



Keynote Speaker: State of the Region's Trails



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2010 SOUTH MOUNTAIN REGION TRAIL SUMMIT



Comfort Suites

Downtown Carlisle, PA
November 3, 2010

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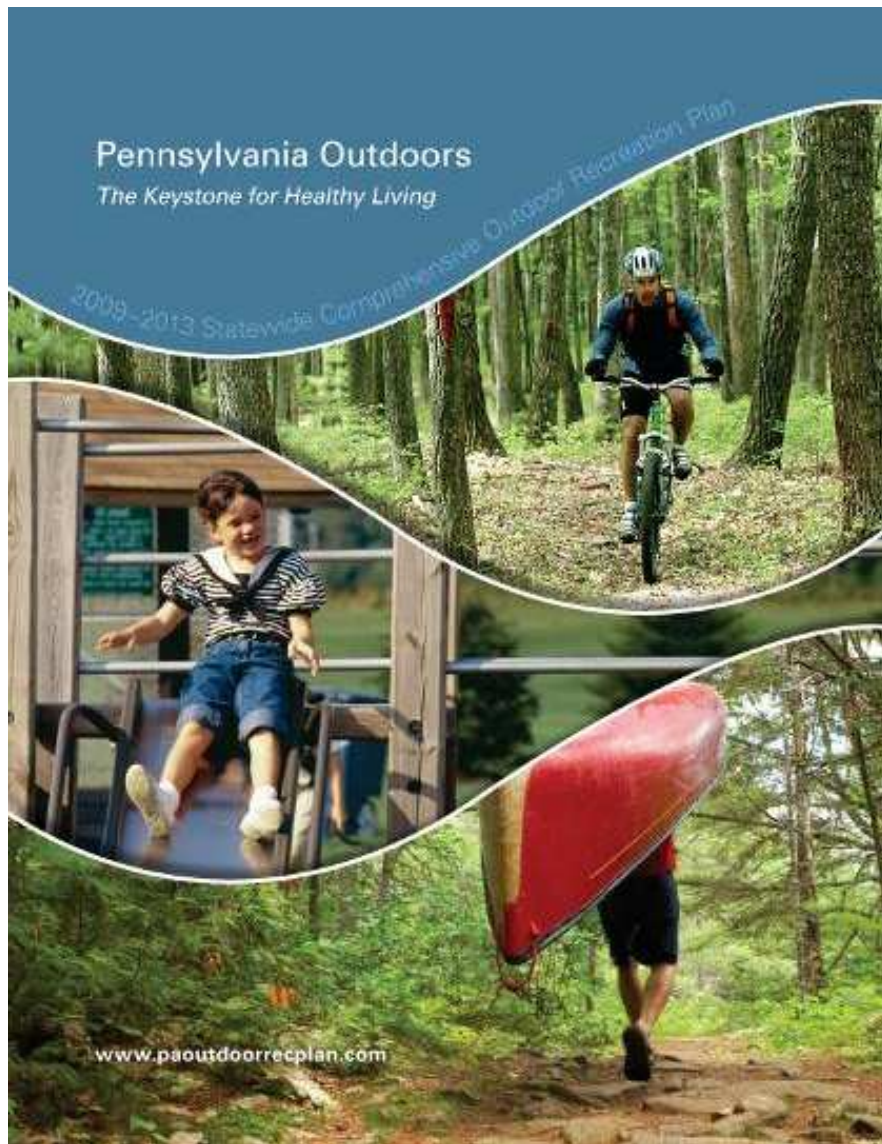
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Pennsylvania Trails

A National Leader

- 25,000+ miles of water/land trails with 3,500+ miles proposed
- About 10,000 miles in GIS database
- #1 with 146 open rail trail projects
- 1,413 miles of rail trail – *top multi-use trail miles*
- GAP – w/ MD (318 miles); RTC's 1st Hall of Fame Trail
- 24 National Recreation Trails; 8 new trails were designated in 2009 adding over 400 miles.



