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**Welcome to the
Circuit Trails Semi-Annual Meeting
May 12, 2020**

A photograph of a man and a woman walking on a paved trail in a wooded area. The man is on the left, wearing a dark jacket with a tan collar, dark pants, and a grey beanie. He is holding a red cup. The woman is on the right, wearing a black coat, a white knit beanie, and glasses. She is holding a black bag. The trail is paved and surrounded by trees and dry leaves. The date "May 2020" is overlaid on the image.

May 2020

Circuit Trails Update

Cobbs Creek - Segment A



Penn Treaty Park Promenade



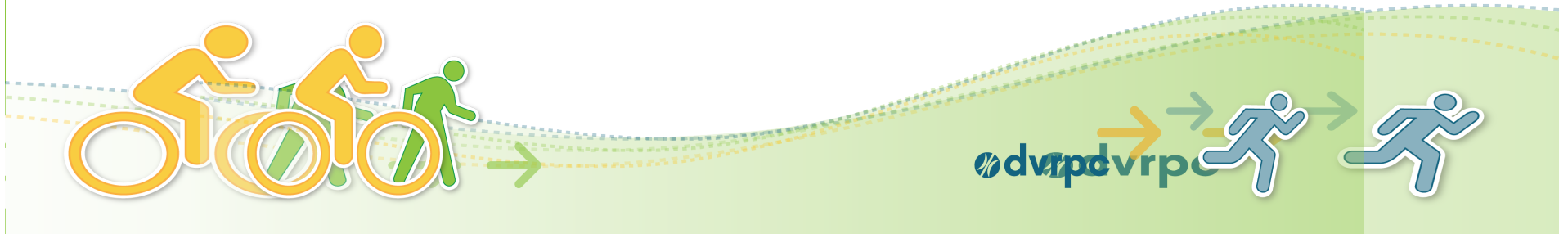
Penn Treaty Park Trail





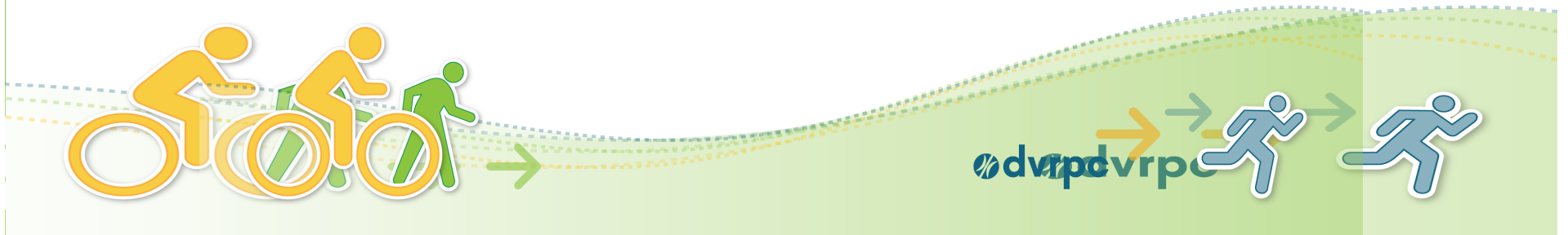
Circuit Trails Completed Since November 2019 – 1.5 miles

- Cobbs Creek Trail – Segment A – 0.51 miles
- Penn Treaty Park Promenade – 0.1 miles
- East Coast Greenway – Federal St. to near Cramer Drive (Bensalem) – 0.28 miles
- Tookany-Tacony-Frankford Trail – Adams Avenue Connector – 0.61 miles



→ → CIRCUIT STATUS

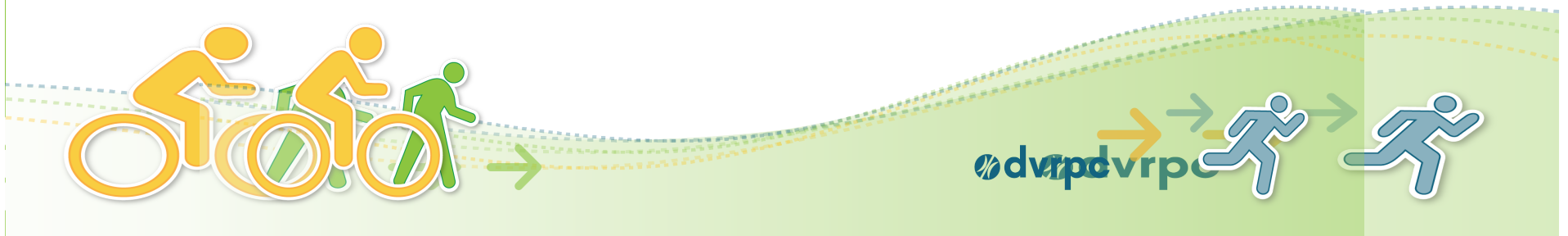
- **814 Circuit Miles in the DVRPC region**
 - **336.8 miles Complete**
 - **74.5 miles in Progress**
 - **94.9 miles in the Pipeline**
 - **307.7 miles Planned**
- **28 Circuit Miles in Berks County**





