

# York County Rail Trail Authority

## 2010 Annual Report

### *Reflecting back*

*YCRTA celebrates its 20th anniversary*



### *Looking to the future*

*Creating a York County Trail Plan*



### Members

Carl Knoch, *Chairman*  
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Mack Johnson, *2nd Vice-Chairman*  
Ed Hughes, *Secretary*  
Dennis Flickinger, *Treasurer*  
Pamela Gay, *County Representative*  
Glenn Eyster, Jr.  
Henry Herrman  
Heidi Hormel  
Dwight Robison, Jr.

### Mission Statement

*Enriching York County communities and countryside through the development of a network of public trails.*

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



As I reflect back on the events of 2010, I'm torn between seeing it as a year of challenges and difficult decisions or a year of great hope for the future of trails in York County. The challenges included working through the easements necessary to construct Phase 2 of the Northern Extension of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park between Crist Memorial Field and Route 30. Funding, which is always a challenge, will enable us to build only a portion of Phase 2 during 2011. A proposed route for the Hanover Trolley Trail moving east from the current Hanover Borough terminus had to be altered because a necessary easement request was denied. As we have for the past twenty years, the Rail Trail Authority has continued to forge ahead.

In 2010 the Authority worked with York County Department of Parks and York County Planning Commission to develop a comprehensive countywide trail plan that will help the County, Authority, and municipalities set priorities for trail development into the future. During the re-decking of the Route 30 Bridge across the Codorus Creek, Penn DOT modified the sidewalk on the south side of the bridge to accommodate the Northern Extension of the Heritage Rail Trail. We received a state grant that will enable us to extend the Hanover Trolley Trail eastward from the current terminus of the Spring Grove/Jackson Township segment. Finally, both Jackson and Penn townships have committed labor and equipment to develop additional segments of the Hanover Trolley Trail during 2011.

Reflecting back on all that has been accomplished since the Rail Trail Authority was formed in 1990, I must admit all in all that 2010 was a very good year!

Chairman

## Standing Committees

### **Planning Committee**

- Don Gogniat, Chair
- Heidi Hormel
- Ed Hughes
- Dennis Flickinger
- Sean Kenny
- Nancy Sieling
- Tim Williams

### **Hanover Trolley**

### **Trail Operations Committee**

- David Brown
- Mike Dows
- Jeffrey Garvick
- Henry Herrman
- Mack Johnson
- Jerry Leppo
- Terry Reichart
- Rob Robison
- Andy Shaffer
- Bonnie Slagel

## Affiliations

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

## Professional Services

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

# 2010 PROJECTS REPORT

## Northern Extension of Heritage Rail Trail County Park



In March 2010 the York engineering firm Buchart Horn, Inc. was selected to engineer and design the York City section, Phase 4, of the Northern Extension. Funding is being provided by the County of York, City of York, and the Codorus Creek Watershed Endowment of York County Community Foundation.

In December Phase 1A was officially transitioned to the County of York for management by the York County Department of Parks & Recreation. At a final cost of \$247,250, this section of trail consists of approximately 1/3-mile of asphalt trail and a bridge crossing the Pleasureville Boys Club's property of Crist Memorial Fields in Manchester Township. The project was made possible through a PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources grant of \$100,000; in-kind contributions from the Kinsley Education Center of \$48,250; York County Parks' contributions and in-kind labor totaling \$8,375; and contributions to the Authority's TRAIL LINKS Capital Campaign of \$90,625.



Phase 1A Bridge on Pleasureville Boys Club Crist Fields

The PennDOT project to re-deck the RT 30 Bridge over the Codorus Creek continued throughout much of 2010. Modifications to the south walkway will accommodate the Northern Extension of the Heritage Rail Trail.

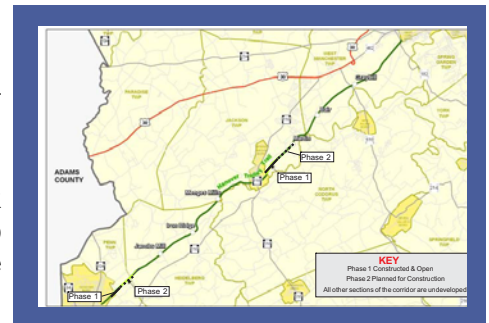
During 2010, two grant applications were submitted to PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources to extend existing sections of trail in Jackson Township and Hanover Borough-Penn Township. An award of \$127,500 was received in October 2010 for the Jackson Township trail extension, and at year's end a broadly supported re-assignment of York County Growing Greener 2 funds was sent to the Governor's Office that would provide \$99,090 to extend the Hanover Borough section through Penn Township.



