



## Ohio River Trail Council

*"Joining communities through fitness, recreation, heritage and transportation networks"*

### ORTC Board Meeting Agenda: January 5, 2015. 6:00 p.m.

- Sign in
- Call to Order
- Roll Call & Introductions
- Approve previous meeting minutes ([www.directors.ohiorivertrail.org](http://www.directors.ohiorivertrail.org)) (Board of Directors Website – Log in to view minutes – need passphrase to register - Coraopolis\_41\_Ohioville)
  
- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 1 Coraopolis-Moon Township Grant
  - Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program Grant - \$200,000. ORT Phase 1
  - Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) - Act 13CFA - \$200,000 ORT Phase 1
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 1 Consultant
  - Robert Genter | Consultant - Mackin Engineering Company | RIDC Park West | 117 Industry Drive | Pittsburgh, PA 15275-1015 | p: 412.788.0472 | f: 412.787.3588 | c: 412.496.9210 | [rgenter@mackinengineering.com](mailto:rgenter@mackinengineering.com) | [www.mackinengineering.com](http://www.mackinengineering.com)
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 1 Coraopolis-Moon Township Easements or Licenses
  - American Bridge
  - Duquesne Light
  - Tri-State Hose & Supply Company
  - Valley Ambulance? Contact and inform them about the project
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- Pittsburgh Airport Corridor Bike Connections Map
  - Airport Corridor Transportation Association
  - [www.acta-pgh.org/](http://www.acta-pgh.org/)
  - Map - [http://www.acta-pgh.org/nu\\_upload/files/ACTABikeMap%20LOW.pdf](http://www.acta-pgh.org/nu_upload/files/ACTABikeMap%20LOW.pdf)
  - <http://www.greenway.ohiorivertrail.org/index.php/airport-bike-connections>
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 2 Smiths Ferry Trail
  - Youngstown and Southern Railway on January 1, 1945 merged the PL&W into itself - Pittsburgh, Lisbon and Western Railroad
  - The Montour RR originally owned the Smiths Ferry RR.
  - Large amounts of coal were shipped along the river from the mines to Smiths Ferry, and then over the rail line to Youngstown steel mills.
  - ORTC is a partner with Little Beaver Creek Greenway
  - Columbiana County Park District | Contact - Dottie Betz, Chairman | Columbiana County Park District | 130 Maple St. | Lisbon, OH 44432 | 330-362-0396 | [dottieb@spii.net](mailto:dottieb@spii.net)
  - [www.bicycletrail.com/index.htm](http://www.bicycletrail.com/index.htm)
  - ORTC is a partner with Little Beaver Creek Greenway
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 2 Smiths Ferry Properties
  - H.R. Lewis Property – Ohioville (Confidential)
  - Vodrey Property – Ohioville (Confidential)
  - Kenney Property – Ohioville (Confidential)
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 2 Smiths Ferry Properties - **H.R. Lewis** (Confidential)
  - 70 acres (\$3000/acre)
  - Little Beaver Creek Greenway connection
  - Contracting signed by Mr. Lewis for \$210K
  - Appraisal to be scheduled
  - WPC Loan?
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 2 Smiths Ferry Properties **Vodrey** (Confidential)
  - 81 acres
  - Little Beaver Creek Greenway connection
  - Lease – 25 years - \$5K + Taxes/year?
  - Prefer acquisition – schedule meeting with Mr. Vodrey.
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 2 Smiths Ferry Properties - **Kenny** (Confidential)
  - 84 acres
  - Little Beaver Creek Greenway connection
  - Patricia Kenny - 724-643-1505
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### ■ WPC's Colcom Revolving Fund Program

- Jane Menchyk | WPC's Colcom Revolving Fund Program | Western Pennsylvania Conservancy | 800 Waterfront Drive | Pittsburgh, PA 15222 | Office Phone and Fax: 412-586-2333 | [jmenchyk@paconserve.org](mailto:jmenchyk@paconserve.org)
- <http://waterlandlife.org/281/colcom-revolving-fund-for-local-land-trusts>
- Bridge Financing - WPC provides 0% interest rate on loans for the first six to 12 months contingent on project and loan approval.
- Also offers the technical assistance of the WPC's staff to support successful project outcomes.
- Conservation - <http://www.gis.dcnr.state.pa.us/maps/index.html?nha=true>
- Appraisal Requirements
- Application
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### ■ Land & Conservation Grants/Loans

- DCNR
- WPC Loan
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### ■ Pre-Qualified Land Trust

- DCNR recommended that the ORTC to become a Conservation Land Trust?
- A land trust is a nonprofit organization that, as all or part of its mission, actively works to conserve land by assisting willing landowners with conservation easements or other land conservation options.
- A charitable organization under federal tax laws, which is directly involved in conserving land for its natural, recreational, scenic, historical and productive values.
- By accepting the donation of a conservation easement, or using other methods, land trusts help landowners protect their land by permanently limiting the type and scope of development that can take place on the land.
- In some instances, land trusts may assist with the purchase of conservation easements.
- **Effective December 12, 2014, the ORTC is an eligible applicant under the Land Trust component of the Keystone Program.**
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### ■ DCNR Appraisal

