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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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BENEFITS

- ✓ One year subscription to YCRTA newsletter.
- ✓ Opportunities to advocate for trails.
- ✓ Prior notice of trail-related events.
- ✓ Pride that you support local, trail development!

MAIL

Membership form is available at www.yorkcountytrails.org/donate/memberships/. Complete the form, enclose a check payable to YCRTA, and mail to PO Box 335, Seven Valleys, PA 17360.

ONLINE

Visit www.yorkcountytrails.org/Donate. Use the convenience of PAYPAL or any major CREDIT CARD to make your contribution today.



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ABOUT US



The **YORK COUNTY RAIL TRAIL AUTHORITY (YCRTA)** was formed in September of 1990 by the York County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of developing trails for recreation and non-motorized transportation.

The Rail Trail Authority is comprised of ten volunteers and two staff people who meet the second Wednesday of the month at their offices in Hanover Junction Train Station to promote the development of multi-use trails. Meetings are open to the public.

The Rail Trail Authority welcomes the opportunity to partner with municipalities, civic groups, trail user groups, community leaders, and businesses to promote the development of recreational trails within York County. The Authority's level of involvement in a trail project varies based upon the project needs and can range from consulting to entire project management.

THE POWER OF YOUR GIFT

- ✓ With no reliable annual appropriation, your gift is essential to our continued work.
- ✓ Your gift provides required grant-match dollars.
- ✓ Your gift supports an expanded trail network to meet community demand.



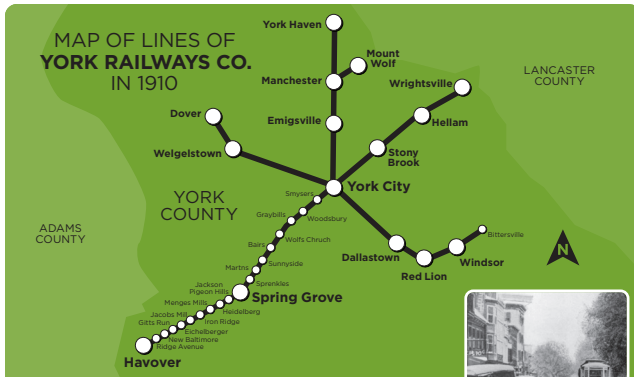
HANOVER TROLLEY TRAIL

A PARTNERSHIP PROJECT OF:
York County Rail Trail Authority
York County
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YORK TROLLEY HISTORY

In the early 1900s, the trolley lines of the York Railways Company served the needs of many county residents for both business and leisure travel.

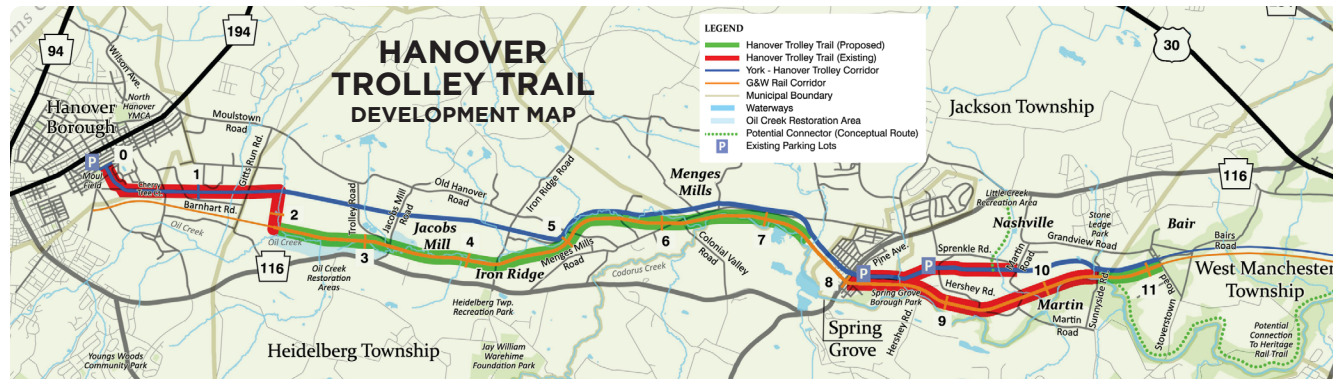
Construction of the York-to-Hanover trolley line began in May 1907. The “Hanover Fast Line” opened in February 1908 and provided an efficient transportation link from York’s small, outlying communities such as Sunnyside, Bairs, Menges Mills, and Jacobs Mill to the growing towns of Spring Grove and Hanover.

The popularity of the automobile doomed trolley transport, and service to Hanover ended in 1939.

RAIL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Ownership of the 16.5-mile, York-to-Hanover trolley corridor transferred to Edison Light & Power in 1946 and then to Metropolitan Edison Company in 1950, as the rails were removed and electric transmission lines installed. In 1977, the County of York entered into an agreement allowing for the development of a non-motorized trail within the corridor.

The completion of the Heritage Rail Trail in 1999 sparked public interest in rail trails. Feasibility studies were completed in 2003 and 2009 recommending trail development on the York-to-Hanover trolley corridor begin with two sections in Jackson Township-Spring Grove and Penn Township-Hanover. These two phases, each approximately two miles in length, were completed and opened to the public by 2013. Trail surface is compacted gravel; grades are gentle.



NEW RAIL ACQUISITION

In December 2020, York County Rail Trail Authority purchased two sections of dormant rail line (broad green line above) that parallel the electric utility corridor and offer several advantages for further development of the rail trail. Western rail section extends 5.3 miles through Heidelberg and Jackson Twps.; eastern trail section extends 3.2 miles from Main St. (RT 116) Spring Grove Borough to Stoverstown Rd., West Manchester Twp. By 2024, all rails were removed, nearly 2.5 miles of new trail opened in Jackson Township-Spring Grove, and trail construction began in Heidelberg Township to extend the Penn Township-Hanover section.

FUTURE VISION

Trail development along the rail corridor, estimated to cost approximately \$8 million, will occur in phases over several years and will depend greatly on financial support from across the York-Hanover community.

Working together, our vision for a recreational trail linking more York County communities will become a reality.



DIRECTIONS TO PARKING AREAS

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

From RT. 116 east of Spring Grove, turn onto Sprenkle Rd. Proceed approx. 1/2 mile. Turn right onto Hershey Rd. Parking is on the right.

HANOVER

From Hanover Square, proceed north on Broadway (RT. 194). Turn right onto Grant Drive, then right onto Moul Ave. Parking is available on the left at Moul Field.

ENJOY YOUR VISIT BY FOLLOWING THESE REGULATIONS:

- ✓ Motorized vehicles prohibited (except for maintenance & security).
- ✓ Class 1 electric bicycles only.
- ✓ Open dawn to dusk.
- ✓ “Carry In-Carry Out” policy for trash.
- ✓ All pets must be leashed. Remove all manure from trail.
- ✓ Prohibited: Hunting, camping, fires, alcohol.
- ✓ Emergency Contact: 911

For information or to schedule an event contact YCRTA at (717) 428-0999 or info@yorkcountyrailtrails.org.

