



York County Rail Trail Authority 2017 Annual Report



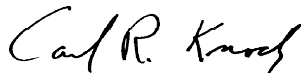
Enriching York County Communities & Countryside

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

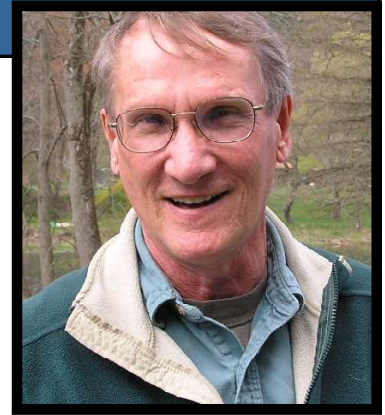
Throughout 2017, we were busy laying the groundwork for some very exciting trail activities to take place in 2018. The segment of the Northern Extension of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park from Route 30 to North George Street was made ready for construction, and the link connecting the Heritage Rail Trail to this Northern Extension also moved closer to construction. When these segments are completed, this rail trail will stretch almost 28 miles from the Maryland Line to John Rudy County Park.

Groundwork was also laid for advancing the Hanover Trolley Trail when a meeting was held with York Rail and Genesee Wyoming to discuss a possible acquisition of two segments of dormant rail line west and east of Spring Grove. Those negotiations have continued positively into 2018.

Mother Nature was on our side for hosting the 3rd annual Pumpkin Walk on a segment of the Heritage Rail Trail in Seven Valleys. York County Sheriff's Department and local fire police helped to improve traffic flow for the estimated 5,000 visitors. And, the year ended with compiling the results of the sixth Heritage Rail Trail User Survey, indicating over 260,000 user visits in 2017.



Carl R. Knoch, Chairman



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2017 has been a year of preparations. Each month, the Rail Trail Authority checked off a few of the many approvals and permits needed to move into the next phase of construction for the Northern Extension. And throughout 2017, we patiently and persistently appealed to Genesee Wyoming to engage in discussions on the future of dormant sections of their western rail line between West York and Hanover. We also peered into our future with a five-year strategic plan.

Our work in 2017 prepared us well for what lies ahead: trail construction, rail negotiations, and strategic leadership transitions. Excitement awaits us in 2018!



Gwenyth Loose, Executive Director



Members

- Carl Knoch
Chairman
- Mack Johnson
Vice-chairman
- Ed Hughes
Secretary
- Dale Keagy
Treasurer
- Sharon Dorn
- Jeffrey Hines
- Frank Kempf
- Lori Mitrack
- Danielle Stehman
- Ann Yost

Member Emeritus

- Henry Herrman

Standing Committees

Planning Committee

- Frank Kempf, Chair
- Travis Bowman
- Matt Chronister
- Kathy Deporter
- G. Robert Gotwols
- Kim Hogeman
- Ed Hughes
- Mack Johnson
- Tim Miller

Pumpkin Walk Committee

Gwen Loose and Carl Knoch, Chairs

- Kevin Bahn
- Debi Beshore
- Meg Fullerton
- Blaine Gerver
- Bob Gotwols
- Dean Grote
- Karen Holway
- Todd Howdyshell
- Ed Hughes
- Mack Johnson
- Tammy Klunk

Hanover Trolley Trail Operations Committee

- David Brown
- Jeffrey Garvick
- Tina Hinkle
- Mack Johnson
- Kate King
- Bradley Martin
- Joe Montminy
- Carrie Nace
- Terry Reichart
- Andy Shaffer
- Chris Wagman
- Jim Yingst

- Brian Malcarne
- John McDonald
- Sgt. Bret Newcomer
- Peggy Schlichter
- Chris Snyder
- Chris Wagman

Professional Services

- Gwenyth L. Loose, CPRP
Executive Director
- Scott Beaverson, Esq.
Solicitor
- Jeffrey Shue, PE
- C.S. Davidson, Inc.
Project Engineer

Affiliations

- York County Board of Commissioners
- York County Department of Parks & Recreation
- York County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

PROJECTS' REPORT

Heritage Rail Trail County Park 2017 User Survey And Economic Impact Analysis



Heritage Rail Trail County Park Users Survey & Economic Impact Study

In partnership with York County Department of Parks and Recreation and York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust, and a grant from Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society, a 2017 Users Survey & Economic Impact Study of the Heritage Rail Trail was completed. Survey results can be found at: www.yorkcountyltrails.org.



Winning State Recognition

In December 2017, York County Rail Trail Authority joined with many partners to accept the 2017 Commonwealth Award from 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania for the redevelopment of the York City section of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park.

