THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

Semi-Annual Meeting
Nov. 10 2022
2012

Circuit
Commitment

250 MILES COMPLETE

$250 MILLION
450 MILES TO GO

$12.5 MILLION
OVER 20 YEARS
Do you share our vision of a 750-mile circuit of bicycle and pedestrian trails connecting the Greater Philadelphia region?

Join the Circuit Commitment Campaign!

The Circuit Commitment Campaign’s goal is to secure $10 million for trail planning, design, and construction.
105291 | The Circuit Line Item (Various)

This program provides funds for advancing the Circuit Trail Projects. Regional Trails Program funding from the William Penn Foundation was provided to design Circuit trail projects according to the PennDOT process in order to prepare them for a variety of federal and state construction funding opportunities. $5 million in CMAQ funding will be used to advance CMAQ eligible Circuit projects to construction. The following projects are included in this line item: 1) Bucks - Bridge Street Crossing on D&L Towpath MPMS #105845; 2) Delaware - Chester Creek Trail Phase 2 MPMS# 116147; 3) Philadelphia - Parkside Cynwyd Trail MPMS# 116126; 4) Philadelphia - Pennypack Trail - State and Rhawn Crossing MPMS #105849; 5) Philadelphia - Spring Garden Street Greenway MPMS #105850; 6) Philadelphia - Wissahickon Gateway Trail MPMS# 116125. This project is part of the Circuit Trails. The Circuit is a planned 800-mile interconnected network of multi-use trails spanning Greater Philadelphia with Philadelphia and Camden as its hub, and is included in the FY2023 TIP for PA Program Years (in Thousands)

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All costs in thousands.
RALLY FOR THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

500 MILES BY 2025
2020

The Circuit Trails
Proud to Trail
The Circuit Trails
Share the Trail, Safely
#OnTheCircuit, Safe Social Distancing + Good Trail Etiquette Matter.
Get tips at circuittrails.org/sharethetrail.
Reaching 500 Miles by 2025

- (18%) 90 Remaining Miles
- (7%) 36 Fully Funded Miles
- (75%) 374 Existing Miles

2022
Mileage Update

• Over 374 miles are now complete!
• About 16 miles added since November 2021 (1.5 since May 2022).
• About 45% complete.

- Existing (374 miles)
- In Progress (68 miles)
- Pipeline (119 miles)
- Planned (268 miles)
Recent Completions

• Delaware River Heritage Trail: Roosevelt Park - Cherrix Ave to Roosevelt Ave (Sponsor: Edgewater Park Twp.) – 0.16 miles
• Delaware River Heritage Trail: Florence Township Border to Near Union St (Developer-Built) - 0.45 miles
• Cobbs Creek Trail: Segment D (Sponsor: City of Philadelphia) – 0.33 miles
Recent Completions

- Darby Creek Trail: Gillespie Park and Gillespie Park to Rosemont Ave (not including incomplete Darby Creek bridges) (Sponsor: Upper Darby Twp.) - 0.6 miles

Total: 1.5 miles
Since 2012, we’ve....

• Added 124 miles
• Invested over $240 million
• Increased from 33% complete to 45%
10 Years of Creating Awareness and Building Community

Updated: Nov. 10, 2022
The RTC Team

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The Entire Coalition ...
... And The Entire Community
How it started ...
How it’s going ...

Proud to Trail

One of America’s largest trail networks is in your backyard.
An Evolving Approach

Meet the Circuit
Connect on the Circuit
Use the Circuit
Make the Circuit Your Own

Mass Consumer Appeal Targeted Strategies
What We’ve Achieved

- **Paid**
  - Visibility
  - Influence
  - Credibility

- **Earned**
  - Messaging
  - Positioning
  - Expertise

- **Shared**
  - Engagement
  - Endorsement
  - Amplification

- **Owned**
  - Growth
  - Targeting
  - Reinforcing

- 674.5 million reach (Transit, TV, Radio, Digital, Print)
- 810 media mentions
- 11% growth (2022)
- 28.3K Audience
- 643.4K site visitors
- 1.7M unique page views
- 5.8K grassroots email
- 674.5 million reach
A Look @ 2022

- Build awareness + engagement among diverse audiences, leveraging media and partnerships to create opportunities for meaningful activations and meaningful cross promotional initiatives
- Create authentic representation of trail use and connection to trails through a series of “My Circuit Trails” initiatives
- Use language to communicate inclusion and welcome
- Maintain the momentum of The Circuit Trails general consumer awareness campaign
- Put broad brand recognition to work for advocacy in support of Action Teams and 500 miles x 2025 campaign
**My Circuit Trails**

**Cobbs Creek Trail Summer Celebration**

Free guided biking and walk tours, archery, horseback ride, cream and WDAS music with a guest, Patty Jackson!

