

York County Rail Trail Authority

2013 Annual Report



Planning trails



Building trails



Opening trails

Members

Carl Knoch, *Chairman*
Mack Johnson, *Vice-chairman*
Ed Hughes, *Secretary*
Dennis Flickinger, *Treasurer*
Pamela Gay, *County Representative*
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Henry Herrman
Jeffrey Hines
Heidi Hormel

Mission

*Enriching York County communities
and countryside through the
development of a network of public,
multi-use trails*

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Nearing the Finish Line



During 2013, the York County Rail Trail Authority made a lot of progress on the Northern Extension of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park. The bridge across the Codorus Creek at Emig Road neared completion, after a number of construction delays. Work began on Phase 2 of the project, taking the trail from Emig Road to Route 30 and Loucks Mill Road where we will build a spacious parking lot. Funding was awarded for Phase 3, which will move the trail from Route 30 to Small's Athletic Field at Hamilton Avenue in York City. Completing this work will put the Northern Extension just a few blocks from connecting to the current rail trail terminus at Philadelphia Street and Pershing Avenue. The City of York and Downtown Inc. are stepping up to make that connection happen. Completion of the Northern Extension holds great promise for York to bring in more visitors, attract new businesses (especially those that support trail users), and improve the downtown's overall quality of place.

Completing the Northern Extension will also have an impact on the development of the Hanover Trolley Trail. During 2013, through Penn Township's generous contribution of labor and equipment, nearly one mile of trail was constructed, extending the Hanover Borough section to the Penn-Heidelberg Township line. We

applaud the exceptional work done by Penn Township and the continued assistance from Hanover and Spring Grove Boroughs and Jackson Township to maintain their respective sections. As the Rail Trail Authority's work on the Northern Extension nears the finish line, we will be able to focus all of our attention and resources, both human and financial, on making greater progress toward completing this 16-mile rail trail between York and our urban center to the west – Hanover Borough.

As we review our 2013 accomplishments, Rail Trail Authority members pay tribute to Glenn Eyster who served on the Rail Trail Authority from 2001 to 2011. Glenn believed in the mission of our organization, and he repeatedly demonstrated this through his many donations of 'time, talents, and treasures.' From our small need for a van & driver to tour a proposed trail corridor to our larger need for office space, Glenn was ready to extend an offer. The 2013 Annual Report honors Glenn as a York County Rail Trail Authority member who made a difference.



Carl R. Knoch

Carl R. Knoch, Chairman

Standing Committees

Planning Committee

Metta Barbour Mack Johnson
 Dennis Flickinger Frank Kempf
 Heidi Hormel Kevin Westover
 Ed Hughes Tim Williams

Hanover Trolley Trail Operations Committee

David Brown Tina Hinkle
 Frank Kempf Mack Johnson
 Jeffrey Garvick Terry Reichart
 Henry Herrman Andy Shaffer
 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 Convention & Visitors Bureau
 Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society
 Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Cover Photographs

Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee reviews construction plans; Penn Township Public Works crew constructs Hanover Trolley Trail in the township; officials open Penn Township section of Hanover Trolley Trail.

2013 PROJECTS REPORT

Hanover Trolley Trail

Penn Township

February: Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee met with engineers to review the construction plans.

June: Penn Township Public Works Crew began construction.

October: Penn Township completed construction. Township contribution was valued at \$40,560. Total project cost: Approx. \$130,000. Major funding provided by PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources.

November: Official opening is held for the Hanover Trolley Trail from Cherry Tree Court to Gitts Run Road.

Spring Grove & Jackson Township

May: Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce and Spring Grove VFW Post 5265 provided benches for the Jackson Township, Hershey to Martin Road section of the Hanover Trolley Trail.

June: Jackson Township Public Works crew & equipment installed the benches.

November: Volunteers trimmed, weeded & mulched gardens at the Jackson Township parking lot.



Northern Extension Heritage Rail Trail County Park

January: Rail Trail Authority and York County Parks met with engineers from C.S. Davidson, Inc. to conduct a final review of the construction drawings for Phase 2 trail & parking lot.

March: Contract for Phase 2 trail & parking lot is awarded to Rogele, Inc. of Harrisburg, PA in the amount of \$1,171,883. Major funding provided by PENNVEST.

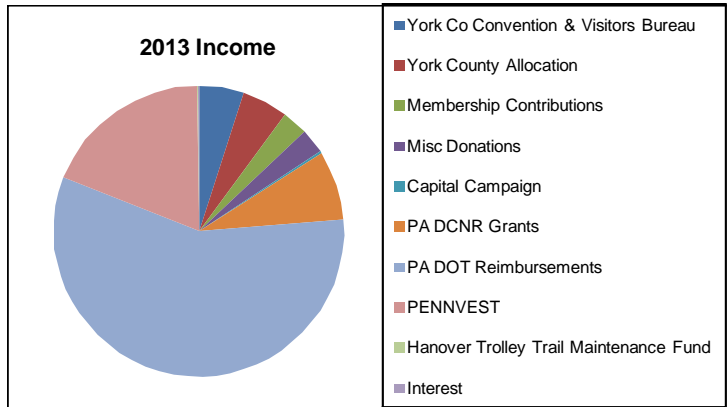
April: Rail Trail Bridge Pier 2, for the crossing of the Codorus Creek at Emig Road, was completed.

