

York County Trail Plan Newsletter

PROJECT PARTNERS:



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WELCOME

York County Rail Trail Authority and project partners, York County Planning Commission and York County Department of Parks & Recreation, extend a warm welcome to all county residents to participate in the creation of a *York County Trail Plan*.



WHY A COUNTY-WIDE TRAIL PLAN?

Since its completion in 1999, the Heritage Rail Trail County Park has grown in popularity, inspiring and spawning a variety of other ideas for trails. Basically, a County Trail Plan will help determine which of these ideas are worthy of investments, hold the promise of enriching our communities and enhancing our natural environment, and most importantly offer attractive means of transportation within and among communities.

The Plan will provide: (1) the criteria by which proposed trail projects can be reviewed, ranked and recommended (or not) for development and (2) a vision for a county-wide trail system.

IS THIS THE COUNTY'S FIRST TRAIL PLAN?

Yes and no. In 1977, the York County and City planning commissions completed a York County Metropolitan Bike Route Plan, and in 1998 the York County Planning Commission prepared a York County Bikeway Plan. Both studies identified on-road and off-road opportunities for bicyclists as well as transportation corridors that may be available for non-motorized transportation uses.

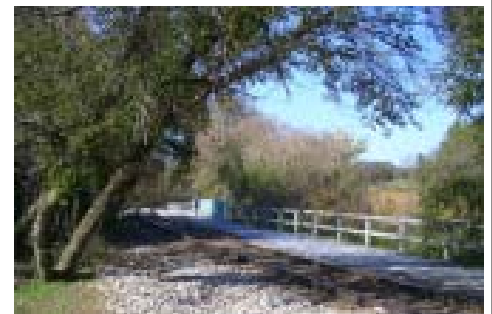
The York County Trail Plan will benefit from the historical information contained in these studies and the vast array of new planning tools and strategies that have evolved since 1998.



HOW WILL THE PLAN BE DEVELOPED?

The Plan will be developed with assistance from the consulting firm of Campbell Thomas & Co. under the guidance of the three project partners: the County's Rail Trail Authority, Planning Commission and Department

of Parks & Recreation. A study committee will assist the consultants, and the study will seek input from a variety of stakeholders including municipalities, non-profit agencies and clubs, civic organizations, local businesses, economic and tourism agencies, and county residents.



HOW IS THE PROJECT BEING FUNDED?

Funding is provided by the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, York County Intergovernmental Grant Program, and Codorus Creek Watershed Endowment of York County Community Foundation.

TIMETABLE

The study will be conducted throughout 2010.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Additional information is available by contacting the York County Rail Trail Authority: Telephone (717) 428-0999; Email info@yorkcountyrails.org; and Website www.yorkcountyrails.org.