Northern Extension

Preparing for a Connection



In 2017, the Rail Trail Authority turned all attentions toward securing additional funds needed to meet an anticipated construction cost of over \$1.5 million and completing all reviews and environmental permitting needed to construct the section of the Northern Extension from Loucks Mill Road parking lot to N George Street, completing the connection into the City of York. By year's end, these efforts were successful.

Local grants were awarded from York County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Codorus Watershed Endowment of York County Community Foundation, and state funding was secured from PENNVEST and PENNDOT. Local, state, and federal reviews and permitting were also successfully completed, and the project sat at the "start gate" as we welcomed a new year of exciting trail construction.



Hanover Trolley Trail

Exploring Connections & Extensions



During 2017, Memorandums of Agreement to document the Rail Trail Authority and municipalities' cooperative efforts to maintain the completed sections of the Hanover Trolley Trail were drafted and reviewed. Additional outreach efforts were made with Heidelberg and West Manchester townships in order to examine opportunities for extending and connecting the completed trail sections. Just such an opportunity presented itself at year's end, when preliminary negotiations began with Genesee Wyoming and York Rail for a possible acquisition of two dormant sections of their western line.

OUTREACH & FINANCIALS

Technical Assistance

In York County, technical assistance was provided to the City of York; Hanover Borough; Jackson Township; Penn Township; Spring Grove Borough; and York County Department of Parks & Recreation.

Beyond York County, technical assistance was provided to Adams County Office of Planning; East Berlin Borough and Hamilton Township, Adams County; Healthy Adams County Pedestrian and Bicycle, Inc.; PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources; PA Recreation & Park Society; Southwest PA Commission; Silver Springs Township, Cumberland County; South Mountain Partnership; and Uniontown Board of Supervisors, Fayette County.

Information Booths

Go Green in York City, Hanover Dutch Day, New Freedom Fest, Seven Valleys Borough 125th Anniversary Celebration, Shanks Mare Arts & Outdoor Festival.

Traveling Meetings

May 9: LSC Design, Inc.; June 13: Faith Evangelical Congregational Church; July 11: Spring Grove Community Center.



Volunteer Hours

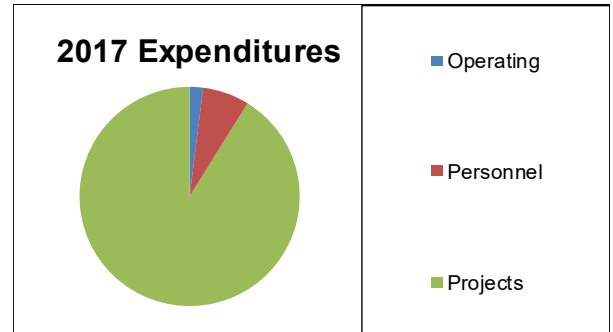
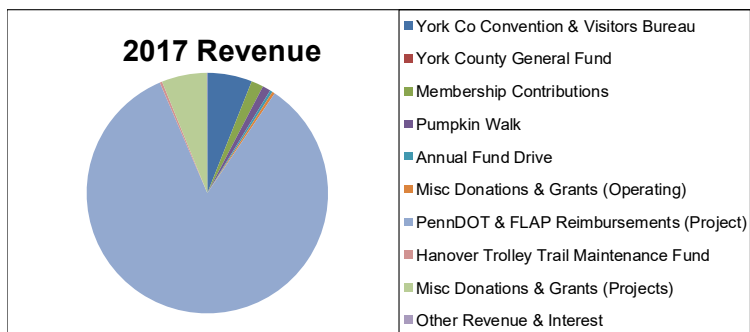
1108.0 hrs.

Includes the following municipal contributions to maintain & improve the Hanover Trolley Trail:

Hanover: 58.0 hrs, Jackson Twp: 40.0 hrs, Penn Twp: 64.5 hrs; Spring Grove: 30.0 hrs.

Funding Awards

Codorus Watershed Endowment	\$	20,000
Glatfelter	\$	2,000
PENNVEST	\$	950,000
PRPS	\$	2,500
Transportation Alternatives Program (County)	\$	168,095
Transportation Alternatives Program (State)	\$	883,800
York Co Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$	100,000
Private Foundations	\$	3,500
TOTAL		\$ 2,129,895



York Co Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$	55,281
York County General Fund	\$	-
Membership Contributions	\$	19,246
Pumpkin Walk	\$	14,725
Annual Fund Drive	\$	7,200
Misc Donations & Grants (Operating)	\$	3,860
PennDOT Reimbursements	\$	427,440
Hanover Trolley Trail Maintenance Fund	\$	1,500
Misc Donations & Grants (Projects)	\$	112,560
Other Revenue & Interest	\$	803
TOTAL		\$ 642,615

Operating	\$	21,993
Personnel	\$	64,497
Projects	\$	601,689
TOTAL		\$ 688,179

Donations: Materials & Services

\$36,065.25

Includes the following municipal contributions to maintain & improve the Hanover Trolley Trail:

Hanover: \$4,182; Jackson Twp: \$3,690; Penn Twp: \$1,974; Spring Grove: \$1,455.

