections, promotion, website maintenance

Maintenance and Operation:

- Inventory of assets and condition
- Crack sealing, repaving
- Mowing, invasive plant removal
- Visitor's Center operation
- Trailhead improvements and maintenance
- Website updates
- Map/brochure printing and distribution