Pennsylvania Outdoors: The Keystone for Healthy Living

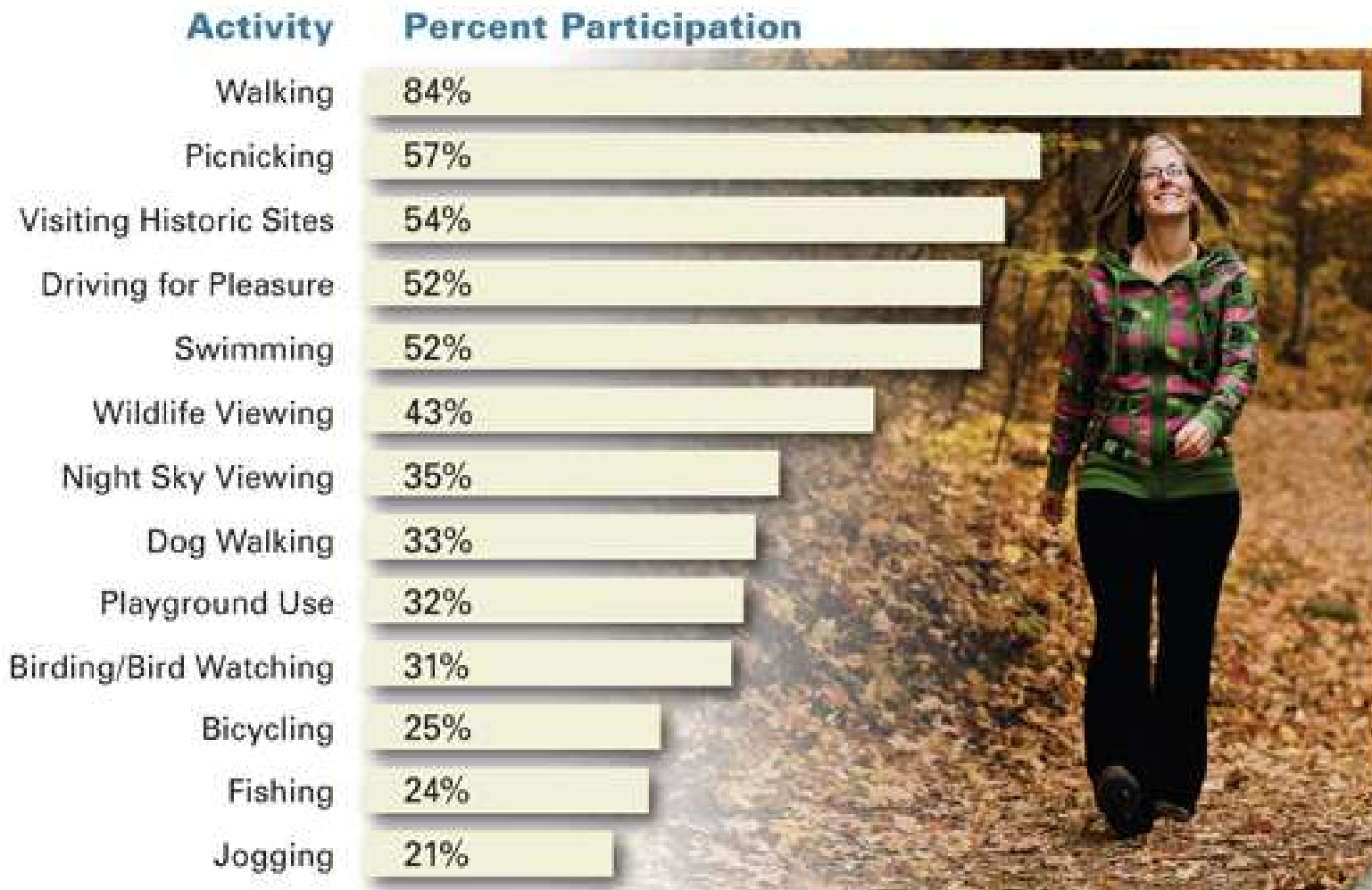
*2009-2013 Statewide
Comprehensive Outdoor
Recreation Plan*

What are Pennsylvanians doing?