July & August: Beams were set & concrete deck was poured on the Emig Road/Rail Trail Bridge.

September: Official groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Phase 2 trail & parking lot.

December: PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' grant of \$157,500 was awarded for development of Phase 3. York County Marcellus Shale Fund to provide \$150,000 in matching funds.

Focus on Financials



York Co Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$	50,000
York County Allocation	\$	50,000
Membership Contributions	\$	28,436
Misc Donations	\$	26,917
Capital Campaign	\$	2,541
PA DCNR Grants	\$	76,250
PA DOT Reimbursements	\$	564,705
PENNVEST	\$	186,285
Hanover Trolley Trail Maintenance Fund	\$	900
Interest	\$	501
TOTAL	\$	986,536

Grants Awarded in 2013

PA DCNR	\$	157,500
York County Marcellus Shale Fund	\$	150,000

Traveling Authority Meetings

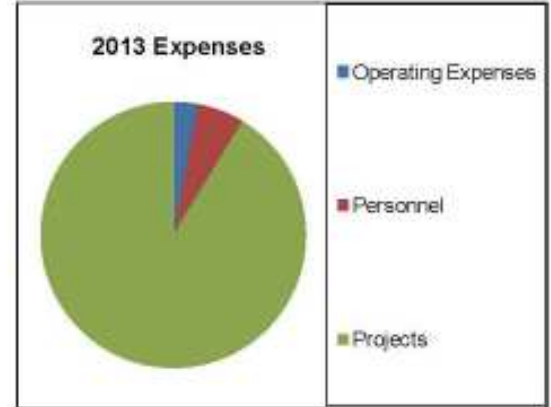
May 20: Realtors Assoc. of York & Adams Co.; June 17: Gung Ho Bikes; July 15: Penn Twp. Public Works Bldg.; Aug. 19: New Freedom Train Station.

Information Booths

York County Home Builders Show, Hanover Dutch Day, Shank's Mare Arts & Outdoor Festival, Red Lion Street Fair, New Freedom Fest

Excursions

July 19: Lancaster County Trail Tour
Mike Domin, Lancaster County Planning Commission, led members of our Planning Committee and Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee on an excellent tour of the Low Grade Trail and Northwest River Trail.



Operating Expenses	\$	32,236
Personnel	\$	62,223
Projects	\$	989,207
TOTAL	\$	1,083,666

2013 Donations: Materials & Services

\$ 102,409

(Includes Penn Township's services valued at \$40,559 to construct Hanover Trolley Trail in the Township)

2013 Volunteer Hours

2,210

(Includes Penn Township's 1,398 hours to construct Hanover Trolley Trail in the Township)

Awards

PA Recreation & Park Society's Agency Publication & Promotion Award to *E-Trail News*, the YCRTA's monthly, electronic newsletter that provides rail trail construction updates to nearly 300 supporters.

Outreach

Presentations

York County Municipal Administrators

Technical Assistance

In York County, technical assistance was provided to City Of York; Hanover Borough; Jackson Twp; Ma & PA Community Greenway (Red Lion and Yoe Boroughs, York Twp.); Peach Bottom Twp., Penn Twp., York City Redevelopment Authority; York County Department of Parks & Recreation.

Beyond York County, technical assistance was provided to Columbia, PA-Rivertowns; Cumberland Valley Rail Trail; Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau; Hamilton Twp., Adams County; Healthy Adams County Pedestrian and Bicycle, Inc.; Lancaster County Parks & Recreation; Manor Twp., Lancaster; PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources; and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Recognitions

Seventh Annual York County Rail Trail Awards



Government Leader Award

Penn Township Board of Commissioners and Manager

For contributing labor and equipment toward the construction of the Cherry Tree Court to Gitts Run Road section of the Hanover Trolley Trail, primarily in Penn Township, making it possible to complete this section of trail in October 2013.



Trail Champion Award

Early Morning Riders

For making the Heritage Rail Trail their own special place for daily, year-round bicycling since its opening in 1999. For preparing all the bulk mailings for the York County Rail Trail Authority since 2006.



Trail Organization Award

Bob Potts Marathon Event Organizers

*For promoting the health and fitness benefits of the Hanover Trolley Trail by sponsoring the Spring-Summer issue of **Trail News**, writing the lead article, and distributing the newsletter to Hanover area industries.*

Municipal & Community Partners

Hanover and Spring Grove Boroughs and Jackson Township collectively gave 165 hours and \$6,875 toward maintenance of the Hanover Trolley Trail, and **Penn Township** contributed manpower & equipment valued at \$40,560 toward construction of the Hanover Trolley Trail in their township.