**Saturday, August 13th 9 A.M.**

[Image of a billboard with details about the event]

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**$31 million was committed for the Spring Garden Street Connector in**

[Image of a group of people in front of a sign with the amount committed]

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**Wissahickon Park**

[Image of a person sitting on rocks at Wissahickon Park]

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**Allthingsjoy_**

821 posts 1,537 followers 1,453 following

All Things Joy
Personal blog
#God is within her she will not fail
#prayer
#OutdoorJoy
#PollWorker Find ways to get involved in your community vote.phila.gov/working-the-polls/become-a-poll-worker

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**Shes_geegee**

1,215 posts 113 followers 2,847 following

Gina The Explorer
INogue ur series • LIVE life unfiltered.
www.amazon.com/Monument-Letters-Disguised-Poetry/dp/8086971NP

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**Scorpiox5**

1,615 posts 407 followers 1,690 following

Lisa Wade Taylor
"She believed she could so she did!"

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**Scorpiox5**

I've walked both. my favorite is the bridge. We've walked to the art museum, South street and Columbus Blvd ❤️
2022 By The Numbers

Web Engagement: 81,599 upv (year to date)

Video Reach: 100K views (90% increase)

Social Community: 28,370 (11% growth)

Paid Media Reach: 4.6+ million (print, digital, radio) (40% growth)

Earned Media: 104 media mentions (through 11/2022)

Street Team Connections: 850 people
Your Action Plan!

**Showcase Circuit:** on website, social, materials, press

**Engage with the Circuit on Social:**
#OnTheCircuit, FB/Insta @thecircuittrails, Twitter @circuittrails

**Share Content:** blogs, events/ribbon cuttings/ground breakings, advocacy needs, community partnerships, opportunities

**Amplify the Circuit Story:** Circuit Citizens and advocacy, events, fun happenings

**Training and Tools:**
tinyurl.com/CircuitSocialTools

**Photos:** tinyurl.com/circuitphotofolder

**Share updates, ask questions, get swag and resources:** anya@railstotrails.org
Strategic Plan Updates
Circuit Trails
Gap Analysis
The Context

- Why did we create the Gap Analysis?
  - To refocus expansion on equity

- Where did the Gap Analysis come from?
  - PEC Inclusive Trail Planning report (2019)
  - BCGP’s Community Impact Mapping (2020)
What IS the Gap Analysis?

A system for prioritizing the completion of **unbuilt** Circuit Trails segments based on equity impacts.
What IS the Gap Analysis?

- Methodology/criteria – quantitative analysis
- CT Steering Committee feedback
- “Gut check” – qualitative review
Priorities Analyzed

- Overall “Master” list
- PA / NJ
- By County
- Equity Focus
- Recreation Focus
- Alternative Transportation Focus
- Employment Focus
Key Criterion

- DVRPC Indicator of Potential Disadvantage (IPD) score
- # of miles trail gap connects
- Population density
- Connection to employment centers
- Connection to a park
- Access to public transit
- Personal Vehicle access
- Length of trail segment
What IS the Gap Analysis?

The Top 10 Overall Priority Gaps:

- Connect urban areas:
  - Internally
  - To recreation, employment, & public transportation

- Predominantly:
  - Low-income
  - Racially diverse
  - Population-dense

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What is the Gap Analysis?

Top 10 in PA:

- #1 overall trail segment LBT “Southern Connection”
- Concentrated in Philadelphia & low-income, diverse, dense inner-ring suburbs
What IS the Gap Analysis?

Top 10 in NJ:

• 8 of the top 10 in Camden
• Remaining 2 in Trenton
• Connect residents to public transportation, employment centers, & recreation
What IS the Gap Analysis?

Top 10 for DEIJ:

- Merchantville Trail – N 36th St. to Euclid Ave.
- Merchantville Trail – Baldwin’s Run Tributary Trail to Pleasant St.
- Camden County Link – Admiral Wilson Blvd. Trail
- Camden County Link – Cooper River Bridge
- TTF – Torresdale Ave. to Castor Ave.

### Top 10 Segments

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What IS the Gap Analysis?

Top 10 for Jobs:

- Gulph Rd. Connector – CVT to Valley Forge Loop Trail
- Devault – Warner Spur to SRT
- Devault – Paoli to CVT
- Devault – CVT to Devault Line
- ECG – Calhoun St. Bridge

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What is the Gap Analysis?

