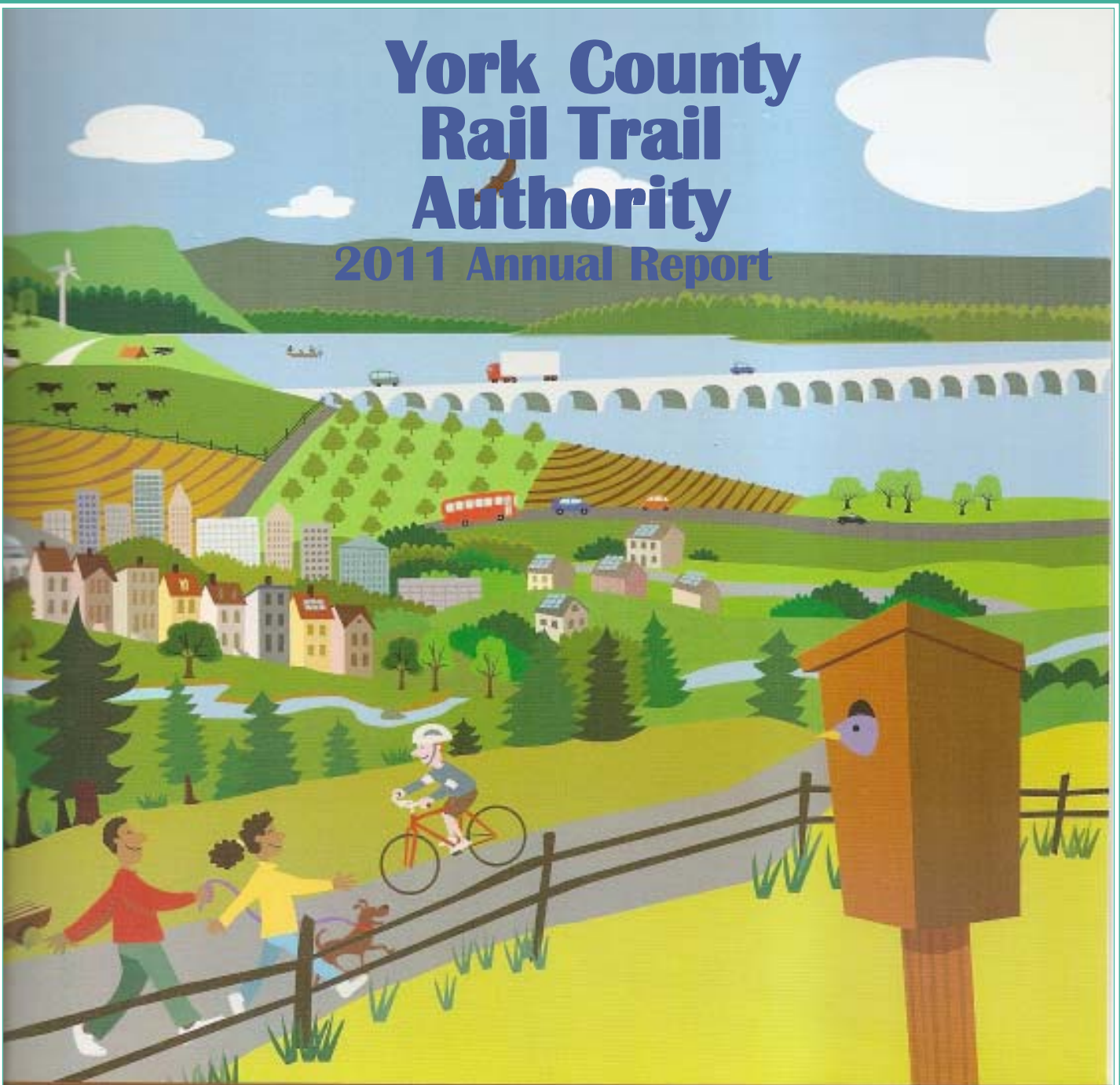


York County Rail Trail Authority

2011 Annual Report



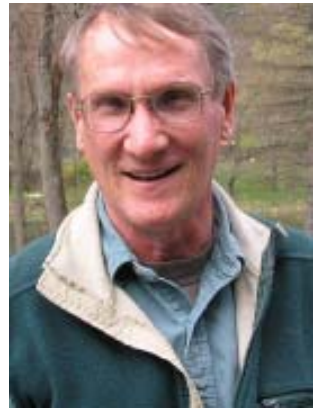
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Carl Knoch, *Chairman*
Mack Johnson, *Vice-Chairman*
Ed Hughes, *Secretary*
Dennis Flickinger, *Treasurer*
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Jeffrey Hines
Heidi Hormel
Dwight Robison, Jr.