Sacred Heart Parish Center's Terry and Don Reichard conducted 12 monthly inspections and performed light maintenance of the Hanover Trolley Trail: Spring Grove-Jackson Township, and **Spring Grove Area Chamber of Commerce** conducted 11 monthly inspections and performed light maintenance of the Hanover Trolley Trail: Jackson Twp. Hershey to Martin Rd. Volunteers from both groups cleaned up the gardens at the Jackson Twp. parking area on November 9.

York County West Nile Virus Coordinator organized a clean-up of an illegal dump site near the Hanover Trolley Trail: Spring Grove-Jackson Twp. on April 27.

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 2013:

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| Adventure Cycling & Fitness | Don Gogniat | Robert Myers III | Ken & Phyllis Stine |
| Affinigent, Inc. | Jodi Graham | Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Naylor | J. Lynne StoyerSylva Native Nursery |
| Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Appell, Jr. | Rose Ann Gurreri | Penn Twp | The Graham Group |
| Roger & Marietta Barbour | H&H Contractors, Inc. | Linda & William Price | The Jones Family Foundation |
| Kathryn Bard | Hanover Chamber of Commerce | Prince Athletic Association | The York Water Company |
| Scott Beaverson, Esq. | Hanover Cyclers | Peter & Amanda Putnam | Roberta Thoman |
| Cy & Joan Beekey | Harley Davidson Motor Co. | Walt & Leslie Reamer | Three M Tool and Die |
| Bob Hoffman Foundation | Edward Hengst | Jeffrey G. Rebert | Transgard Systems, Inc. |
| Buchart-Horn, Inc. | Jeff Hines & Patti Stirk | Richard Renn | Transportation Resource Group |
| Eugene Byers | Marc Hirsh, MD | Alex & Elana Richman | Theodore & Jody Turnbull |
| Stephen Byers | George & Jocelyn Hubbard | Rock Commercial Real Estate | United Natural Foods |
| C.S.Davidson, Inc. | Jackson Twp. Sewer Authority | Robert & Betty Sampsell | David & Sandra Vandestreek |
| Collens-Wagner Agency | Michael & Amie Jacobs | Kenneth Sander | VFW Post 5265 |
| Donald & Joan Daugherty | Mack Johnson | Steven R. Saubel | Wafios Machinery Corp. |
| David & Linda Davidson | Loa-Lynn Kahler | Scott Savoie | Jane & John Wagman |
| Charles & Alma Diehl Family Fund | Doug and Deanna Karstens | John & Sue Schmidt | Edward & Sally Wagman Family Fund |
| Wanda & Glenn Eyster | Horace Keesey III | Shank's Mare Outfitters | Weinstein Realty Advisors |
| John Finlayson | Bill & Kim Kerlin | Steven Shelley & Judi Miller | Ryan White |
| First Capital Federal Credit Union | Tom and Karen Kidwell | Shrewsbury Township | Brian & Melinda Williams |
| Dennis and Linda Flickinger | Kinsley Family Foundation | Edward Smith | Coni Wolf |
| Larry Freer & Gayle Clingan | Klean Kut Lawn Kare | Robert Snader | Liz Wright & Charlie Holman |
| Friends of York County Rail Trails | Katherine & Andrew Lesko | Springettsbury Township | York County |
| Giant Food Stores | Joyce & Karl Ludeman | Springfield Township | York County Parks |
| Glatfelter Insurance Group | McKnight Steel & Tube Co. | Starview Media Inc. | York Co Convention & Visitors Bureau |
| Glatfelters | Patricia Miller | Stellar Partners LLC | York County Planning Commission |
| M. Goedecker, J. Rein & Family | Lori Mitrick & Family | Stewart Foundation | York White Rose Wanderers |

Welcome

- ▶ Attorney Jim Yingst joined the Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee in 2013.
- ▶ Frank Kempf, who joined the Planning Committee in 2012, increased his involvement by joining the Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee in 2013.

Looking toward 2014

- ▶ An exciting revival of the Grand History Trail, a project to create a network of trails encircling Baltimore, MD; Annapolis, MD; Washington, DC; Frederick, MD; Gettysburg, PA; and York, PA , will be spearheaded by Don Gogniat, previous member of the York County Rail Trail Authority.
- ▶ Kathy Meals, Community Education Coordinator with York Suburban School District, and Anthony Schneider, a Business Administration major at York College of PA, will explore a variety of fundraising ideas to support the work of the York County Rail Trail Authority.
- ▶ Northern Extension of Heritage Rail Trail County Park Phase 2 is scheduled for completion and Phase 3 engineering will begin.



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