Top 10 for Public Transportation:

- S2S – CVT Extension to Downingtown-P&T Line
- LBT – Southern Connection
- Ivy Ridge Trail – Ivy Ridge Station to Shawmont Ave.
- Ivy Ridge Trail – Manayunk Bridge to Ivy Ridge Station
- ECG – Calhoun St. Bridge

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Funding

- DCNR goal: a trail within 15 minutes of every Pennsylvanian
- DVRPC focus on access to employment & public transportation
- DVRPC & WPF focus on funding equitable trail development
What’s Next?

• Review Gap Analysis report
• Podcast featuring Eleanor Horne
• Online interactive mapping portal
• Training webinar
Questions?
Thank You!
New Jersey Action Teams
NJ Circuit Priority Projects

- Burlington - Camden Counties
  Burlington-Camden Trail
- Gloucester County
  Glassboro Elk Trail
- Mercer County
  295 Johnson Trolley Bridge
Pennsylvania Action Teams
PA Circuit Priority Projects

- **Bucks County**
  - Liberty Bell Trail

- **Chester County**
  - Chester Valley Trail Extension West

- **Delaware County**
  - 291 Road Diet – East Coast Greenway

- **Montgomery County**
  - Cross County Trail – Germantown Bridge

- **Philadelphia**
  - Spring Garden Connector
What It Is

• A re-grant program distributing $150K over two years
• Funded by the William Penn Foundation
• Administered by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council
• Developed in collaboration with Circuit Trails Coalition members
What it really is

An opportunity to...

• Bring *Equity of Access to Trails* recommendations to life
• Begin to build relationships outside traditional trails groups
• Learn from grantee partners
What it *really* is

An effort to...

• Make Circuit Trails more inclusive of under-represented and marginalized groups

• Make the trail network
  • Safer
  • More welcoming
  • More enticing
  • More comfortable
What it will fund

• Projects that address the *Equity of Access to Trails* report recommendations

OpinionWorks’ Community Survey asked people what would get them outdoors to use a trail.

Respondents had similar answers:

• Programming and a sense of welcome
• Outreach
• Physical infrastructure, like better access to a trail and signage
• An increased sense of safety, but not an increased police presence
• Greening, like gardens and nature
Need to Knows

• Grant Basics
  • 1-year and 2-year grants available (2023 and 2024)
  • Grants of $1,000 to $10,000 per year
  • Total disbursement of $150,000 over two-year program

• Eligibility
  • Individuals, groups, and organizations welcome to apply
  • No 501c3 or fiscal sponsor needed
  • Project is in the geography of the Circuit Trails network
  • Project relates to a Circuit Trail
Need to Knows

• The program will prioritize:
  • Projects led by and engaging under-represented and marginalized groups
  • Projects that promote equity and serve historically disinvested communities
  • Organizations with a budget of less than $500,000
Need to Knows

• Dates (Year 1)
  • Informational webinar: Wed, Nov 16, 2022 from 2pm-3pm
  • 1:1 info sessions available: Nov 21-23 and Dec 5-9
  • Applications due by: Thurs, Dec 22, 2022 at 11:59pm

• Review applications: January 2023
• Select and announce grantee partners: February 2023
• Projects implemented: March-October 2023
Who should we add to our contact list?
Circuit Trails Coalition Assessment Project

CTC Semi-Annual Meeting
November 10, 2022
Emilia Crotty, PEC
What It Is – Phase 1

• An assessment of the Circuit Trails Coalition’s
  • Makeup
  • Structure
  • Capacity

• Identify short-term and long-term changes needed to achieve our goals
• Begin to implement short-term changes
Where We Are

• Currently “Mapping What Is”

• Next: Establish coalition members’ capacity re: 1 or 2 goals
  • Yes, a survey!

• End Phase 1 understanding “what is”
  • Identify short-term changes to implement
  • Plan a scope for Phase 2
Will you commit to supporting this process?
BUILDING A LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR EQUITABLE TRAIL ACCESS

Circuit Trails Coalition Semi-Annual Meeting

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East Coast Greenway Alliance &
Circuit Trails JEDI Task Force
November 10, 2022
Equity of Access to Trails Study Results

What can trail advocates and other interested stakeholders do to engage, motivate, and welcome nearby residents in these neighborhoods onto the trails?

10 Recommended Actions

- Welcoming programming
- Appropriate security
- Inviting infrastructure
- Creative greening
- Authentic outreach

1. Invite folks to have their fun on the trail
2. Extend an overt welcome
3. Host organized group activities
4. Create spaces where people feel safe
5. Develop places to gather and relax
6. Prioritize trail maintenance and amenities
7. Install useful signage
8. Build an urban, green oasis
9. Show people enjoying the trail
10. Leverage local social media and traditional door-to-door
Strategic Plan Implementation guided by Learning Community

- Equity of Access to Trails study findings informed the Circuit Trails Coalition’s Strategic Plan goals.

