

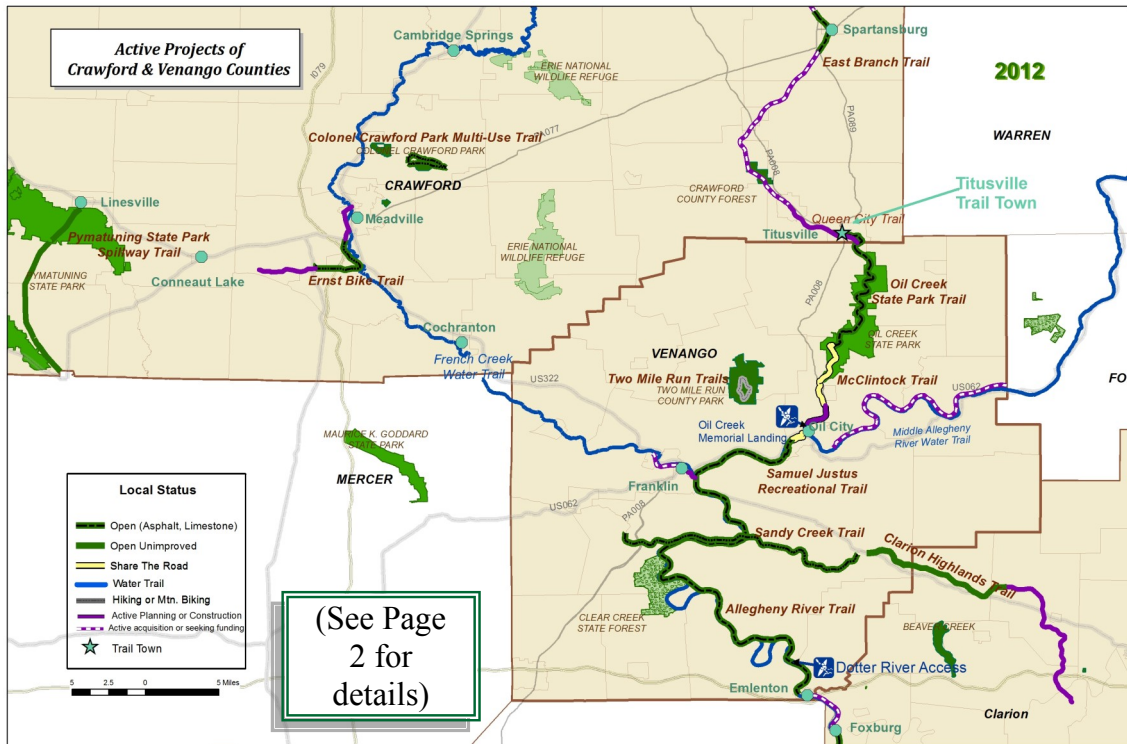


Council on Greenways & Trails

*Recognizing the worth of natural, heritage and recreational resources...
planning now, enjoying forever.*

2011-2012 Annual Report

Building, operating, maintaining, connecting, conserving and protecting...
Providing recreation, transportation, complete streets, habitat restoration...
Destinations drawing visitors, customers, businesses, regional growth...



Moving Forward...

These are the amenities on the ground today and those that the members of the Council on Greenways & Trails are planning or building. There are 83.8 miles of multi-use trail with more in various stages of planning or construction. Plus, there are miles of hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trails throughout the region. A new water trail is being designated on French Creek and new access points are completed or planned for the Allegheny River and Oil Creek. Connections are being made into downtowns for access to goods and services which will grow businesses and make communities safer and accessible. Important habitat and streambanks are being restored and protected with projects that showcase our natural resources.

The questions are: How do you want to continue these projects? Will the communities take pride and "ownership" of these amenities and receive the benefits of such regional assets? Can the volunteers keep up with the growth and demand that is being seen?

The grant funding from DCNR that has been assisting in paying the salary of the Greenways Coordinator is gone and will not be renewed. What will be the structure of the Council on Greenways & Trails moving forward?



Allegheny Valley Conservancy - streambank restoration



Projects and Plans

In addition to the projects pictured here, Council members are constructing, planning or teaching...

- ➔ Over 7 miles of the Justus and Allegheny River Trails have been resurfaced.
- ➔ A Complete Streets study for Franklin & Sugarcreek Borough will make Rt. 8 safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders.
- ➔ Titusville is beginning a Trail Town plan that will show the community and businesses how to attract and benefit from trail users providing goods & services.
- ➔ The Queen City Trail and McClintock Trail are being extended and moved off road.
- ➔ Funding is being sought to extend the Oil Creek State Park Trail to Rynd Farm.
- ➔ Rain gardens and stormwater management will be demonstrated in Woodcock Township, Crawford Co.