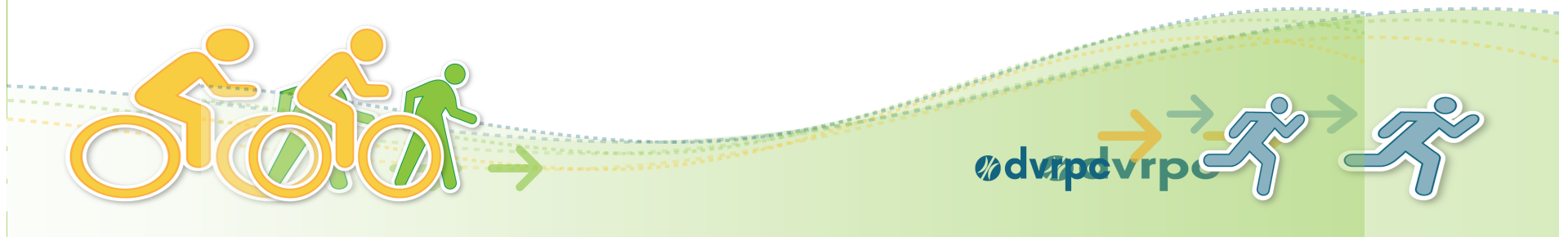
Trails Under Construction and Coming in 2020

- Grays Ferry Swing Bridge – 0.2 miles
- Route 29 Bridge – 0.2 miles
- Newtown Branch Rail Trail – 2.54 miles
- Upper Bucks Rail Trail – 3.2 miles
- DRHT – Route 130 Bypass – 5.0 miles*



→ → PA Circuit Trails likely starting construction by the end of 2020

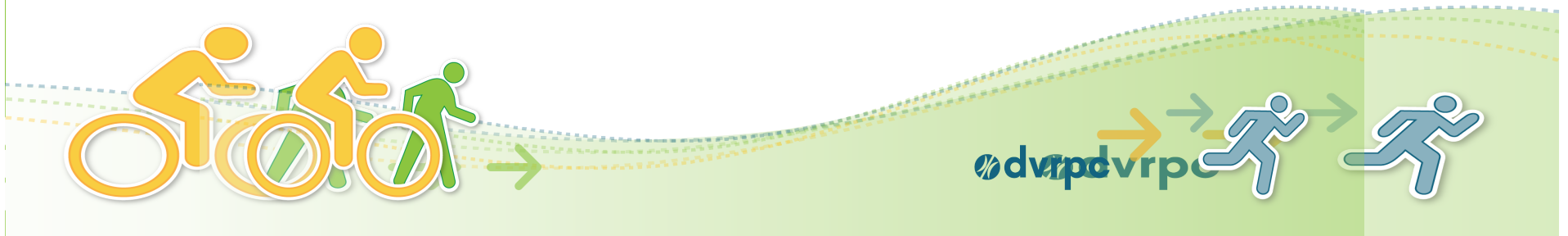
- **Chester Valley Trail Extension – 3.8 miles**
- **Schuylkill River Trail – Chester County – 3.7 miles**
- **Chester Valley Trail Section 4a – 1.0 miles**
- **D&L Bridge Street Crossing – 0.1 miles**
- **Pennypack Trail Extension (Montco) – 0.8 miles**
- **MLK Trail Reconstruction – 4.0 miles**





NJ Circuit Trails likely starting construction by the end of 2020

- **Rancocas Creek Greenway, Amico Island to Pennington Park – 2.3 miles**
- **Arney's Mount Trail – 1.5 miles**



