



Carlisle Case Study: Cumberland Trail Connections



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CUMBERLAND VALLEY TRAIL CONNECTIONS

➤ Who we are !

An alliance of citizens, organizations, and governments who support the development, connection and promotion of trails in our region as critically important to our quality of life.



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OUR PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES...

Government

- ❖ Borough of Carlisle
- ❖ Cumberland County Planning Department
- ❖ Middlesex Township
- ❖ Mooreland Elementary-Safe Routes to School Program
- ❖ North Middleton Township
- ❖ South Middleton Township
- ❖ US Army Heritage & Education Center

Organizations

- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Carlisle Area Health & Wellness Foundation
- Cumberland Valley Rail -Trail Council
- Cumberland Valley Visitor's Bureau
- Downtown Carlisle Association
- Dickinson College
- Elm Street Program
- LeTort Regional Authority

Citizens

OUR GOALS...

Connect trail advocates: Connect a vast social network that can share knowledge and resources, advocate, and build momentum for trails.

Connect and build a region wide Cumberland Valley Trail Network, linking users to area resource hubs, and to natural and cultural assets.

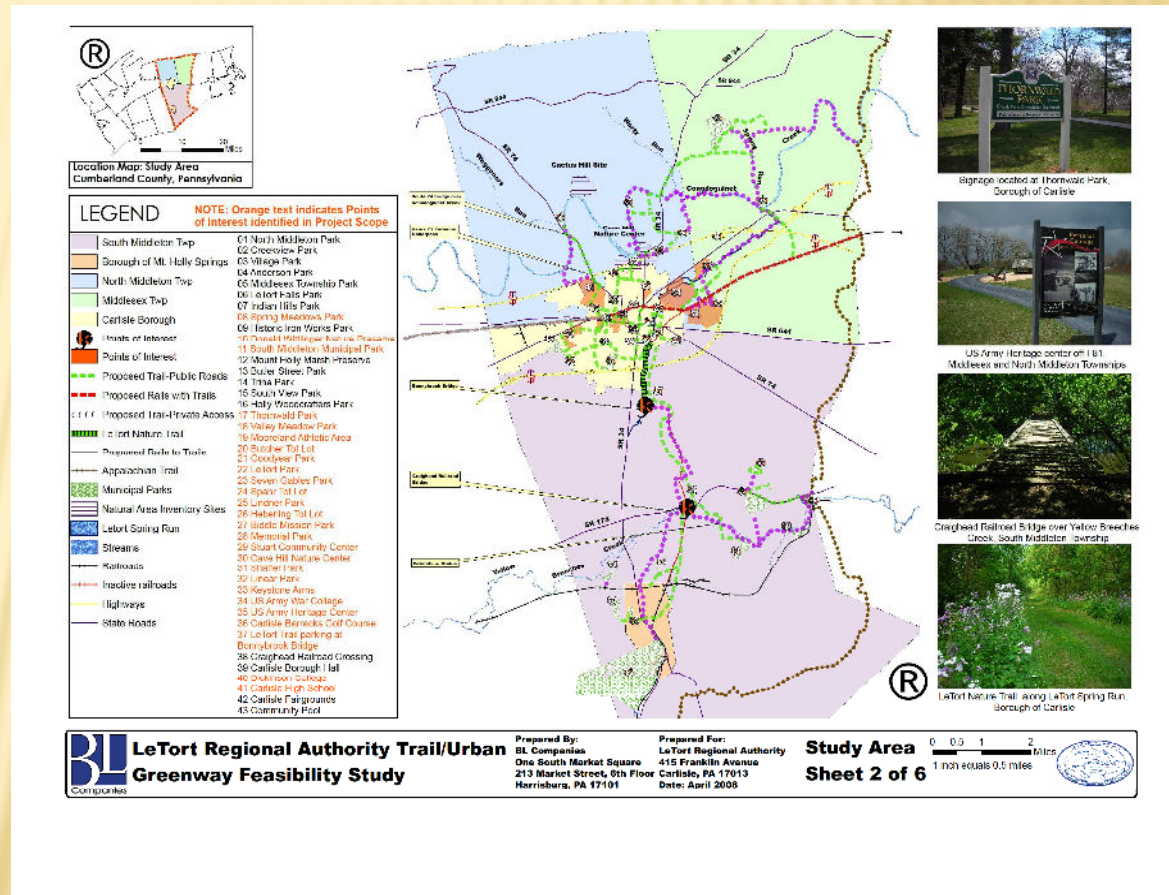
Promote the trail network and support the development of information on trail access and programs.

Promote health and wellness through active lifestyles.

LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY'S MASTER TRAIL/URBAN GREENWAY PLAN

- Good foundation for a regional trail network concept

- All Cumberland Valley Trail Connection Partners are impacted by the LRA Trail Plan



LeTort Regional Authority's Master Trail/Urban Greenway Plan

SUCCESS STORIES...

BOROUGH OF CARLISLE

- 1 mile trail off-road trail
- Completed using the following resources:
 - DCNR-\$157,880
 - Recreation fees-\$43,300
 - General fund-\$39,820
 - Exel Logistics (private warehouse & distribution company)-\$75,000



➤ Completed in 2010

FORBES PATH AND VALLEY MEADOWS PARK TRAIL

- .25 mile off-road trail connecting LeTort and Goodyear Parks
- Proposed for completion using the following resources:
 - Donation of private land-\$114,000 (appraised value)
 - Carlisle Borough-in-kind construction services-\$26,655
 - Grant funds (pending approval)-\$43,131



LETORT & GOODYEAR PARK/NATURE TRAIL CONNECTOR

➤.5 mile off-road trail around perimeter of park

➤Will be completed using the following resources:

- Carlisle Health & Wellness Foundation grant-\$8,500
- Carlisle Sertoma Club donation-\$1,500
- Unspecified private foundation (verbal commitment received)-\$25,000
- In-kind trail construction services – Borough of Carlisle-\$25,000



➤Proposed construction spring 2011

BIDDLE MISSION PARK TRAIL

- 3.2 mile off-road trail
- Connects Dickinson Park to the Valley Meadows and Forbes Path Trails
- Proposed funding sources:
 - Dickinson College
 - Collaboration with Borough of Carlisle in a 2010 PCTI “smart transportation” grant application.



DICKINSON PARK EXTENSION TRAIL

CHALLENGES ...

- “Buy in” for regional trail plan
- Identify ourselves (Cumberland Valley Trail Connections)
 - Put steps in place to encourage development of the Cumberland Valley Trail Network
- How to “evolve” the Cumberland Valley Trail Network and Partnership...get people involved