Research Findings

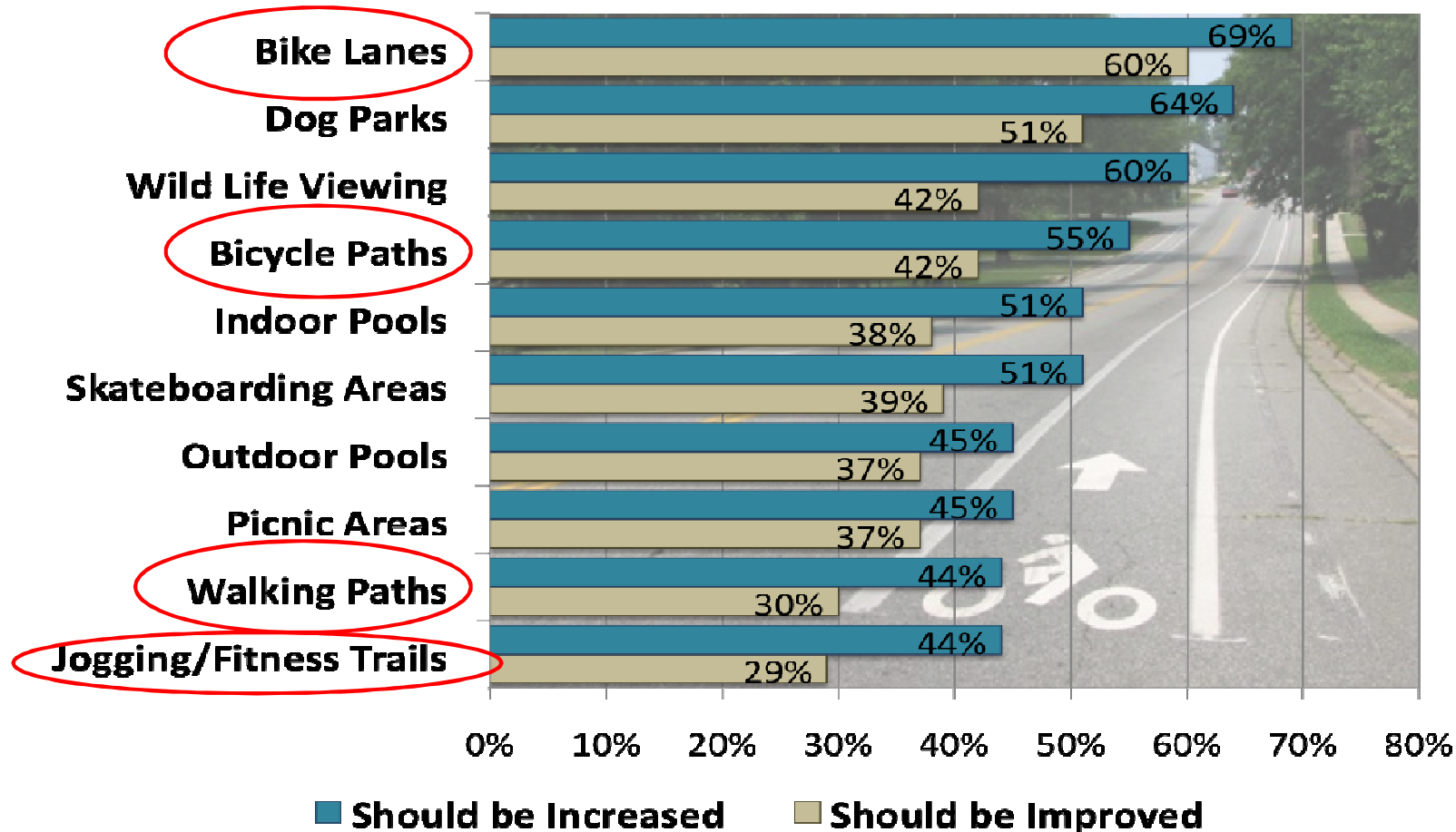
Participation Rates for Popular

Table 1. Participation Rates for Most Popular Outdoor Recreation Activities



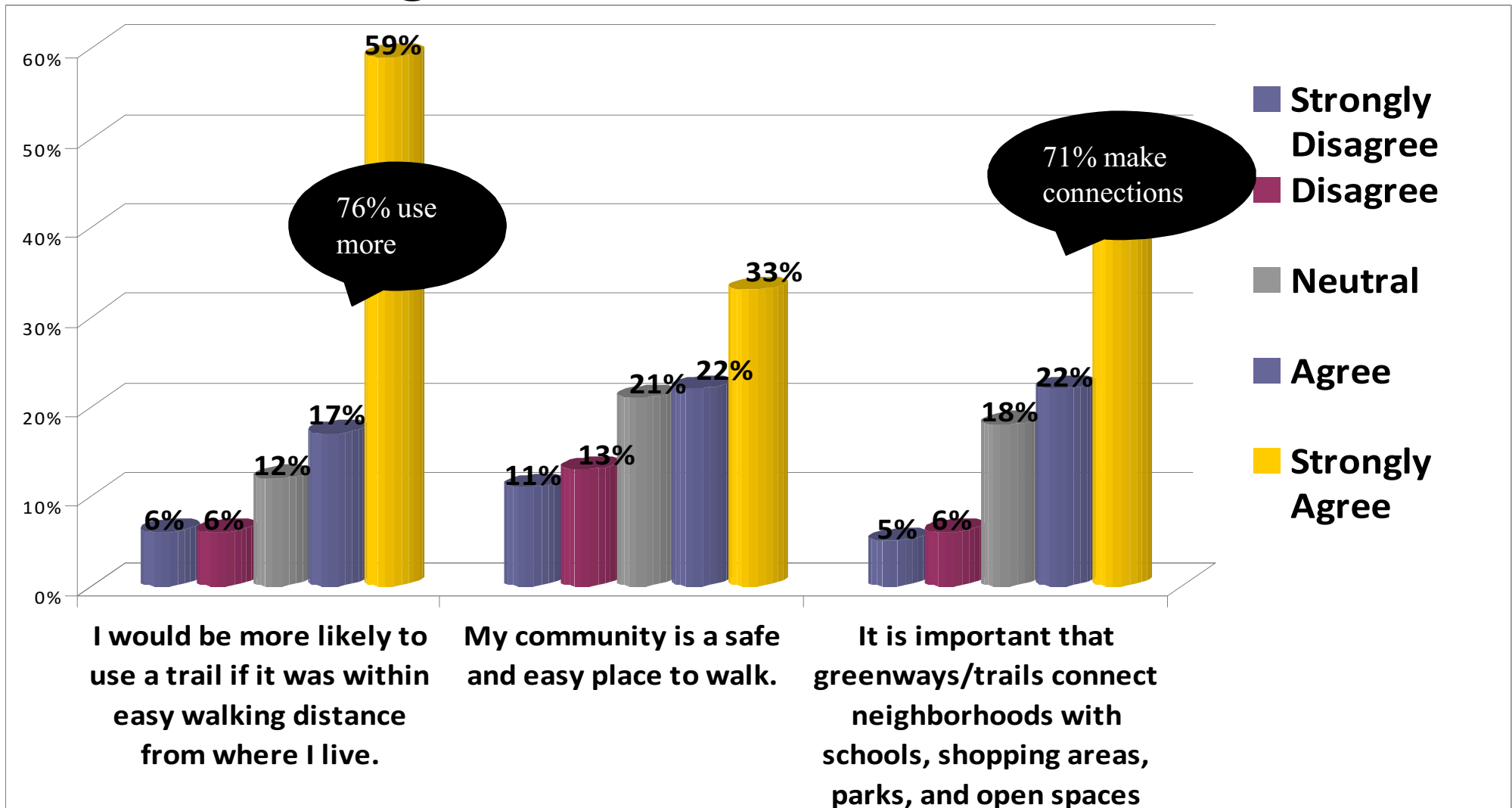
Research Findings

What kinds of facilities should be provided more widely?



Research Findings

How do people feel about trails in PA?



South Central PA	North East PA	South East PA
Slightly less likely to walk or ride a bike in their neighborhood	More likely to participate in fishing (like several regions)	Most likely to participate in visiting historic sites
Most likely to participate in nature study and bird watching	Most likely to indicate a need for wildlife and fish viewing areas (like Philadelphia)	Especially likely to use local/municipal recreation areas
Most likely to indicate a need for bike lanes and bike paths (like SW region)	Expressed high need for more and improved pools and picnic areas	Expressed high need for more overnight recreation facilities like campgrounds, rental, cabins, nature lodges

Research Findings

Top 5 Preferences For FUTURE State Park Strategies and Efforts

State Park Strategy/Effort	% Important or Extremely Important
Build trails to connect areas within the park	74%
Increase the number of facilities that provide more active use of this park (e.g., trails, canoe launches, playgrounds)	67%
Build trails from parks to nearby communities	58%
Improve the visitor and environmental interpretation centers	54%
Improve the quality of overnight accommodations	46%



