

Cumberland Valley Trail Committee (CVTC)

1st Quarter meeting – April 14th 2016

In attendance – Andrea Crouse, Rebecca Yearick, Ra Kligge, Dawn Rickenbach, Sarah Colondrillo, Sara Haxby, Katie Hess, Bob Schmidlein, Jim Mader, Judy Smith, Stephanie Williams, David Maher, Justin Smith and Martin Marietta

Andrea Crouse (Carlisle Parks & Recreation)

Review of progress of West End trail development, 99 % designed. PennDot is now reviewing. Project bid to open in June and slated to be shovel ready late fall 2016. If Carlisle Borough approves in April, Heberlig/Palmer park to start construction in May. Looking into the future, the IAC site has plans to set aside 2-4 acres for park usage and bike trail.

Rebecca Yearick (Redevelopment Authority)

Bike racks in New Cumberland have been installed. Mechanicsburg Borough is looking into bike routes for their town.

Bob Schmidlein & Jim Mader (Cumberland Valley Rail Trail)

Bob commented briefly on the increase of rail trail traffic.

Jim provided an update on the projects slated to take place this year. He reminded everyone that Saturday, 4/16/16 is volunteer day on the trail at Allen Road from 1 to 4. Also, the Race/Run/Ride Ramble is Sunday, 4/17/16, so sign up today and take part. They're also looking to kick off a Photo Contest for 2016.

Stephanie Williams (Cumberland County Planning)

2016 Grant Program to be announced very soon, they're finalizing funding and allotted grant amounts. Shared 2015 Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) stats and requested volunteers for the upcoming Spring survey. The data collected helps to fund local communities. Stephanie spoke briefly on the Land Partnership Plan and shared a draft goal sheet for Park & Trail metrics. Stephanie also mentioned that the Eastern Cumberland County trail group is trying to regroup in hopes of breathing life back into their branch of trail enthusiasts. An Eastern County Trail Plan was developed 5 yrs. ago, but has been sitting inactive for a couple years. A suggestion was made to possibly have a combined meeting in October. Stephanie will pass along the suggestion.

Dawn Rickenbach (CAEDC & Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau)

Extended a "thank you" for those that participated in the Destination Sales SWOT. Shared that the CAEDC submitted to host a future PA Recreation Parks Society Greenways & Trails Summit. Reminded the committee to let me know of any gatherings, meetings, trainings or etc. they're attending or hear about. Shared the Hiking Trail Rack Cards and reminded everyone that we have them to share and display. Also reminded everyone about CAEDC Tourism Funding programs and monthly Roundtables.

Justin Smith (Carlisle Borough Planning Commission)

No Report

Katie Hess (AT Conservancy & South Mountain Partnership)

They just submitted for a C2P2 grant regarding their Health and Wellness segment for the Annual Summit. They're looking to improve the programming and bring on more healthcare partners. The Speaker Series kicks off in June. The next partnership meeting will be April 29th at the Maple Shade Barn and the presentation will be on Landscape Assessment.

Sarah Colondrillo (South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation)

Sarah shared that the township recently purchased 38 acres of land across the road from the South Middleton Township Park on Park Drive. No plans for development at this time.

David Maher (Upper Allen Resident)

Committee welcomed David to our group. David provided an introduction and background on himself and the trail project he's looking to develop. He shared a summary/report on a Dillsburg/Mechanicsburg Rail Trail he put together outlining what he's discovered/uncovered. He's new to trail building and is looking to the CVTC for feedback, suggestions and partnership. Attached is Dave's white paper on the Dillsburg-Mechanicsburg rail trail.

Sara Haxby (Keystone Trails Association)

Spoke about an educational session on trail creation. They're working on re-routing a trail toward Palmerton and everyone was invited to come learn about trail building.

Ra Kligge (Shippensburg Rotary)

No Report

Martin Marietta (Camp Hill Resident)

No Report

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, July 14th at the offices of CAEDC & Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau office, starting at 2pm.