

SEPTEMBER 2024 E-TRAIL NEWS



Newsletter of the York County Rail Trail Authority



Thank you to Mary Coupland for entering this image in the photo contest for
2025 York County Rail Trail Calendar.

LAST DAYS TO ENTER! 2025 Calendar Photo Contest Ends Soon.

Contest has been extended to **Sunday, September 22**. So grab your bicycle, running shoes, hiking boots, family dog, kids, favorite trail friend, and your phone or camera to get some great shots of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park and Hanover Trolley Trail. How to enter and contest rules available [here](#).

QUICK TIP: Remember to turn your phone on its side to take a photo that is wide not tall.



Oil Creek Phase 1 transformation is complete.

While most of the York area is bone dry, Oil Creek's newly established wetlands are truly wet! On September 18, volunteers and staff joined LandStudies consultant for an early morning tour of the newly established wetlands in Heidelberg Township, York County, PA. This project is made possible through a generous grant from the J. William Warehime Foundation and an easement from Warehime Enterprises, Inc. York County Conservation District and Planning Commission, as well as PA DEP, National Fish and Wildlife Fund, and the PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grants support this project.



Trail building set to begin!

In the coming weeks, York County Rail Trail Authority will return to its traditional mission - building rail

trail. The Hanover-Penn Township section of the Hanover Trolley Trail will be extended approximately 1 mile east of the Gitts Run Rd. crossing to make a connection with the rail corridor purchased in 2020. Project is supported by a PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Keystone Grant, with matching funds from York County's Marcellus Shale Fund, PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, and the J. William Warehime Foundation.



More rail trail miles and wetlands to come in 2025.

Once the connection is made to the rail corridor, YCRTA will prepare to bid for construction of Oil Creek Restoration Site A Phase 2 and approximately 0.76 miles of trail to Jacobs Mill Rd. This combined project, with a price tag of nearly \$2.5 Million, is made possible through grants from Susquehanna River Basin Commission, PA DEP, National Fish and Wildlife Fund, PA DCNR, and the J. William Warehime Foundation.



Workers tackle summer's growth.

The Hanover Trolley Trail section in Spring Grove and Jackson Township finally received its much-needed trimming in early September. Workers from Ground Roots, a division of Strathmeyer, trimmed, chopped, and cleared the vegetation. Many thanks to Spring Grove Borough public works crew for following up with an herbicide treatment to the trail edges. Many thanks also to the Rice Foundation and other individual donors to the Hanover Trolley Trail Maintenance Fund for supporting this work.

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