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## ***Cumberland County Commissioners Participate in Rail Trail Ribbon Cutting***

**Cumberland County, PA** – The Cumberland County Commissioners attended the ribbon cutting ceremony today to officially open the newly completed section of the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail. Through a \$75,000 grant from the County’s Land Partnerships Program, in addition to funding from various other partners, the Cumberland Valley Rails-to-Trails Council (CVRTC) was able to complete the section of trail near Newville.

Grant funding from the County, Pennsylvania’s Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Department of Community and Economic Development, the Partnership for Better Health and Volvo Construction Equipment was used to develop one bridge and one underpass, which allows trail users to safely cross two busy roads. The bridge was constructed at Big Spring Road. Just about a half mile away, the underpass crosses beneath Route 233.

“Congratulations and thank you to all that made this addition possible,” said Vince DiFilippo, chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. “The Cumberland Valley Rail Trail is a great resource to see and experience some of the natural beauty of Cumberland County.”

“We are extremely pleased to see our Land Partnership Program grant funding be used for a project which will benefit so many people both within our own community and those visiting,” said Stephanie Williams, coordinator of the County’s Greenway & Open Space/Farmland Preservation programs. “Repurposing these old rail road tracks into miles of enjoyable, safe and well-maintained walking and biking trails is yet another resource our citizens can enjoy.”

The CVRTC has plans to continue expanding the trail. In 2018, they hope to add an additional two miles to the trail, taking it from Newville to Green Hill Road. With this addition, the trail will be a total of 14 miles.

For more information on the CVRTC and future plans for the trail, visit their website at [www.cvrtec.org](http://www.cvrtec.org).

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