

Council on Greenways & Trails

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Look what's happening!

The Council on Greenways & Trails has grown and moved. Its members continue to develop, conserve and enhance the natural and outdoor recreation assets that are making this region a destination for visitors, new residents and business growth.

We are in our fifth year and making great progress. Here are just a few recent examples...



A streambank restoration that stopped sediment polluting the stream and river and undermining of the trail.



A scenic overlook was added as a rest stop along the trail.

Interpretive panels describe the restoration work, habitat and use of the river as transportation.



Franklin joined with Sugar Creek Borough in

a Complete Streets study to:

- ♦ Safely accommodate pedestrian and bicycle movements
- ♦ Place safe and easily accessible designated bus stops
- ♦ Provide designated pedestrian crossings
- ♦ And more...



GeoTrain

Our first fundraiser attracted over 200 people from five states, who spent the day in Oil Creek State Park geocaching. They rode the OC&T and learned about our trails and waterways.

Join us again on August 17, 2013!

Trail Towns

The Trail Town Program® is an economic development and community revitalization initiative with the purpose of ensuring that trail communities and businesses maximize the economic potential of the trails.

- ♦ Titusville is completing a Trail Town plan to inspire local businesses and develop safe routes into the downtown business district.
- ♦ The Clear Lake Authority is including a Trail Town component for two towns in the Corry to Spartansburg trail extension.
- ♦ Oil City's Main Street committee is adding the concept to the city's many assets.
- ♦ The Oil Region Alliance, Erie-to-Pittsburgh Trail Alliance and CGT have met with funders that specialize in assisting outdoor recreation related businesses.
- ♦ SCORE has offered mentoring to new and existing businesses that want to grow.

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2012 –2013 update

Trail Projects

- ◆ **Samuel Justus Trial** has received a new topcoat. AVTA and Cranberry Twp. with help from PennDOT revitalized this trail and will begin on the **Allegheny River Trail** this summer for 10 miles of new surface.
- ◆ **McClintock Trail**—The southern half is under construction now. The two miles connecting to Oil City’s north side will be a rail-with-trail.
- ◆ **Franklin** widened and enhanced the trail through Riverfront Park connecting the trailhead to downtown.
- ◆ **Queen City Trail**—Titusville and Crawford County are negotiating with landowners to extend the trail through town.
- ◆ **East Branch Trail**—Clear Lake Authority is conducting a feasibility study to extend the trail connecting Corry and Spartansburg.
- ◆ **Emlenton** is designating a safe route through town connected to their business district.
- ◆ **French Creek**—A neighboring agency, the French Creek Valley Conservancy, is completing the process for it to become a PA designated Water Trail.

The **Erie-to-Pittsburgh Trail** Alliance has developed a logo that will link the trails into a regional system!



We’ve grown and moved!

With many thanks to the Franklin Industrial & Commercial Development Authority for acting as fiscal agent to get the CGT started, the Oil Region Alliance has now taken on that role. ORA is now housing the Greenways Coordinator.

New Members:

- ◆ Clarion County
- ◆ Clarion County Trails Association

2013

PA GREENWAYS & TRAILS SUMMIT: MAKING CONNECTIONS

The state-wide conference will be hosted September 15-17 in Franklin by the Council on Greenways & Trails and the Oil Region Alliance, along with PA Recreation & Parks Society and PA DCNR.

The three day event will attract over 200:

- ∫ Outdoor recreation enthusiasts
- ∫ Trail builders
- ∫ Businesses that provide goods & services
- ∫ Park and recreation professionals
- ∫ Conservationists
- ∫ Volunteers

and will showcase our trails, waterways, conservation easements and Trail Towns.

Sponsors are welcome and will receive:

- ◆ Recognition on Promotional Documents
- ◆ Display Area
- ◆ Participation in Breakout Panel

Year ‘Round Activities at our State and County parks



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