



## **Westmoreland Heritage Trail**

The WHT Officers and Board Members would like to say “Thank You” to all Chapter Members and Trail Enthusiasts. Without your support, volunteer time, membership subscriptions and donations, none of the accomplishments listed below would have been possible.

### **Major 2017 Accomplishments**

- Completed the Phase III construction of 5.9 miles of additional trail.
- Dedication Ceremonies for the Opening of Phase III from Robert’s Parcel to B-Y Park in Trafford.
- The Robert’s Parcel transformation into Robert’s Trail Access with paving, restrooms, Visitor’s Center, and Bicycle Tool Repair Station.
- The Saunders Station Trail Access Beautification with paving, lighting, Bicycle Tool Repair Station, and a Boy Scout Project Kiosk.
- Dedication of the Frank Pavlovich Pavilion in Slickville.
- Discussions begun with Norfolk Southern Railroad to purchase the” right-of-way” to extend the Trail into Downtown Trafford.
- The Purchase of a Ventrac Multi-purpose tractor for Trail Grooming and mowing.
- The acquisition of a “Shipping Container” to be used as an additional maintenance shed in Murrysville for easy access and secure storage of Trail Maintenance tools.
- The Presentation of The Westmoreland County, Citizens Advisory Board, Lewis Fellow Award honoring two of our Board Members, Tom Dittman and Noel Grimm.
- A Very Successful 2017 “March for Parks”, another record setting year for the annual fund raising event.
- A Successful “Comedy Night 2017” Fund Raiser in partnership with the 5-Star Trail.
- Seven newly trained volunteer Trail Ambassadors to monitor the trail.
- The completion of Phase IV Engineering Study to extend the trail from Robert’s Trail Access to Lincoln Avenue and Export Municipal Park.
- An Agreement in principal with Cleveland Brothers for the trail to pass behind their property.
- WHT Chapter Membership growth from 64 to 94
- WHT Informational Booths staffed at Murrysville Park, Export, Slickville, and Rivertowne Brewery events.
- Timely updating of the Trail Access Bulletin Boards/Kiosks.
- Rangos Trail Access Beautification Eagle Scout project landscaping and tree planting.
- Prompt Trail Clean-up after a MICROBURST downed trees in August and also cleaned-up a large tree/mud slide.
- The First Place fundraising Volunteer Parking group at the Westmoreland County Arts and Heritage Festival.
- The Revision of the WHT Chapter “Articles of Association” (By-Laws) with the RTC and now used as a “template” for other Trail Chapter’s Articles.
- Four additional Members voted onto the Chapter Board, bringing the total to 21 directors.
- Other Accomplishments too lengthy to itemize, but silently completed!