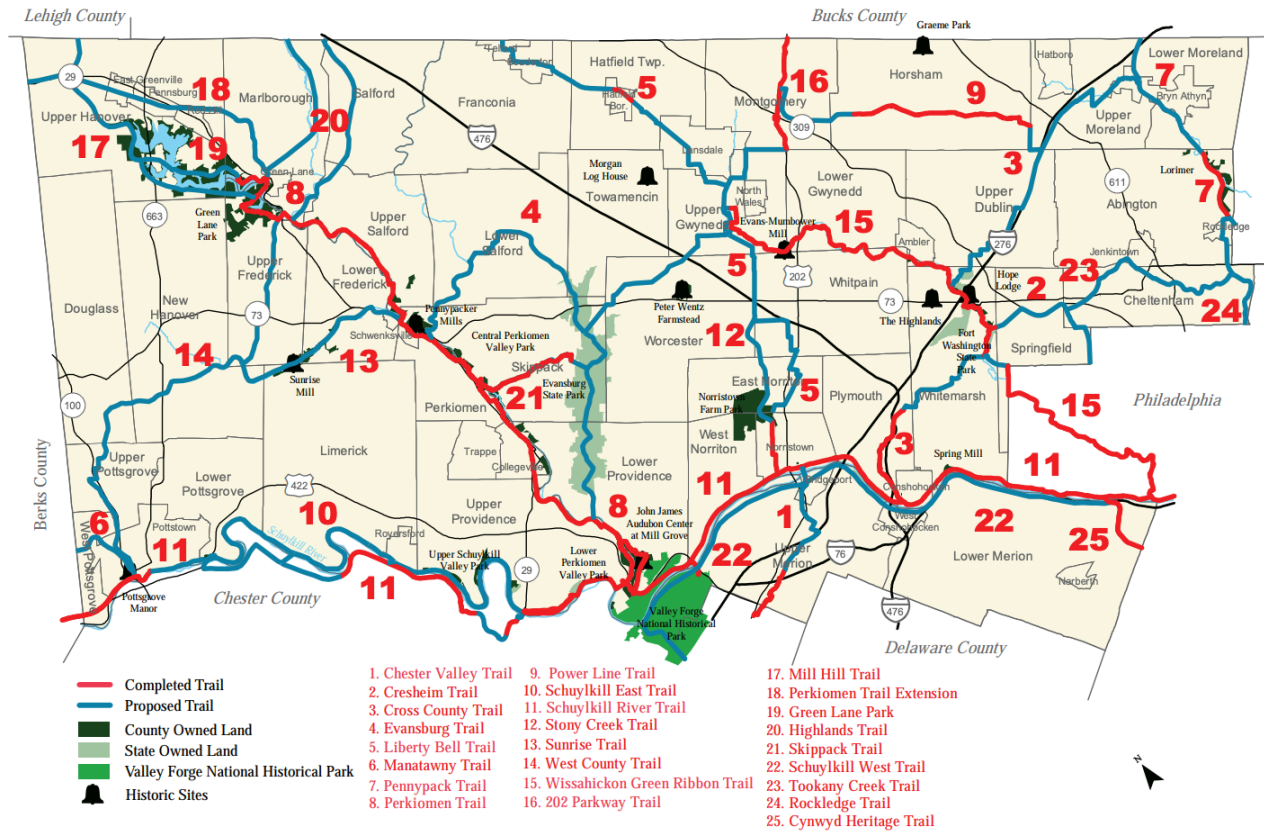
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**How the Trails Community is Responding to
the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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**Pennsylvania Response - Dr. Valerie Arkoosh,
Chair, Montgomery County Board of
Commissioners**