York Hanover Trolley Line east of Hershey Road, Jackson Twp.

Applications for state funding for the Jackson Township and Hanover-Penn Township sections included pledges of labor and equipment by Jackson Township of \$79,500 and Penn Township of \$70,910.

## Hanover Trolley Trail



## York County Trail Plan

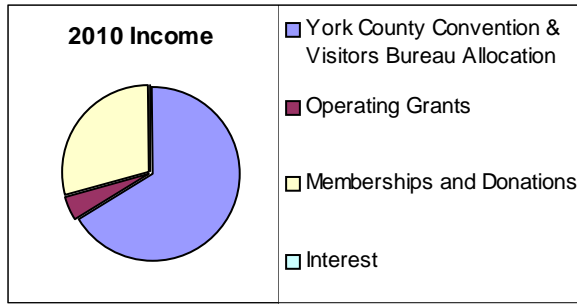
Early in 2010 York County Rail Trail Authority launched a three-way partnership with York County Planning Commission and York County Parks Department to create a York County Trail Plan. Funding was provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, York County Community Foundation's Codorus Creek Watershed Endowment, and the County of York. The consulting firm of Campbell Thomas & Company was chosen to conduct the study.



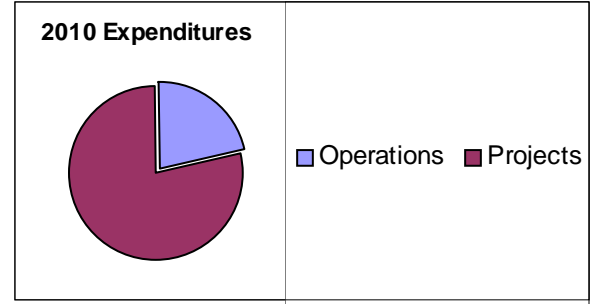
A study committee was formed to guide the consultants, and public workshops were held at nine sites across the county with over 225 people attending.

The final report will be received early in 2011, after which York County Planning Commission will coordinate its adoption into the County's Comprehensive Plan.

# Focus on Financials



York County Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 51,736
Operating Grants	\$ 3,500
Memberships and Donations	\$ 22,893
Interest	\$ 11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 78,140</b>



Operations	\$ 80,854
Projects	\$ 290,789
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 371,643</b>

## 2010 Project Grant Funds Received

**\$106,040**

## 2010 Donations: Materials & Services

**\$ 46,068**

## 2010 Funding Awards

Freas Foundation	\$ 2,500
Wal-Mart Foundation	\$ 500
York County CDBG	\$ 15,000
York City CDBG	\$ 5,000
PA DCNR	\$127,500
PA DCNR	\$ 25,000

## 2010 Volunteer Hours

**712.5 hours**

## 2010 TRAIL LINKS Capital Campaign Contributions

**\$ 171,070.40**

## Traveling Authority Meetings

April 19: Penn Twp. Bldg.; May 17: Logan Park Recreation Bldg.; June 21: Guthrie Memorial Library; July 19: York Twp. Bldg.; Aug. 16: York Co. Convention & Visitor Bureau Office; and Sept. 20: Jackson Twp. Bldg.

## Information Booths

Bob Potts Marathon, Codorus Summer Blast, Hanover Dutch Day, New Freedom Fest, and Friends Tables on HRTCP.

## Presentations

York Sertoma Club, York White Rose Wanderers, First United Methodist Church Hanover Men's Club, and York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**Sacred Heart Parish Center** continued throughout 2010 to conduct monthly inspections and perform light maintenance of the Spring Grove-Jackson Township section of the Hanover Trolley Trail. **Eric Hostetler of Boy Scout Troop 149** in Spring Grove completed plans for construction of a covered picnic table at the Jackson Township parking lot as part of his Eagle Scout project. Installation will occur during spring 2011. The **Operations Advisory Committee**, comprised of representatives from each municipality containing a section of completed trail, met on May 7 and August 27, 2010 to share information on projects related to the Hanover Trolley Trail and make recommendations for its operations and future development.

