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## Montour Trail grant awarded

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The Montour Trail Council was recently awarded a \$95,000 grant for further development of the multi-use trail.

The Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant will be used to install a pedestrian bridge over Brush Run Creek, build trail linkage from the bridge to Valleybrook Road, provide access for people with physical disabilities and pay for landscaping and signage.

"This project is part of a larger Montour Trail initiative that will ultimately provide a recreation trail stretching 46 miles from Moon Township to Clairton," said state Sen. John Pippy, R-Moon, in a written statement. "The Peters Township portion is known as the Arrowhead Trail, and I am pleased to see this worthy project was awarded state assistance."

Funded by state and federal agencies, the Community Conservation Partnerships Program is administered by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

It provides financial and technical assistance to local governments, water and trail maintenance groups, land trusts, and other nonprofit organizations that acquire land and plan the development of parks and greenways projects.

The trail section within Peters, in Washington County, is owned and maintained by the township.

The Allegheny County portion of the trail is managed by the Montour Trail Council. The Panhandle Trail section runs 29 miles from Carnegie to Weirton, W.Va.

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