Mission Statement

Enriching York County communities and countryside through the development of a network of public trails focusing on multi-use trails.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Reflecting on the accomplishments of the York County Rail Trail Authority during 2011, I believe that we made significant strides to move both the Northern Extension of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park and the Hanover Trolley Trail toward construction of the next phases of the projects. Springettsbury Township approved the land development plan for construction of Phase 2 of the Northern Extension; agreements were reached with Jackson Township and Penn Township to provide assistance in the development of two additional phases of the Hanover Trolley Trail. With continued municipal support, phases of each of these projects will be constructed in 2012.

Another 2011 accomplishment was the completion of a York County Trail Plan. This Plan will help the Authority, the County, and its municipalities set priorities for the development of a network of trails connecting neighborhoods and communities.

In October, we welcomed the 2011 Pennsylvania Greenways & Trail Summit to York. Over 175 attendees rated York City and the overall conference exceptional for walkability and quality of educational sessions and mobile workshops.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions that Don Gogniat and Glenn Eyster made to the York County Rail Trail Authority over their ten years of service on the Board. Much of this time, Don served as vice-chairman, and Glenn as treasurer. It was Don who sketched out the concept of the Grand History Trail on a napkin and pushed for its development. Glenn's generosity – most notably in providing van transportation for trail tours and space for our office – will continue to be appreciated. Thank you to Glenn, Don, and all those who continue to serve the Rail Trail Authority.

Carl R. Knoch
Carl R. Knoch, Chairman

Photographs: York City Mayor Kim Bracey welcomes Summit attendees to York. (Left) Mobile workshop on Heritage Rail Trail offers cyclists a stop at Howard Tunnel. (Right)



Standing Committees

Planning Committee

- Metta Barbour
- Dennis Flickinger
- Heidi Hormel
- Ed Hughes
- Sean Kenny
- Nancy Sieling
- Tim Williams

Hanover Trolley

Trail Operations Committee

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|-----------------|----------------|
| David Brown | Terry Reichart |
| Mike Dows | Rob Robison |
| Jeffrey Garvick | Andy Shaffer |
| Henry Herrman | Chris Wagman |
| Mack Johnson | |

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 Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

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2011 PROJECTS REPORT

York County Trail Plan

York County Rail Trail Authority, York County Planning Commission, and York County Department of Parks & Recreation embarked on a study in December 2009 to create a York County Trail Plan. Funding was provided by PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, York County, and York County Community Foundation.

Under the guidance of consultants from Campbell Thomas & Company, the study included: (1) four meetings of a twelve-member study committee; (2) a series of three public workshops, offered at nine locations across the county, and attracting nearly 225 people; (3) written surveys to all York County municipalities; (4) telephone surveys to six of the County's largest employers and eight school districts; and (5) thirteen key-person interviews.

The Plan was completed in July 2011.



Northern Extension of Heritage Rail Trail County Park



Engineering, permitting, and municipal reviews were completed during 2011 for Phase 2 of the Northern Extension, while municipal coordination continued for installation of a bridge to cross Willis Run in North York Borough and for placement of the trail in York City's Northwest Triangle Redevelopment Area.

Progress "on the ground" was marked by (1) completion of PennDOT's revamping of the RT 30 Bridge over the Codorus Creek that included improvements for the south walkway to accommodate the trail and (2) December groundbreaking ceremony for the Northern Extension of HRTCP

Phase 2 Bridge and Ramps. Funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program administered by PennDOT, PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and the TRAIL LINKS Capital Campaign, this \$1.4 million project was awarded to Kinsley Construction, Inc. Construction is scheduled for February-November 2012.

