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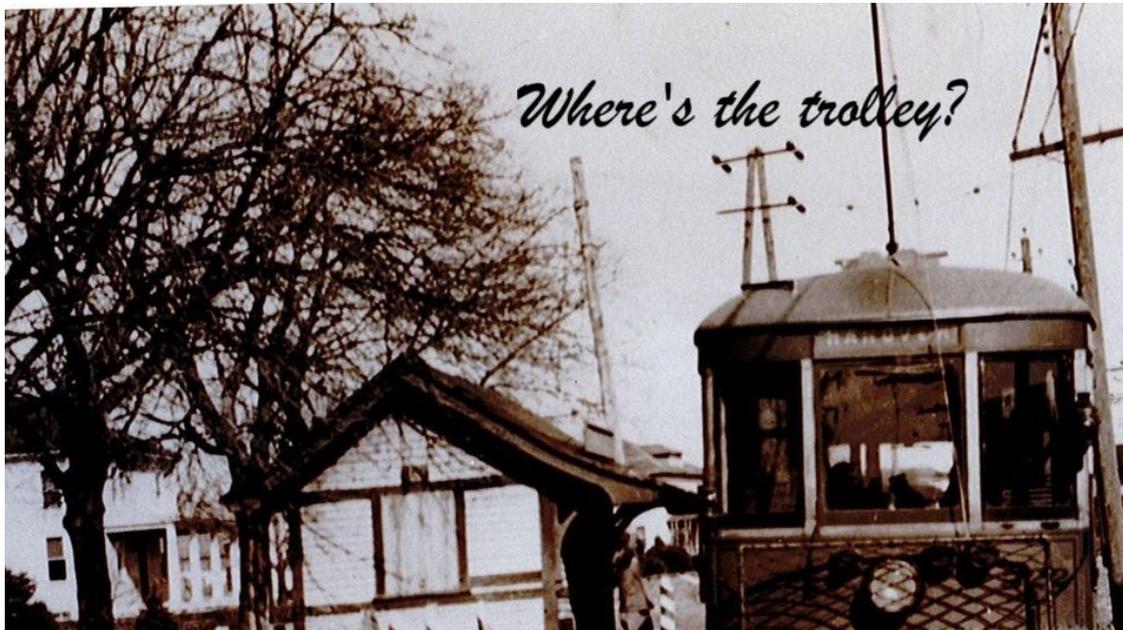
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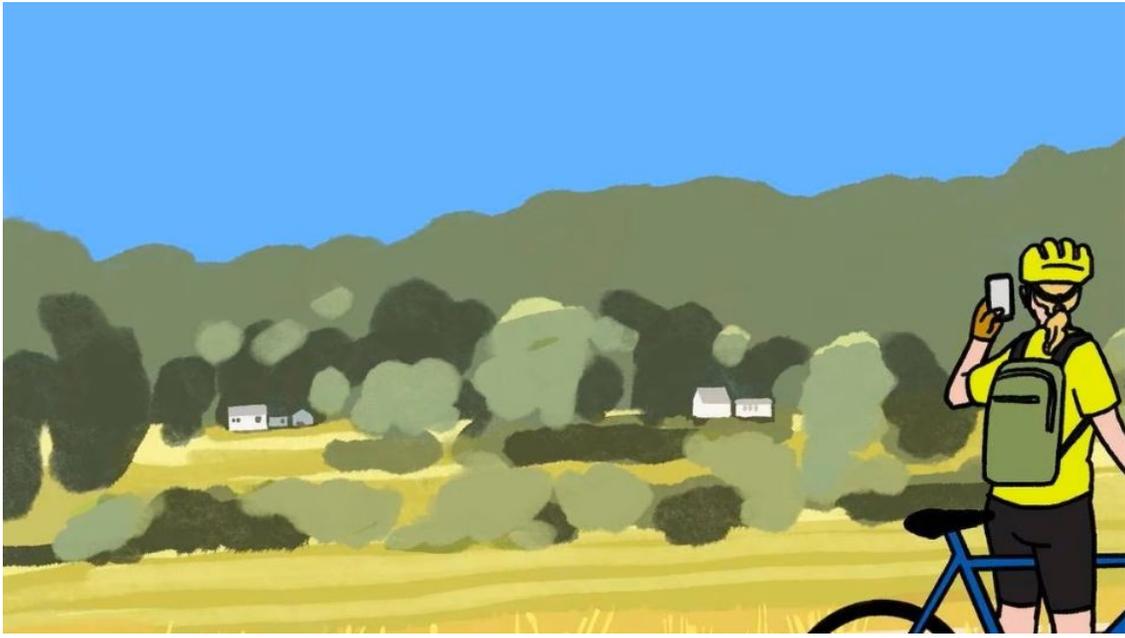
Newsletter of the York County Rail Trail Authority

Trails start with us.



"Where's the trolley?" is a question often asked. The York to Hanover Trolley Line was in operation from 1908 until 1939. The photo above was taken as the trolley came into Bair Station. Today, MetEd owns the electric infrastructure that once powered the trolleys, parts of the corridor are being repurposed as a rail trail, and the trolleys are a fond memory. ***Gone but not forgotten.***

2026 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST IS ON!



Time once again to grab your phones, cameras, bicycles, walking shoes, kids, friends, and perhaps the family dog to visit the Heritage Rail Trail and Hanover Trolley Trail and snap some photos to enter the contest for the **2026 York County Rail Trail Calendar**. Don't forget to turn your phone sideways to get landscape (horizontal) images. And, also search through your many albums for rail trail photos from all seasons. Contest rules are posted [here](#). Submit your jpeg files [here](#). Deadline is September 15, 2025.

HANOVER TROLLEY TRAIL NEWS



TRAIL BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE. Kinsley's construction crews are on schedule to complete the extension of the Hanover Trolley Trail to Jacobs Mill Rd, Heidelberg Township, in October 2025.

Installation of stormwater inlets and wooden railing will be followed by laying of trail subsurface and then the final "Trail Mix" surface. Funding is 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.



WILDLIFE IS MOVING IN! As work continues on Oil Creek Restoration Phase 2, this egret is not deterred from enjoying its new feeding grounds. Phase 2 will create five new acres of wetlands teeming with aquatic insects, fish, frogs, turtles, and on up the food chain. Funded through grants from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, PA DEP, York County Planning Commission and Conservation District, the stream restoration is also slated for completion in October.



PREPARING FOR 2026 PROJECT. In addition to expanding the Hanover Trolley Trail to Jacobs Mill Road and restoring Oil Creek Phase 2, the current project includes construction of a bridge abutment and two piers. These will support a future bridge across Oil Creek to connect the trail to a new visitor trailhead/parking lot along RT 116 in Heidelberg Township. Funding is being sought for this project to occur in 2026.



MEET VOLUNTEERS DOING "TRAIL CARE." Many homeowners know this summer's challenge of lawn mowing and weed control, and local municipalities are hustling to keep ahead of roadside growth. Along completed sections of the Hanover Trolley Trail, volunteers like Kev Hawn (pictured above) are stepping up to control vines and shrubs that persist in growing into the pathway. Also helping with maintenance this summer are Faye Hawn, Dan Schmidt, and Samantha Schmidt. We offer a huge "THANK YOU!" Contact YCRTA at (717) 428-0999 or info@yorkcountytrails.org for information on how you can help.

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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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