Clear Lake Authority - planning to continue north along East Branch Trail (& Erie to Pittsburgh Trail)



Franklin, AVTA, Venango County Sherriff - Bike and Walk to School Day

- ➔ The Erie-to-Pittsburgh Trail Alliance is developing a new logo to market the regional trail system.
- ➔ ORA has acquired land to develop the Oil Creek Memorial Landing rest area and water access.
- ➔ AVC is working toward national accreditation as a land trust following the LTA Standards & Practices.
- ➔ Provided speakers for the State Greenways & Trails Summit and displays at festivals and events.



Oil City - starting trail crossing repairs



AVTA, Franklin - improving the route into downtown



Allegheny Valley Conservancy scenic overlook & interpretive panels

Grants Awarded to Partners This Year

- ✓ City of Franklin - \$11,300 PA DCNR - Trail connector to downtown
- ✓ Clear Lake Authority - \$1,000 Crawford Heritage Community Foundation - Trail equipment
- ✓ Clear Lake Authority - \$22,500 Northwest Greenways Implementation mini-grant - Trail extension feasibility study
- ✓ City of Oil City - \$60,000 PA DCNR - Trail bridge walkway repair
- ✓ Oil Region Alliance - \$83,000 PA DCNR - Trail rest area and waterway access at Oil Creek Memorial Landing
- ✓ City of Titusville - \$38,500 Northwest Greenways Implementation mini-grant - Trail Town Planning
- ✓ Woodcock Twp., Crawford Co. - \$8,875 Northwest Greenways Implementation mini-grant - Rain garden demonstration

Council on Greenways & Trails Partner Grant Applications and Awards 2008-2012

51 applications; 23 Awarded; \$928,530 federal, state & local grant funding

Council on Greenways & Trails					
Actual and Proposed Expenses					
Expenses	7/08 - 6/09 Year 1 Actual	7/09 - 6/10 Year 2 Actual	7/10 - 6/11 Year 3 Actual	7/11 - 6/12 Year 4 Actual	7/12 - 6/13 Year 5 Proposed
Coordinator (Salary & Employer Taxes)	\$ 39,138.13	40,143.82	41,340.09	44,163.23	45,488.00
Payroll Costs (Benefits & Employer IRA)	\$ 5,571.79	6,876.31	6,273.59	7,420.08	6,535.00
Travel (Local funding)	\$ 2,309.87	1,641.94	1,623.53	1,959.50	2,000.00
Training (Local funding)	\$ 641.40	70.01	-	-	1,000.00
Training (State funding)	\$ 1,000.00	426.62	508.26	434.80	-
Mentoring (State funding)	\$ 234.44	520.00	-	-	-
Postage	\$ 119.72	143.82	120.82	99.34	200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 834.73	923.83	1,301.88	545.13	1,000.00
Telephone & Communications	\$ 468.28	613.56	504.86	580.75	800.00
Start-up Costs	\$ 1,429.31	1,245.43	-	-	-
Memberships, Dues, Licenses	\$ -	487.00	436.00	245.95	500.00
Professional Services	\$ -	962.28	-	-	-
Contingency/Misc.	\$ 174.62	45.00	159.46	229.52	500.00
Total Cash Expenses	\$ 51,922.29	54,099.62	52,268.49	55,678.30	58,023.00
Office Space, internet, local phone - In-kind Contribution	\$ 12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total Budget Expenses	\$ 63,922.29	66,099.62	64,268.49	67,678.30	70,023.00

PA DCNR provided grant funding for the salary of the Coordinator in descending amounts over a four-year period. The member organizations of the Council are contributing funding and support for benefits and operating costs. The Franklin Industrial and Commercial Development Authority has donated office space and resources for the Coordinator.

The Council has started its **fifth year and the position must have dedicated funding sources**. In order to continue to build on the successful projects done so far, new or increased funding must be contributed. Each member share is a small amount, together creating a regional success story well worth such investment.

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What we are doing

- ◆ *Trail development & operation*
- ◆ *Land and water conservation & restoration*
- ◆ *Recreation & Smart Transportation*
- ◆ *Maintenance & Enhancement*
- ◆ *Encouraging Economic & Community Development*
- ◆ *Connecting Communities, parks and open space*
- ◆ *Connecting people to places*
- ◆ *Encouraging healthy outdoor recreation*



CGT Partners

- Allegheny Valley Conservancy
- Allegheny Valley Trails Association
- City of Franklin
- City of Oil City
- City of Titusville
- Clear Lake Authority
- Cornplanter Township
- Cranberry Township
- Crawford County
- Emlenton Borough
- Foxburg Borough
- Franklin Industrial & Commercial Development Authority
- Friends of Oil Creek State Park
- Oil Creek State Park
- Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism
- Venango County

Council on Greenways & Trails Website:
www.ficda.org/greenways

Greenways on Facebook:



Nwpa Greenways

158 “Friends” - multiple states!

Erie-to-Pittsburgh Trail Website:
www.eriepittsburghtrail.org



**From the Lake...
 ...to the Point**

Each partner contributes funding for operation and administration of the office and staffing with the Coordinator.

This project was sponsored in part by funding from the PA Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation & Conservation through their Circuit Rider program.