Hanover Trolley Trail



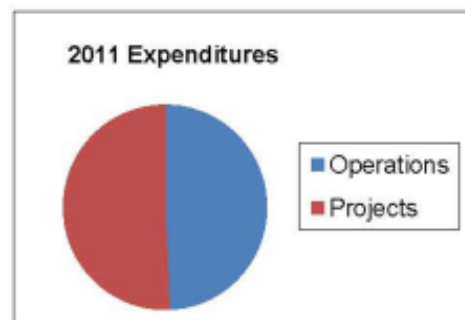
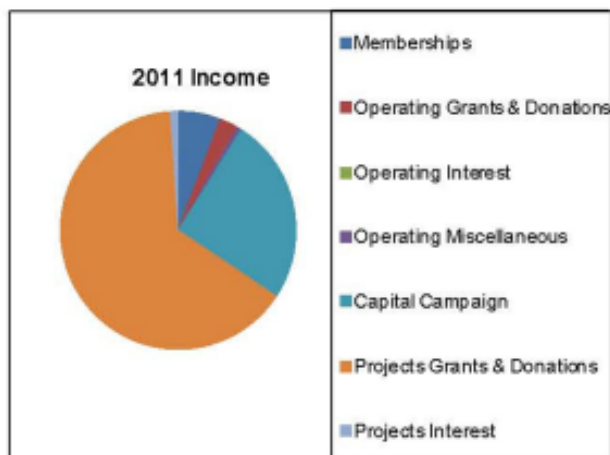
In spring 2011, Jackson Township workers began to clear the Metropolitan-Edison utility corridor between Hershey and Martin Roads in preparations for trail construction. Engineering drawings were completed and reviewed by the Rail Trail Authority and Township, and all permitting was completed by year's end. Construction will begin in spring 2012.



Two Eagle Scout projects were completed in 2011 at the Jackson Township parking area by members of Troop 149: Eric Hostetler built and installed a covered picnic table. Collin Inners completed native plantings at the entrance signboard and near the picnic table, and added a maple tree to the lawn area.



Focus on Financials



Operations	\$	76,209
Projects	\$	78,321
TOTAL	\$	154,530

York County Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$	-
Memberships	\$	22,861
Operating Grants & Donations	\$	9,811
Operating Interest	\$	36
Operating Miscellaneous	\$	2,630
Capital Campaign	\$	99,250
Projects Grants & Donations	\$	253,195
Projects Interest	\$	4,133
TOTAL	\$	391,916

2011 Donations: Materials & Services
\$36,172.00

2011 Volunteer Hours
594.0 hours

Outreach

Traveling Authority Meetings

April 18: Hanover Hospital Wellness & Education Center; May 23: West York Borough Bldg.; June 20: John Rudy County Park; July 18: Adventure Cycling & Fitness; Aug. 15: Paul Smith Library; and Sept. 19: Spring Grove Area Community Center.

Information Booths

Hanover Dutch Day, New Freedom Fest, 2011 PA Greenways & Trails Summit, Shank's Mare Outfitters Arts & Outdoor Festival.

Presentations

Hanover Cyclers, PA Bicycle Access Council, Penn State OLLI, Spring Grove Area Professionals, York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, York County Board of Commissioners Public Meeting, York County Parks Forum, York Rotary.

Technical Assistance

In York County, technical assistance was provided to City Of York; Emigsville Heritage Group; Hanover Borough; Hellam Twp; Jackson Twp; Shrewsbury Twp; York City Redevelopment Authority; York County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Beyond York County, technical assistance was provided to Healthy Adams County Pedestrian and Bicycle, Inc.; PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources; PA Recreation & Parks Society; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Municipal & Community Partners

Hanover and Spring Grove Boroughs and Jackson Township collectively gave 528 man-hours and \$850 toward maintenance of the Hanover Trolley Trail.

Sacred Heart Parish Center Youth Group conducted monthly inspections and performed light maintenance on the Spring Grove-Jackson Township section of the Hanover Trolley Trail. **Spring Grove Area Professionals** pledged to adopt the Hanover Trolley Trail in Jackson Twp. from Hershey to Martin Rds., upon completion of construction.

Affinigent, Inc. donated \$2,605 in web services, and **Eysters** donated office space and utilities valued at \$13,350. **Stewartstown Historical Society** gave a public presentation on the history of the Stewartstown Railroad on August 15. (Photo at right)



Recognitions

5th Annual York County Rail Trail Awards



Government Leader Award

York County Board of Commissioners
(Special Recognition: Commissioner Doug Hoke)

For negotiating tirelessly on behalf of the Rail Trail Authority and those agencies who depend on operating funds from the County hotel use tax. For promoting communications between the Rail Trail Authority and the Board of Commissioners.



Trail Champion

Wanda Eyster

For many volunteer hours spent maintaining accounting records for the TRAIL LINKS Capital Campaign, preparing monthly treasurer's reports, assisting with annual budgets & audits.



Trail Organization Award

Sacred Heart Church Parish
Youth Group

For adopting the Hershey Road to Spring Grove section of the Hanover Trolley Trail since October 2008. Conducting monthly inspections and light maintenance. For involving youth in volunteer activities.

