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E-TRAIL NEWS



Newsletter of the York County Rail Trail Authority

Trails start with us.



Come fall in love with York County rail trails!

Photo by Jackie Diachenko, 1st place winner of the 2025 YCRTA Photo Contest

2026 Calendar York County Rail Trails is now on sale! Order [here](#).

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HANOVER TROLLEY TRAIL NEWS



Meet the 2025 Combo Project YCRTA and its engineering and construction contractors have been working throughout the year to complete the next section of the Hanover Trolley Trail. This "combination project" includes construction of the trail to Jacobs Mill Road (pathway visible to right of stream) and restoration of Oil Creek (blue meandering stream), located in Heidelberg Township.

The Combo Project will be open to the public later this fall. When open, access to the project will be from Moul Field, 151-153 Moul Avenue, Hanover, PA, 17331, where visitors will find an information kiosk, parking, and the public pathway. (Photo by Kinsley Construction.)



Combo Project = Trail Construction + Wetland Restoration When completed later this fall, the Hanover Trolley Trail will extend three miles from Moul Field in Hanover Borough to Jacobs Mill Rd., Heidelberg Township, and offer views of ten acres of restored wetlands. The project demonstrates how reuse of a dormant rail corridor and restoration of a neglected stream can provide recreation and improve the environment – truly a **Combo Project!**

Trail funding provided by PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' Growing Greener Grant and local grants from the J William Warehime Foundation, Powder Mill Foundation, and Explore York. Stream restoration supported by grants from PA Department of Environmental Protection, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, York County Planning Commission, York County Conservation District, and Susquehanna River Basin Commission.



More to come in 2026 Design and permitting are well underway for the construction of a trailhead along RT 116 in Heidelberg Township. These concrete structures, built as part of the Combo Project, will support a bridge spanning the wetlands and connecting the trailhead to the newest section of the Hanover Trolley Trail. The trailhead will include parking, a boardwalk, information kiosk, and visitor amenities such as interpretive signs and benches.

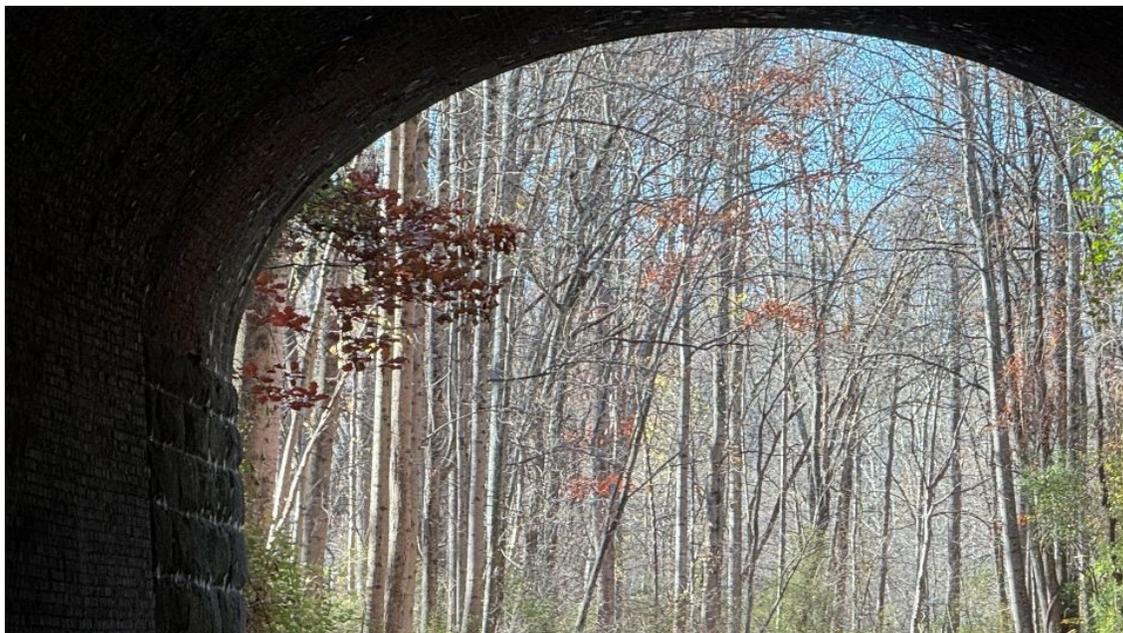
Look for a public, grand opening in mid-2026 celebrating the Combo Project & Trailhead, a milestone for the Hanover Trolley Trail!



New benches ready for adoption The Combo Project includes two wildlife viewing areas for visitors to pause, step off the main path, and enjoy the surrounding wetlands. Each viewing area provides seating at two benches. YCRTA has established a bench program whereby individuals, clubs, and businesses can adopt a bench and design a plaque to honor or remember a loved one or recognize an achievement. Additional benches are available for adoption at other locations. Contact YCRTA [here](#) for more information.



Tree planting by Hanover Key Club students and YCRTA volunteers On October 11, 2025 approximately thirty volunteers gathered to plant forty trees along a section of the Hanover Trolley Trail east of Gitts Run Road, Heidelberg Township. Thanks to a donation from Kinsley Construction and ARRC, the trees were planted along a section of trail that bisects two farm fields and now offers little shade for trail visitors. Many thanks to the Key Club students, their advisor Brandon Wingert, and all volunteers who contributed to this effort.



2025 Photography Contest winners announced. Congratulations to these winners:

1st Place: Jackie Diachenko. 2nd Place: Sondra Ream (photo above). 3rd Place: Kev Hawn.

Twenty-two photographers submitted approximately 130 images of the Heritage Rail Trail and Hanover Trolley Trail. In total, thirty-four images were chosen to feature in the **2026 Calendar York County Rail Trails**. Winning photographs will be posted soon at www.yorkcountyrails.org. YCRTA thanks all photographers who entered the contest to capture York County's great rail trail outdoors!

2025 Calendar York County Rail Trails is now on sale. Place a calendar near your computer to motivate you away from the screen and toward some healthy exercise and fresh air. Or gift a friend and begin a weekly routine to meet up at a favorite section of the Heritage Rail Trail or Hanover Trolley Trail. The **2026 Calendar York County Rail Trails** will inspire you to health and happiness!

All proceeds support YCRTA's work to build more miles of York County Rail Trails! Click [here](#) to purchase for just \$16 plus \$4 shipping.

Thank you to our sponsors! Many thanks to York County Economic Alliance for sponsoring the **2026 Calendar York County Rail Trails** and to White Rose Bar and Grill of York, PA; Captain Bob's Crabs of Railroad, PA; Departure Coffee of New Freedom, PA, for offering prizes for the **2025 Photography Contest**. On your next Heritage Rail Trail adventure, visit these Trail Towns and enjoy these trail-friendly businesses!

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THANK YOU!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROJECTS?

*YCRTA's next business meeting will be held **November 13, 2025 at 3 PM.***

Hanover Junction Station, 2433 Seven Valleys Rd, Seven Valleys, PA.

Public always welcome!

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