



Westmoreland Heritage Trail Chapter

The WHT Officers and Board Members would like to say “Thank You” to all our Chapter Members and Trail Enthusiasts. Without your continued support, volunteer time, membership subscriptions, and donations, the accomplishments listed below would not have been possible.



2018 Major Accomplishments

- Trail Mile Posts were added every quarter mile from Roberts Trail Access in Murrysville (Mile 16.0) to beyond B-Y Park in Trafford (Mile 22.5).
- The receipt of a substantial Grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation for a utility trailer to transport the Ventrac mower and other maintenance equipment around the trail.
- The approval to construct Phase IV of the Trail from Roberts Trail Access in Murrysville to Lincoln Avenue in Export.
- Our most successful, record attendance, Comedy Night at the new venue, Colton Hall in Claridge, Pennsylvania.
- Another successful 2018 “March for Parks”.
- The six new drainage culverts installed along the Phase III part of the trail to minimize washout damage from heavy rains.
- The expedient repair of the trail during a “year” of unprecedented rains and flooding for the Turtle Creek Valley. Many thanks to Penn Township Maintenance for their expert help restoring the trail.
 - Repaired the February rain washout of the trail at Mile 20 that destroyed 100 yards of trail surface.
 - Repaired the August flooding washout between Mile 19.5 to Mile 20.5 that completely removed 1500 feet of trail surface and base.
- The receipt of a second Grant from The Pittsburgh Foundation for a DR Tow behind Trimmer.
- A major purchase of Stihl universal trimming equipment, primarily for the control of Japanese Knotweed along the trail.
- A new Chapter Membership subscription high of 140, up from 94 in 2017. Thanks to all that joined.
- The continued discussions with Norfolk Southern Railroad to purchase the “right-of-way” to extend the Trail into downtown Trafford.
- The addition of a Bicycle Repair Tool Station at The Parkside Creamery at Forbes Road. The installation compliments of the Urban Corporation.



- The Presentation of the Westmoreland County, Citizens Advisory Board, Green Luncheon, Lewis Fellow Award honoring our Board Member and Trafford representative, Reynold Peduzzi for his 15 plus years of service to the trail.
- The addition of six newly trained “Trail Ambassadors”, bringing the total of trail monitor volunteers to 13.
- Achieving the milestone of “1000 followers” of the “Westmoreland Heritage Trail” Face book page. A Logo T-shirt was awarded to the 1000th. Followers continue to increase.
- The continued increase of “views” of the <https://WestmorelandHeritageTrail.com> website and the added ability at the website to both subscribe to membership and purchase Trail Logo Clothing.
- Several successful WHT informational booths staffed by our Public Relations Committee, at the community festivals of Saltsburg, Slickville, Export, Penn Township and rain soaked Delmont.
- Again, being the “First Place” fundraising volunteer parking group at the Westmoreland County Arts and Heritage Festival.
- The construction of a new Sarah Steele Trail Access kiosk destroyed by a car accident and updated newly refurbished doors at Saltsburg Trail Head and Slickville VFD kiosks.
- Developed “Google Maps” that describes historical Points of Interest along the Turtle Creek Valley.
- Joining with Murrysville Garden Club for the dedication of the *Blue Star Memorial* at the Roberts Trail Access in Murrysville.
- Provided volunteer assistance in the building and painting of two bridges on Phase IV near the Murrysville Sport Zone and Marley Acres.
- Redesigned the Trail Logo Wear and restocked the supply of t-shirts, hats, and polo shirts.
- Printed a new revised edition of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail brochure and made it available at all kiosks.
- Boy Scout McCain Varley, successfully completing his Eagle Scout Project, an educational kiosk that displays the history of Murrysville and the Turtle Creek Railroad located at the intersection of Carson and Braun Avenues Trail Access in Murrysville.
- Other accomplishments too numerous to itemize, but silently completed!

