

# Trail News

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YORK COUNTY RAIL TRAIL AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER



## Let's Talk Trails!

a project to create a YORK COUNTY TRAIL PLAN

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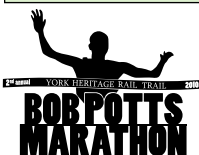
Have you ever considered your options for daily travel? Walking to the post office or library? Bicycling to work or school? Or maybe jogging in the mornings or bicycling with the kids? A study is currently underway to inventory current options for non-motorized travel and examine ways to increase these options in the future. The results of this study will be a *York County Trail Plan*. We invite you to become involved.

The York County Rail Trail Authority is partnering with the York County Planning Commission and the York County Parks Department to develop the *York County Trail Plan*. Funded by PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, York County, and York County Community Foundation, the *County Trail Plan* will serve as a comprehensive guidebook for the development of trails and pathways across the County that provide facilities for non-motorized travel, health and fitness activities, outdoor recreation, natural resource protection, connections, and generally promote mobility.

While work on the *County Trail Plan* is just beginning, the idea for the Plan is actually the implementation of two components of the York County Comprehensive Plan: the York County Open Space and Greenways (OS/GW) Plan [2006] and the York County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) [2009]. The purpose of the OS/GW Plan was to identify open space and greenway resources in the County, discuss protection and preservation, and offer an array of techniques for implementation. In the LRTP, a total of 2% of transportation funds was identified as a guide for investing in transportation enhancement (TE) projects. TE projects are projects that provide other alternatives to vehicular travel. The *County Trail Plan* will help refine the OS/GW Plan, while the mobility aspects of the *Plan* will help with TE project selection and investment. (Continued on page 3.)



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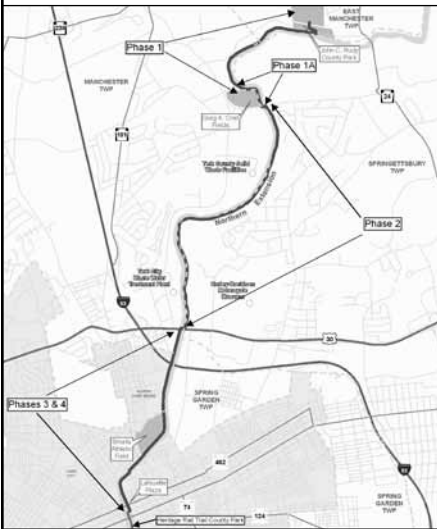
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# PROJECT UPDATES

## Northern Extension of HRTC

### Phase 1A Complete - Phase 2 Construction Planned

The northern extension has recently been extended! Construction is now complete on a 0.2-mile section that crosses Crist Memorial Fields in Manchester Township and brings the trail extension nearly to the Codorus Creek. (See photo below on right.) A major construction project will begin later this year to build a pedestrian/bicycling bridge across the Codorus, 2.5 miles of trail along the east bank, and a parking area near the intersection of RT 30 and Loucks Mill Road in Springettsbury Township. Over 3 years of planning and approximately \$2.3 million of fundraising have gone into this long-awaited phase. Look for completion in mid-2011 of a truly beautiful section of trail featuring quiet woodlands, creek views, and a distant glimpse of York City – the extension’s destination.



Engineering has also begun in York City. York engineering firm, Buchart Horn, Inc., has been hired to design the trail extension through the City’s Northwest Triangle Redevelopment Area to the North George Street Bridge. York County Rail Trail Authority continues to work with a variety of partners to identify funding for construction of the city section of trail.



## Hanover Trolley Trail

### Feasibility Study Part 2 Complete - Funding Requested for Next Phase of Construction

A Part 2 Feasibility Study of the historic trolley corridor was completed in December 2009. The study identified sections of the corridor in Jackson Township, Spring Grove, and Penn Township that are “design-ready” – that is, ready for engineering to begin.

A state grant was submitted in April that would double the length of trail built in 2008 in Spring Grove and Jackson Township by extending the trail across Hershey Road to Martin Road. (See photo on left.) Another 1-mile section



is being considered in Penn Township that would double the length of a section built by Hanover Borough in 2008.

Step-by-step, the Hanover Trolley Trail is reaching more neighborhoods and offering more families a great place to walk, bike, and horseback ride.



# COUNTY TRAIL PLAN *(con't from page 1)*

The *County Trail Plan* will incorporate a broad range of interest groups including municipal officials, school districts, transportation planners, and trail users. The study committee is working with an innovative and energetic project consultant, Campbell Thomas and Company, to develop the *York County Trail Plan*.

Opportunities for public involvement and input are listed below. Please join us in this exciting planning process!

## LET'S TALK TRAILS!

### SECOND PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

to create a

### YORK COUNTY TRAIL PLAN

## JULY 20, 2010

Select a time & location convenient for you:

**4 PM to 5:30 PM** Paul Smith Library of Southern York County  
80 Constitution Ave., Shrewsbury, PA 17361

**7:30 PM to 9 PM** Dover Township Log House  
2481 W. Canal Rd., Dover, PA 17315

Information at (717) 428-0999 or [www.yorkcountyttrials.org](http://www.yorkcountyttrials.org)

## Walk with YCARTA Members

**August 16 5 PM to 6:30 PM**

Along the Codorus Riverfront in York City

August 2010 marks 11 years since the official opening of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park.

Come celebrate and learn about plans to complete the trail's northern extension.

Walk will begin and end at Lafayette Plaza, corner of Pershing and W Philadelphia Sts.

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## YOU'RE INVITED!



### Monthly Business Meetings

**May 17, 2010**

Logan Park Recreation Bldg.  
Logan Rd.  
Dillsburg, PA 17019

**June 21, 2010**

Guthrie Memorial Library  
301 Carlisle Street  
Hanover, PA 17331

**July 19, 2010**

York Township Park Bldg.  
25 Oak St.  
York, PA 17402

**August 16, 2010**

York County Convention  
& Visitors Bureau  
155 W Market St.  
York, PA 17401

**September 20, 2010**

Jackson Township Bldg.  
439 Roth's Church Road  
Spring Grove, PA 17362

All meetings begin at **7 PM** and include opportunities for the public to comment on the projects of the Rail Trail Authority.

**Plan to join us!**

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### Summer Information Booths



**May 16, 2010**

Bob Potts Marathon  
Grumbacher Center, York College

**June 26, 2010**

Codorus Summer Blast  
Codorus State Park, Hanover

**July 31, 2010**

Hanover Dutch Day  
Frederick St., Hanover

**September 18, 2010**

New Freedom Fest  
Franklin St., New Freedom

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**York County Rail Trail Authority  
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## FRIENDS OF YORK COUNTY TRAILS



The mission of **Friends of York County Trails** is to provide support to the York County Rail Trail Authority in its efforts to build a network of non-motorized trails throughout York County. Your contribution will go toward the design and construction of trails that provide both recreation, health & fitness, alternative transportation, and economic benefits to the residents of York County.

#### Benefits of membership include:

- One-year subscription to our newsletter, **Trail News**
- Advance notice of special events
- Rail-trail advocacy and community education
- Free technical services to York County public and non-profit trail groups

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