- Creation of the learning community for private exchange of ideas and challenges to guide implementation of the Plan’s goals.

- Use sessions to reflect on progress and improve practices continually.
Learning Community reflects on...

- **Ongoing process** of sharing results, working with partners, and beginning to implement the recommendations.

- **How can we better fund** existing actions and new actions?

- **Where are there existing actions and stakeholders** we haven’t connected with, who could be valuable partners?

- **What is already working** and where can we act on what we’ve learned?
Learning Community Sessions

• Gap Analysis (1.1A, 1.1B)
• Community Connections Project (1.1B) (COVERED IN SEPTEMBER LC SESSION)
• County Action Teams & Circuit Citizens (1.2A, 1.2B)
• Maintenance & Job Training (1.4A, 1.4B)
• Community Grant Program (2.2A, 4.3B) (COVERED IN NOVEMBER LC SESSION)
• Coalition Evaluation Project (2.3A, 3.1A, 4.1)
• DEIJ Research Template (4.2B)

Next session, January 9th at 3PM
Reach out if you're interested in joining the Learning Community!

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Thrive Outside
Greater Philadelphia

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National Wildlife Federation
11/10/22
• What is Thrive Outside?

• What is Thrive Outside Greater Philadelphia?

• What are we currently doing?

• Next Steps
Collective impact initiative funded by the Outdoor Foundation

13 funded locations

Goal: Build and strengthen networks that provide children and families with repeat and reinforcing experiences in the outdoors to create a more inclusive and accessible outdoor experience for all

“Participants share a vision of change and a commitment to solve a problem by coordinating their work.”

-National Council of Non-Profits
• Awarded in June, 2021

• National Wildlife Federation is serving as the backbone organization

• Steering Committee:
  • Patrick Starr – PEC/Circuit
  • Dr. Jamē McCray - AWE
  • Kelly Knutson - CDRW
  • Kim Murphy – Berks Nature
  • Julie Slavet - TTF
  • Lamar Gore – John Heinz
• Circuit Trails Coalition

• Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed

• Alliance for Watershed Education

• Delaware River Watershed Initiative
• Areas where networks overlap

• Anchor Institutions

• Opportunities to focus work/resources
NEXT STEPS

• Complete asset assessments and barrier identification at the hub level

• Determine how existing and future network activities align with hub needs and shared goals
  • How are networks already supporting relevant activities
  • How do shared goals fit into existing network plans for the future
  • Are there opportunities for greater alignment?

“Mutually reinforcing activities ensure that the activities of the participants are aligned; directed towards shared measurement; and are making progress towards common goals.”

-National Council of Non-Profits
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CVT: Context

THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

Map

Chester Valley Trail
Description: Chester Valley Trail Extension East - Phase II
Length (mi): 3.91
Trail Status: In Progress

Trail Status
- Green: Existing
- Orange: In Progress
- Purple: Pipeline
- Blue: Planned

For more information about The Circuit Trails visit: CircuitTrails.org

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CVT Extension: Connections
CVT Extension: Basic Facts

- 3.9 miles in length
- Extends through Upper Merion Twp, Bridgeport, Norristown
- 10 to 12’ wide
- Asphalt surface
- Three major bridge crossings
- One major utility corridor (PECO)
- Major gap filler
CVT Extension: Funding

- Federal CMAQ Funds:
  - 100% Construction (~ $15m; $3.75m per mile)
  - 100% CM/CI (~ $1.4m)
  - 80% Right-of-way (~ $1.84m: $1.47m/$370k)

- County Capital Funds:
  - Design/Engineering (~ $1.55m)
CVT Extension: Team

- Engineers: Boles Smyth Associates; RK&K
- CM/CI: JBC Associates
- Contractor: Allan Myers

- Benefits of quality and cooperation/joint experience
CVT Extension: Construction

• “Expect the Unexpected”: Importance of persistence & flexibility

• PECO corridor approval:
  -- Real estate approval (horizontal approval)
  -- Transmission approval (vertical approval)

• Utilities:
  -- PECO
  -- Comcast
  -- Verizon

• Norfolk Southern
  -- S. Gulph Road bridge
CVT Extension: Construction
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CVT Extension: Schedule

- Let: February 2020
- Award: March 2020
- NTP: May 2020
- Original completion date: June 2022
- Currently projected completion date: December 2022/January 2023