

APRIL 2025

E-TRAIL NEWS



Newsletter of the York County Rail Trail Authority



Your Give Local York donation on May 1-2 supports the building of new rail trail miles.



TRAILS START WITH US is the new motto of the York County Rail Trail Authority. As part of a five-year strategic plan, the Authority has adopted this motto to clearly express its work to develop York County rail trails – from concept to design and construction. ***This is what we do!***

HANOVER TROLLEY TRAIL NEWS



GITTS RUN CONNECTOR NEARS COMPLETION in Heidelberg Township, adding an additional mile to the existing Hanover-Penn Township section. Scheduled to be completed in late May, trail visitors will cross Gitts Run Road on the Met-Ed utility corridor then turn to connect to the rail corridor purchased in 2020. Construction is funded through a Redevelopment Assistance Capital grant from the Governor's Office of Budget, a generous easement from Warehime Enterprise, Inc. and financial assistance from the J William Warehime Foundation.



WE'RE BUILDING TO JACOBS MILL ROAD with the awarding of a \$2.2 million "combo project" to Kinsey Construction. The project stretches the Hanover Trolley Trail eastward another mile, restores an additional 0.5 miles of Oil Creek, and creates another 5 acres of wetlands. Scheduled to be completed in late fall, this project will bring the creek and its wetlands into view for a truly unique rail trail experience!

OIL CREEK RESTORATION NEWS



DICKINSON COLLEGE STUDENTS JUMP RIGHT IN to a section of Oil Creek that is slated for restoration as part of the Authority's "combo project." On March 26, students and their professor collected baseline information on the aquatic life of the stream before creek restoration begins. As part of the college's Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring, they will revisit this location over the next five years to study how the restoration project affects life in the stream.



HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP LAND DONATION is planned to provide an easily accessible parking lot along RT 116. A PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources grant application was submitted in early April seeking funding to develop this 12-acre parcel into a parking lot and create a boardwalk and bridge over Oil Creek to connect to the Hanover Trolley Trail. The Authority expresses thanks to the Township for envisioning the future use of this land as access for its residents and visitors to enjoy healthy outdoor recreation.

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Click the tab above to visit our **GLY GIVING PAGE** and learn more about our trail building work. Then make a plan to support this work May 1&2 with a **GIVE LOCAL YORK** donation.

Become a supporter of this work... Feel great the next time you visit your rail trails!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROJECTS?

*YCRTA's next business meeting will be held **May 8, 2025 at 3 PM.***

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

Public always welcome!