PA Outdoor Plan Goals

- Strengthen connections between recreation, health, and economics
- Reconnect people to the outdoors
- Develop a statewide land and water trail network
- Enhance outdoor recreation through better agency cooperation



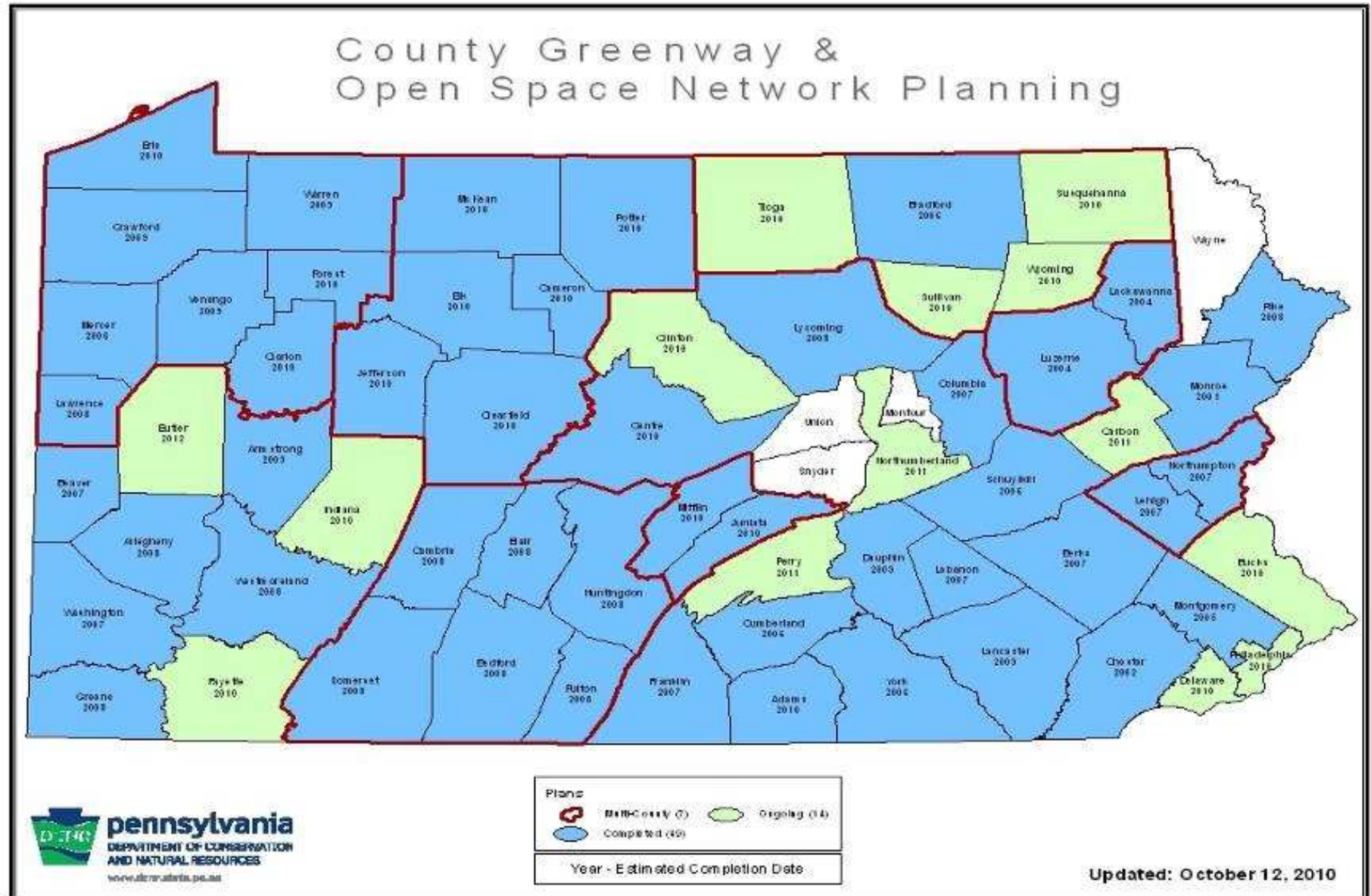
Goal 3: Develop a statewide land and water trail network to facilitate recreation, transportation and healthy lifestyles

WHY?