## Outreach Technical Assistance

In York County, technical assistance was provided to City Of York; Hanover Borough; Jackson Twp; Ma & Pa Community Greenway Committee; Penn Twp; Spring Grove Borough; YSM, Inc.; York City Redevelopment Authority; York College of PA.

Beyond York County, assistance was provided to: Healthy Adams County Pedestrian and Bicycle, Inc.; Lewisberry Area Recreation Authority; PA DCNR; and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

## Municipal & Community Partners



# Recognitions

## 4th Annual York County Rail Trail Awards



**Government Leader Award**  
George Trout (right)  
York County Commissioner 1988-1996



**Trail Champions**  
Sue & John Schmidt



**Trail Organization Award**  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
Jeffrey Ciabotti, VP of Trail Development (right)

## And More Friends

The 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 2010:

Adventure Cycling & Fitness  
Adams Electric Cooperative  
Affinigent, Inc.  
Bob Hoffman Foundation  
Bob Potts Heritage Rail Trail Marathon  
Buchart Horn, Inc.  
C.S. Davidson, Inc.  
Charles and Alma Diehl Family Fund  
Collens-Wagner Agency  
Dover Township  
First Capital Federal Credit Union  
First United Methodist Church Men  
Freas Foundation  
Friends of York County Trails  
Glenn and Wanda Eyster  
Guthrie Memorial Library  
Hanover Borough  
Hanover Cyclers  
Harley-Davidson Foundation  
John Schmidt Foundation

Jackson Township and Sewer Authority  
Klean Kut Lawn Kare  
Logan Park Authority  
Louis Appell  
Mack Johnson  
Paul Smith Library of Southern York Co.  
Paragon Engineering Services  
PA Bicycle Access Council  
Penn Township  
Prince Athletic Association  
Ronald Cohen  
Sacred Heart Parish Center  
Scott Beaverson, Esq.  
Serenity-Station at Seven Valleys  
Shank's Mare Outfitters  
Shrewsbury Township  
Spring Grove Borough  
Springfield Township  
Starview Media, Inc.  
Stellar Partners, Inc.

Stewart & Tate, Inc.  
The Jones Family Foundation  
The Kinsley Foundation  
The Stewart Companies  
Tim Williams  
Tom Warman  
TRAIL LINKS Capital Campaign Contributors  
Transportation Resource Group  
Weinstein Realty Advisors  
Windy Hill Senior Center "Trolley Trotters"  
YMCA of York  
York Building Products Company  
York County Board of Commissioners  
York County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
York County Department of Parks & Recreation  
York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust  
York County Planning Commission  
York Township  
York White Rose Wanderers

## Celebrating Twenty Years of Trail Development

In November 2010 members of the York County Rail Trail Authority were joined by family, friends, and supporters to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Authority. During a five-star dinner served by Liz and Steve Winand of Shank's Mare Outfitters in Wrightsville, PA, the warmth of congratulations and the pleasure of sharing past challenges and successes were felt by all in attendance. It was a night to remember!

Rail Trail Authority Chairman Carl Knoch accepted special commendations from Senator Mike Waugh's Assistant, Nadine Hubner (photo on left); Representative Ron Miller (center photo); and York County Commissioner Doug Hoke (photo on right).

Special thanks to our corporate sponsors: Buchart Horn, Inc.; C.S. Davidson, Inc., The Kinsley Foundation; and The Stewart Companies of York Building Products and Stewart & Tate, Inc. for making this celebration possible.



# Closing Remarks

## Creating Miles of Smiles

As I scan over the photographs that were received during our "Miles of Smiles" program - inviting the public to share photographs of their experiences on York County Rail Trails and stories about what makes them happy on the trail - I am reminded that our work at the Rail Trail Authority is so much more than trail building. In fact, it's not as much about trails as it is about people. All ages, all ability levels, all enjoying moving under their own power in the outdoors. Below is a sampling of the photographs and comments received. All entries are posted on our website [www.yorkcountyrails.org](http://www.yorkcountyrails.org).

Looking toward 2011, the York County Rail Trail Authority invites you to join these trail visitors in creating your own special memories while enjoying our county's rail trails.



Photo on left:

John, a residents of the Margaret E. Moul Home, says, "I just love the Trail just because it's always fun and I get good exercise using my arms. I enjoy being outside and smelling the fresh air."

Photo on right:

Mrs. Burns reports, "My son and grandchildren were visiting, and we walked 3 miles together with lots of water and snacks. They were still smiling at the end."



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