

**Become a  
Friend of York County Trails**

Your contribution will support the development of trails that provide recreation, health & fitness, alternative transportation and economic benefits to the residents of York County.

**Benefits of membership include:**

- A one-year subscription to our newsletter, TRAIL NEWS.
- Invitations to special trail events.
- Opportunities to advocate for trails.
- Special discounts at trail-related businesses.
- Knowledge that your contribution helped support local, trail development.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Membership Levels** (please indicate):

- Student.....\$ 10.00
- Individual.....\$ 15.00
- Family.....\$ 25.00
- Supporter.....\$ 35.00
- Contributor.....\$ 50.00
- Sponsor.....\$ 100.00

**Organizational Membership Levels** (please indicate):

- Corporate.....\$1000.00
- Municipal.....\$ 500.00
- Small Business.....\$ 250.00
- Organizations.....\$ 50.00

**Checks payable to York County Rail Trail Authority.**

Mail form with contribution to:  
York County Rail Trail Authority  
PO Box 335  
Seven Valleys, PA 17360

*LIMITED TIME OFFER*  
*Receive a free sports bottle when you join at any level!*



**ABOUT US**

The **York County Rail Trail Authority** was formed in September of 1990 by the York County Board of Commissioners. It is the only authority in the state of Pennsylvania established for the sole purpose of developing trails for recreation and non-motorized transportation.

The Rail Trail Authority is comprised of ten volunteers and one staff person who meet monthly at various York County locations to promote the development of trails. Meetings are open to the public.

The Rail Trail Authority welcomes the opportunity to partner with municipalities, civic groups, trail user groups, community leaders, and private businesses to promote the development of recreational trails within the County of York. The Authority's level of involvement in a trail project varies based upon the project needs and can range from consulting to entire project management.

**Statement of Purpose**  
To study, design, construct, and finance opportunities for the conversion of linear corridors into public trails for the purposes of recreation and non-motorized transportation.

**CONTACT US**

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York County Rail Trail Authority is organized under the PA Municipal Authorities Act of 1945. Contributions are used exclusively for the development of public trails, and as such, may be fully tax deductible pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code. Official registration and financial information may be obtained by contacting the Authority.

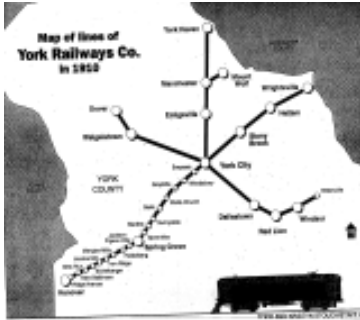


**HANOVER  
TROLLEY  
TRAIL**

A project of the  
**YORK COUNTY  
RAIL TRAIL AUTHORITY**  
and the municipalities along the  
**York Hanover Trolley Line.**

*Partnering to enrich York County communities  
and countryside through the development of a  
network of public trails.*

# YORK TROLLEY HISTORY



In the early 1900s, the trolley lines of the York Railway Company served the needs of many county residents for both business and leisure travel. Weekday routes served daily commuters, while weekends featured special cars to picnic groves, churches and shops.

Construction of the York and Hanover trolley line began on May 1, 1907.



The “Hanover Fast Line” opened on February 29, 1908 and provided an efficient transportation link from York’s little-known, outlying communities such as Sunnyside, Bairs, Menges Mills, and Jacobs Mill to the growing towns of Spring Grove and Hanover.

The popularity of the automobile doomed trolley transport, and service to Hanover ended in 1938.

## TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

A 2003 study, conducted for the York County Rail Trail Authority, concluded that 85% of the original 16.5-mile trolley corridor remained under the ownership of Metropolitan Edison Company and was suitable for trail development.



The study also recommended that development begin with two sections: (1) 4.5 miles linking Menges Mills to Bair Station and located in Jackson Township and Spring Grove Borough (2) 1.5 miles from Hanover Borough to the Penn Township/Heidelberg Township Line.

## CONSTRUCTION

Construction began in June 2008 on two sections of the Trolley Trail: approx. 1 mile in Hanover Borough and approx. 3/4 mile in Spring Grove Borough and Jackson Twp. (Phase 1 on map.)

These sections opened to the public in fall 2008.



## DIRECTIONS TO PARKING AREAS:

### Jackson Township:

From RT. 116 east of Spring Grove, turn onto Sprenkle Road. Proceed approx. 1/2 mile. Turn right onto Hershey Road. Parking is on the right.

### Hanover:

From Hanover Square, proceed north on Broadway (RT. 194). Turn right onto Grant Drive, then right onto Moul Ave. Parking is available on the left at Moul Field.

## WORKING TOGETHER

Further study, in partnership with local elected officials and property owners, will explore the potential for development of the trail beyond these four municipalities.