- PA is a national trail leader
- Disconnects in statewide efforts
- Need for coordinated funding and maintenance
- Trails are an easy way to connect – in communities and in the great outdoors



Strategy: Develop County Greenway Plans



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Goal 3 Recommendations

- Establish a statewide Trails Committee
- Standardize trail planning guidelines and information (close the gaps)
- Improve existing electronic information for data collection and trail planning
- Improve the accessibility of trails and trail information
- Develop educational trails and programming opportunities
- Build the capacity of local/regional land and water trail groups



DCNR's Strategy for Funding Trails: Top 5 Considerations

1. Does your project implement local or state planning priorities?
2. Have you formed partnerships to complete your project?
3. Does your trail connect people to places such as parks, schools, downtowns, and other communities?
4. Is your project ready to go?
5. Does your project embrace green principles?



Key PennDOT/DCNR Recommendations

- Promote greener, safer, pedestrian-friendly communities (safe routes to schools)
- Coordinate PennDOT's Smart Transportation Initiative and DCNR CLIs



► Encourage local land use policy that preserves green spaces, creates walkable communities, and provides connections to amenities.

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Featured Trail

The D&L Trail has an interesting history. Easton hosted one of only three public readings of the Declaration of Independence, and during colonial times, the Liberty Bell rested secretly in Allentown.



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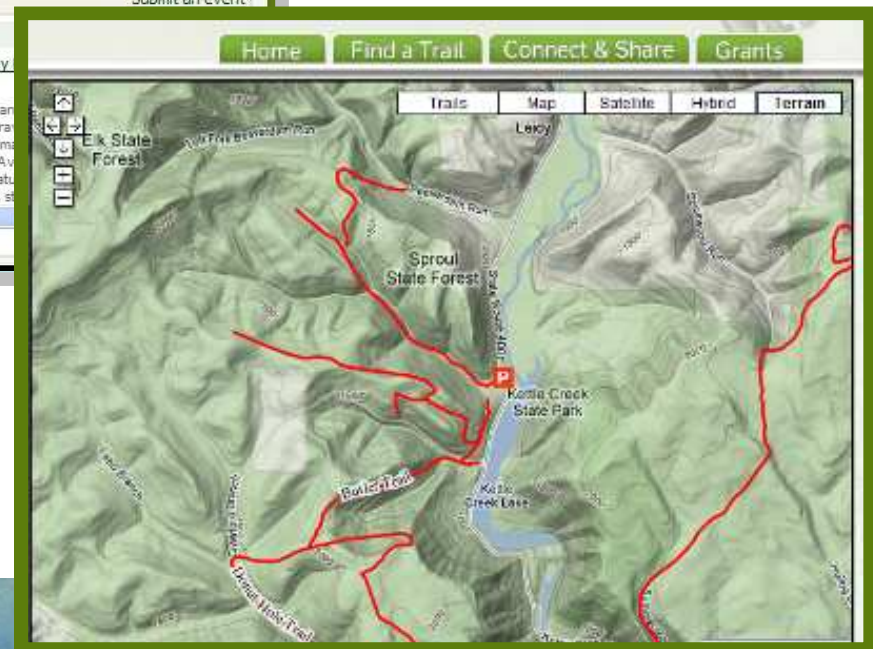
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Economic Impact of Trails

- Ghost Town Trail (2009) - \$740,000 annual soft goods
- Heritage Rail Trail County Park (2007) - \$4,000,000 in annual soft goods
- Pine Creek Rail Trail (2006) – \$3,600,000 in annual soft goods

New Construction

South Bethlehem Greenway, City of Bethlehem



Resources

- New DCNR webpage tracking economic stories:
<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/indexeconomic.aspx>
- Coming in Mid-November -- Green Space Alliance releasing Economic Benefit quantifying the economic value of open space (including trails) in Southeastern PA:
<http://www.greenspacealliance.org/home/whatsnew.asp>

Coming Soon!

- Statewide Trail Committee
- Scheduled Improvements to ExplorePAtrails.com
- iPhone application for ExplorePAtrails.com