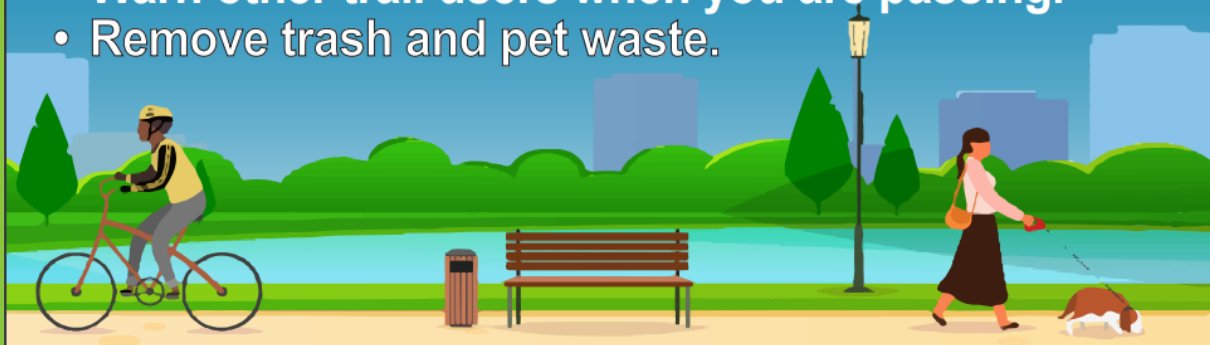
PROPOSED COUNTY-WIDE TRAIL SYSTEM





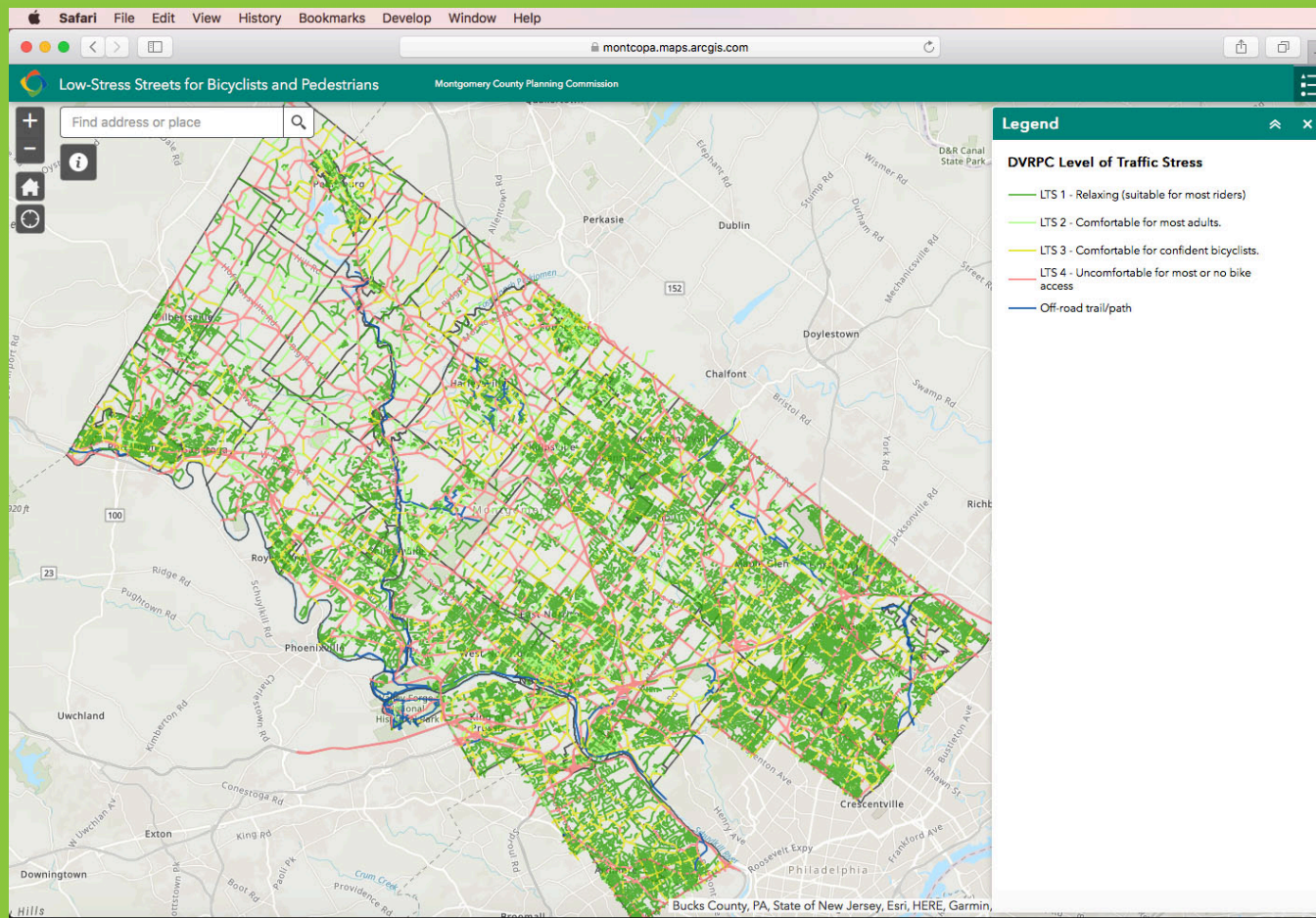
WELCOME
PLEASE USE THE TRAIL SAFELY
DURING COVID-19

- **OBSERVE A MINIMUM 6 FT. SOCIAL DISTANCE**
- Do not use the trail if you feel sick.
- Do not gather at intersections or stopping places.
- **Warn other trail users when you are passing.**
- Remove trash and pet waste.