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 2011:

A Bit More Tack	First Capital Federal Credit Union	Naylor Family Foundation	The Glen Rock Mill Inn
Brian and Jeanne Addison	Flateplate, Inc. (GEA PAG Systems N Am, Inc.)	Tom and Connie Newcome	The Graham Foundation
Adhesives Research, Inc.	Dennis and Linda Flickinger	Penn Twp	The Graham Group
Adventure Cycling & Fitness	Freas Foundation, Inc.	Linda and William Price	The Grumbacher Family
Affinigent, Inc.	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Walt and Leslie Reamer	Foundation
Peter & Sandra Andrews	Friends of York County Rail Trails	Jeffrey G. Rebert	The Jones Family Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Appell, Jr.	Fulton Bank	Richard Renn	The M.S.Grumbacher Foundation
Robert Bankert	Glenn Eyster, III	Sacred Heart Church Parish	Roberta Thoman
Metta and Roger Barbour	Mark Goedecker, Jennifer Rein & Family	Sam & Tony's Restaurant	Transportation Resource Group
Kathryn Bard	H&H Contractors, Inc.	Kenneth Sander	United Natural Foods
Scott Beaverson, Esq.	Hanover Borough	Steven R. Saubel	David and Sandra Vandestreek
Cy and Joan Beekey	Hanover Cyclers	John & Sue Schmidt	Jane and John Wagman
Bicycle Access Council	Jeffrey Hines and Patti Stirk	Shank's Mare Outfitters	Barry and Carol Walker
Bob Hoffman Foundation	Ed and Carolyn Hulshart	ShIPLEY Energy	Walmart
Buchart-Horn, Inc.	Michael D. & Amie D. Jacobs	Shrewsbury Township	Webb Insurance
Eugene Byers	John C. Schmidt Foundation	Simplicity Cycles	Weinstein Realty Advisors
Stephen Byers	Mack Johnson	William Simpson	Kevin Westover
C.S.Davidson, Inc.	David A. Jones, II Esquire	Robert Snader	Constance Wolf
Donald & Joan Daugherty	Horace Keeseey III	Spring Grove Borough	Wolf Organization Inc.
David and Linda Davidson	Bill and Kim Kerlin	Springfield Twp	Liz Wright & Charlie Holman
Diehl Family Fund	Kessler's Bicycle Shop	Starview Media Inc.	York White Rose Wanderers
Ettline Foods Corporation	Tom and Karen Kidwell	Steam Into History	Charles and Susan Zarfos
Etube and Wire Products	Kinsley Family Foundation	Stellar Partners LLC	
Wanda & Glenn Eyster	Katherine and Andrew Lesko	Stock & Leader	
John & Ginger Finlayson	Fred J. Martin	The Bon Ton Stores Foundation	

Strategic Planning: 2011-2016 With Ann Toole, Toole Recreation Planning

In 2011, we welcomed back Recreation Planner Ann Toole, author of the Authority's 2005-2010 Strategic Plan, to review and update our organizational structure, goals/objectives, and projects. Funded through the Technical Assistance Program of the PA Recreation & Park Society, a planning session was held on May 20 with members of the Authority and its Planning Committee and Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee. In-person interviews were conducted with York County Board of Commissioners, York County Planning Commission, and York County Department of Parks & Recreation. The Strategic Plan: 2011-2016 was completed in October 2011 and can be viewed at the Authority's website, www.yorkcountyrails.org.

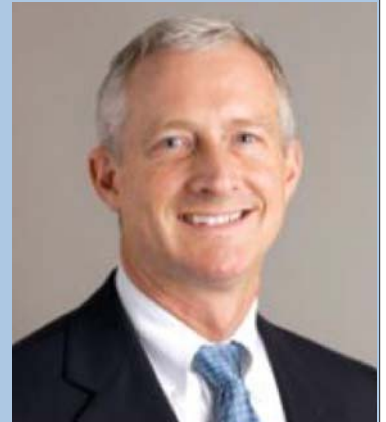


Closing Remarks



Farewell to Glenn Eyster and Don Gogniat. In 2011, Authority members Glenn Eyster (left) and Don Gogniat (right) were recognized for their volunteer service to the Authority. Glenn served for ten years, nine as treasurer; Don also served for ten years, nine as vice-chairman. Our organization benefited greatly from the contributions of Glenn and Don – from sound decisions to unfailing willingness to give time and talents. We wish them well as they move on to other community efforts!

Hello, Jeffrey Hines! In November, the Authority welcomed new member Jeffrey Hines, CEO of The York Water Company. He and his wife, Patti, live next to the Heritage Rail Trail in downtown York and can often be seen biking, running, or walking along the trail. We look forward to his service to our organization.



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