10th ANNUAL AWARDS

2018 CALENDARS

Government Leader Award

York County Department of Parks & Recreation for exceptional management and maintenance of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park and assistance with the YCRTA's projects including the Northern Extension, Hanover Trolley Trail, and Pumpkin Walk.

Trail Organization Award

Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail Corridor for demonstrating the true spirit of volunteerism through their support of the two train stations along the Heritage Rail Trail and events such as Christmas Magic and the Pumpkin Walk.

Trail Champion Award

Jarrett McAlicher for dedicating over 70 hours to the redesign of YCRTA's website www.yorkcountytrails.org. As an avid rail trail user, Jarrett gave back by creating a mobile-friendly website that has become THE communications tool to reach an ever-expanding audience of fellow trail users.

Special thanks to YCRTA member Ann Yost and local photographers Tim Senft and David Brown who led the project to create the 2018 York County Rail Trail Calendar. Also a special thank you to those who served on the photo selection committee, to those who submitted over 150 images showcasing the beauty of York County's rail trails, and finally to those supporters who purchased these first edition calendars.



Community Partners

For conducting monthly inspections and performing light maintenance on the Hanover Trolley Trail as part of our **Adopt-the-Trolley-Trail Program**: Dave Jones of Hanover Cyclers, Jeffrey Garvick of Penn Township, Terry & Don Reichard of West Manchester Township, and Tina Hinkle of Spring Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.

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For providing representatives to serve on YCRTA's planning committee: Downtown Inc, Steam into History, York County Economic Alliance, YMCA of York.

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For providing representatives to serve on the Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee: Glatfelter, Hanover Borough, Hanover Cyclers, Jackson Township, PA Representative Kate Klunk, Penn Township, Spring Grove Area Recreation Commission, Spring Grove Borough, Spring Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.

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For providing representatives to serve on the Pumpkin Walk Committee: Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail Corridor, Motor Car Club, Seven Valleys Fire Company, Seven Valleys Borough, Steam into History, The Valley Tavern, York College of PA, York County Department of Parks & Recreation, York County Sheriff's Office.

FAREWELL & WELCOMES

- ▶ Heidi Hormel stepped down from the Authority in May 2017 after ten years of service, including three years as chairman of the planning committee.
- ▶ Sharon Dorn, president/CEO of Steam into History, was appointed to the Authority in November 2017. She brings a wealth of experience in fund-raising and finance to this volunteer position on the Authority.
- ▶ Matt Chronister, Kathy Deporter, and Travis Bowman joined the Authority's planning committee in 2017.
- ▶ Joe Montminy of Hanover Cyclers joined the Authority's Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee in 2017.



YORK COUNTY RAIL TRAIL FRIENDS

York County Rail Trail Authority extends a sincere thank you to the following special friends whose support and contributions were key to the success of our projects in 2017:

Vincent Aaron
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 Adventure Cycling & Fitness
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 Marilee & Michael Ball
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 Kathryn Bard
 Cy & Joan Beekey
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 Andrew Farabaugh
 Richard Fine
 John Finlayson
 Dennis Flickinger
 Flinchbaugh's Orchard Farm Market
 Flying Feet Sports Shoes
 Dr. Lawrence & Gayle Freer
 Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail
 Friends of York County Rail Trails
 Giant Food Stores
 Girl Scout Troop 20566
 Glatfelter Insurance Group
 Glatfelters
 Mark Goedecker, Jennifer Rein & Family

Jodi Graham
 Gung Ho Bikes
 H&H General Excavating
 Hanover Borough
 Hanover Cyclers
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 Jackson Twp. Sewer Authority
 Mack Johnson
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 Steven Shelley & Judi Miller
 Dale & Nancy Shirey
 Shrewsbury Township
 Edward & Anna Smith
 Smyser's Dairy Farm
 Robert Snader
 SpiriTrust
 Spring Grove Brough
 Springfield Township
 Joe Stafford
 Starview Media Inc.
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 Danielle & Clint Stehman
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 The Valley Tavern
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 Wellspan Health
 Ryan White
 Brian & Melinda Williams
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 Development of a Network of Public, Multi-use Trails.**