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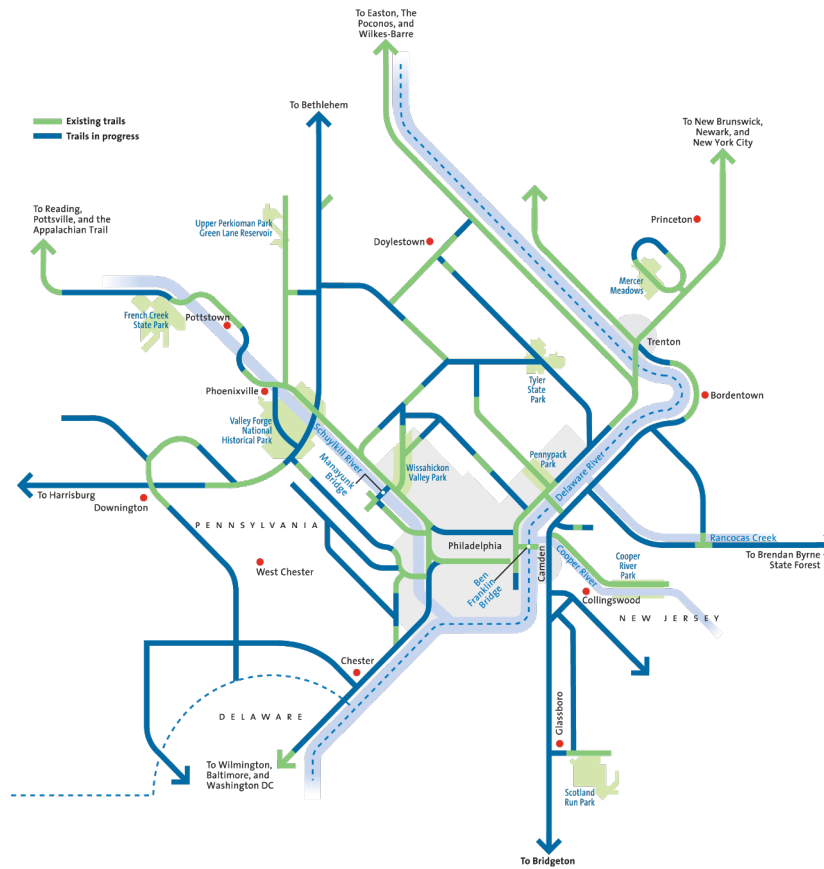
**New Jersey Response -
Maggie McCann Johns,
Director, Camden County Parks**

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Strategic Plan 2019 - 2022

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**Goal 1: Moving The Circuit Forward to Reach
500 Miles by 2025**



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500 Miles by 2025 Campaign Action Teams Details							
	County	Team Leader Name(s)	Priority Trail Name	Trail Segment Details	Status	Mileage	Community Impact Score
1	Philadelphia	Daniel Paschell & Lizzie Hessek	Spring Garden Street Greenway	Delaware Ave to Pennsylvania Ave	In Progress	2.116	
2	Montgomery	Lou Stavani & Bill Sabey	Cross County Trail	Germantown Pike to Joshua Rd	Pipeline	2.1	N/A
3	Chester	Bob Dredge	Chester Valley Trail West	CVT Extension to Downingtown - P&T Line	Pipeline	6.676	7.212
4	Delaware	Daniel Paschall	East Coast Greenway	Chester Branch Rail Trail - Morton Ave to Darby Ck	Pipeline	2.337	7.957
5	Bucks	Tom Kelso	Neshaminy Creek Trail	Dark Hollow Rd to Mill Rd	Pipeline	1.213	4.642
				Mill Rd to Valley Rd	Pipeline	1.403	4.452
6	Burlington	John Boyle	Delaware River Heritage Trail	Riverline crossing	In progress		
7	Camden	Julia Raskin	Merchantville Trail	N 36th St to Euclid Ave	Pipeline	0.568	10.238
8	Gloucester	Leonard Bonarek	Dinosaur Trail	Chester Branch Ck to Rowan University	Pipeline	2.652	4.009
				Gloucester Light Rail to Chester Branch Ck	Pipeline	1.142	N/A
				Delsea Drive to Gloucester Light Rail	Pipeline	3.523	N/A
9	Mercer	Sonia Szczesna	Johnson Trolley Line	Eggert Crossing Road to I-95	Pipeline	0.979	N/A
				I-95 Crossing	Pipeline	0.061	4.056

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INCLUSIONARY TRAIL PLANNING TOOLKIT

A guide to planning and
programming equitable trail networks

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100s OF MILES
OF HAPPY

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Goal #2: Promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion within the Circuit Trails Coalition

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**Goal #3: Advocate for Diverse and
Stable Trail Funding**

**Goal #5: Create a
Strategy for Working
with Regional and
National Railroads in
order to Obtain Right-
of-Way**



Railroad property acquisition

- Do know...

