

JULY 2025

## E-TRAIL NEWS



Newsletter of the York County Rail Trail Authority

*Trails start with us.*



**HANOVER TROLLEY TRAIL NEWS**



**WE'RE STOMPING THROUGH THE MUD!** On July 7, 2025, York County Rail Trail Authority joined with York County Planning Commission, PA Department of Environmental Protection, and LandStudies to visit the new Oil Creek Phase 1 wetlands. We wanted to see how the wetlands had matured since installation in October 2024. And guess what we saw?!





**NATURE AT IT'S VERY BEST** Underground springs were bubbling cold, clear water into deep pockets of lush vegetation. Native flowers and grasses were flourishing, birds were chirping, and small fish darted for cover as we approached. In the distance is the faint path of the future section of the Hanover Trolley Trail that will soon bring visitors to view this special habitat.



**CREEK RESTORATION CONTINUES** In April, work began just downstream of Phase 1 to restore another section of Oil Creek and create an additional 5 acres of wetlands. Funded through Susquehanna River Basin Commission, PA Department of Environmental Protection, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, and York County Planning Commission and Conservation District, Oil Creek Restoration Phase 2 is slated for completion in October 2025.





**TRAIL BUILDING CONTINUES** Also under the direction of Kinsley Construction, the Hanover Trolley Trail is being extended to Jacobs Mill Road, Heidelberg Township. Slated for completion in October 2025, the new trail section will offer visitors traffic-free and nature-filled walking, running, cycling, and equestrian opportunities.



**DID WE SEE YOU AT HANOVER SNACK TOWN STREET FAIR?** Volunteer directors from the York County Rail Trail Authority and members of its committees were thrilled to see so many residents stopping at our information booth on Saturday, July 12, 2025, to learn more about our current work to grow the Hanover Trolley Trail. And many thanks to our volunteers for their willingness to staff our booth through hot sun and drenching rains! We're making memories and friends!

**DONATE NOW**

### **YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS THIS TRAIL WORK!**

Become a supporter by joining FRIENDS OF THE YCRTA.

Memberships begin at just \$25 for an individual.

And you'll **FEEL GREAT** the next time you step onto a **YORK COUNTY RAIL TRAIL**.

**THANK YOU!**

### **WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROJECTS?**

YCRTA's next business meeting will be held **August 14, 2025 at 3 PM.**

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

***Public always welcome!***

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