- the property and parcel data
- how to protect the railroad company
- the level of complication
- how many bridges needed
- How many crossings needed
- what elect officials you may be able to leverage and where
- what railroad wants to turn into a trail
- where funding will come from
- your partners (and show them!)

- Do not...

- Ask for railroad network
- Shame the railroad
- Use the word 'abandoned' lightly
- Say railroad(s) going out of business
- Understate customer demand for rail
- Sue the railroad



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**Goal #6: Provide Guidance on Issues that
Serve as Roadblocks to Trail Development**

The Circuit Trails Presents:

Dispelling Myths About Crime and Promoting Trail Safety

Thursday, June 4

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/circuitwebinar>



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Goal #4: Promote the Circuit Trails through communications and marketing to increase public awareness and use of the trails

The graphic features a green heart symbol in the word 'PROUD' and a background of a dark teal map with light green lines representing trails. The text is in white and yellow. The main title is 'PROUD TO TRAIL THE CIRCUIT TRAILS'.

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Share the Trail, Safely

#OnTheCircuit, Safe Social Distancing +
Good Trail Etiquette Matter.
Get tips at circuittrails.org/sharethetrail.



Go. Do. Discover.

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The Circuit Trails offer hundreds of miles of connected trails to explore in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Find a New Jersey trail [#onthecircuit](#)

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Lawrence Hopewell Trail, New Jersey | Photo by Thom Carroll

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WHAT IS THE CIRCUIT?

FIND TRAILS

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Good Trail Etiquette Has Never Been More Essential Than It Is Right Now

Discovering Close-to-Home Trails for Safe Outdoor Activity

Preventive Social Distancing Outdoors
Resources 0
about 2 months ago

What Does This Mean?

- ✗ Avoid crowded trails and parks
- ✗ Don't let your dog greet other people or dogs
- ✗ Don't travel to other areas to recreate, recreate in your community
- ✓ Recreate at less popular hours and have some alternate locations to go if crowded
- ✓ Only recreate with others in your home
- ✓ Stay 6 feet from others outdoors at all times


6 ft

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Keep your park clean by taking your trash home with you

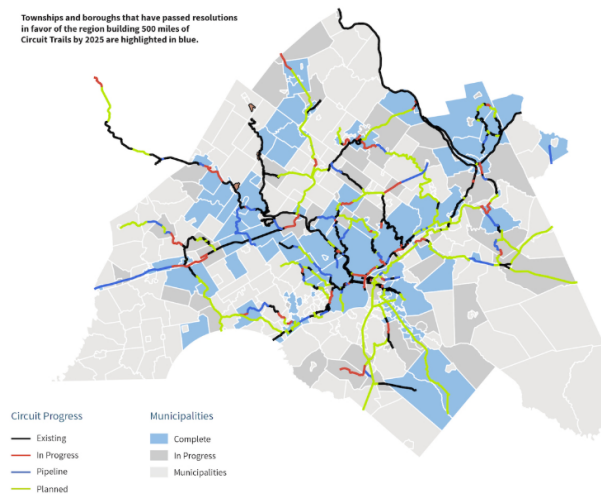


and cleaning up after your pet.

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Get Involved

Townships and boroughs that have passed resolutions in favor of the region building 500 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 are highlighted in blue.



Help Us Complete 500 miles by 2025



You can help by:

BECOME A CIRCUIT CITIZEN

We can advance the development of the Circuit Trails network with the help of trail users like you! Will you join us and use your voice to make an impact? Sign on to become a Circuit Citizen, a new interconnected, multi-county network of advocates for the Circuit Trails!

Your Action Plan!

- Training and Tools
tinyurl.com/CircuitSocialTools
- Engage with the Circuit on social
#onthecircuit
FB/Insta @thecircuittrails
Twitter @circuittrails
- Share content (blog, COVID-19 resources, advocacy needs, opportunities)
- Use and submit photos:
tinyurl.com/circuitphotofolder
- Email updates, questions, swag and resources:
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