- **Ed Cline** | 724-847-3211 (Office) | 724-847-3233 (Fax) | [appraisals@ECA1.com](mailto:appraisals@ECA1.com) | Ed Cline Appraisals | PO BOX 1 | Beaver Falls, PA 15010
- **Karl J. Urda** | (724) 266-1139 | Fax: (724) 266-8713 | [urda30@aol.com](mailto:urda30@aol.com) | 724 266 1139 | 724 266 8713 (fax) 405 Merchant St. Ambridge, PA 15003 |
- **Estimate \$2500 for Lewis Property**
- **Motion to approve**
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 3 Sewickley-Aliquippa
  - Sewickley Bridge to Ambridge to Aliquippa (Beaver County Jail)
  - Share-the-road and protected two-way bike lane Study
  - Design and engineering cost - \$15,000
  - The scope would include two project meetings with you/steering committee.
  - The first meeting will be at the site as a kick-off meeting (DOT may be invited as a scoping review).
  - The second meeting is to be at or near the project site, or at our office to review the draft plan.
  - PennDOT to be contacted for a design review meeting
  - The scope will include field review by professional engineers and landscape architects experienced in bikeway, trail and ADA compliance projects.
  - The final plans will be sent to you (ORT) for distribution.
  - The deliverables include a site plan of the alignment with notes for improvements; images and/or sketches of bikeway improvements; and an item list and construction budget estimate.
  - For this particular alignment, DOT cooperation, grading and earthwork calc.s are anticipated.
  - LiDAR contours to be used if existing contours are not provided by ORT, PennDOT or local municipality, county, etc.
  - Public meeting are additional, at a time and material charge. An estimate for each public meeting is between \$980 -\$1,400, depending on presentation format requested.
  - **Motion to approve.**
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- Ohio River Greenway Trail Phase 4 - Rochester Twp. Riverfront Park
  - Norfolk Southern Railroad Property - negotiations to be scheduled (confidential)
  - Title Search Pending - Michele Frederick - [micheletfredrick@hotmail.com](mailto:micheletfredrick@hotmail.com) | Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula Railway
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- Monaca Act 89 Multimodal, Transit Funds Grant
  - Borough of Monaca – \$261,000 to make improvements to accommodate vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles on a 10-block segment of Monaca's main downtown corridor, Pennsylvania Avenue, and **to construct a 2.4-mile segment of the Ohio River Greenway Trail along Pennsylvania Avenue.**
  - Ninety-one Projects to Improve Mobility, Safety with Act 89 Multimodal, Transit Funds
  - These grants were made possible by Act 89, which increased transit funding and established dedicated multimodal funding for aviation, passenger rail, rail freight, port and bicycle-pedestrian projects. The project funding comes from three state fiscal years of Act 89 investments.
  - PennDOT evaluated the applications and made selections based on such criteria as safety benefits, regional economic conditions, the technical and financial feasibility, job creation, energy efficiency and operational sustainability.
  - The projects require a 30-percent match from local sources.
  - For more information about the program, visit [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us) and click on Multimodal Transportation.
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### ■ National Recreation Trail – Ohio River Water Trail Application

- Submitted 10/01/2014
  - Announced on National Trails Day - Saturday, June 6
  - 31 LOS Received
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1. MONACA\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_09\_15\_2014.pdf
  2. ALLEGHENY\_COUNTY\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_09\_15\_2014
  3. NEW\_BRIGHTON\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_09\_18\_2014.pdf
  4. HANCOCK\_COUNTY\_WV\_ORWT\_LOS\_09\_22\_2014.pdf
  5. RIVERS\_OF\_STEEL\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_09\_23\_2014
  6. OHIO\_DNR\_STATE\_TRAIL\_ADMINISTRATOR\_ORWT\_LOS\_09\_29\_2014.pdf
  7. BEAVER\_COUNTY\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_03\_2014
  8. FRIENDS\_OF\_THE\_RIVERFRONT\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_03\_2014
  9. CONGRESSMAN\_TIM\_MURPHY\_US\_HOUSE\_REPRESENTATIVES\_PA\_18\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_04\_2014
  10. WVDOH\_WVRTAB\_DOT\_STATE\_TRAIL\_ADMINISTRATOR\_WV\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_07\_2014
  11. JIM\_CHRISTIANA\_15TH\_PA\_STATE\_LEGISLATIVE\_DISTRICT\_REPRESENTATIVE\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_08\_2014
  12. INDEPENDENCE\_CONSERVANCY\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_09\_2014
  13. PA\_DCNR\_STATE\_TRAILS\_COORDINATOR\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_13\_2014
  14. BEAVER\_COUNTY\_HISTORICAL\_RESEARCH\_LANDMARKS\_FOUNDATION\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_14\_2014
  15. EAST\_LIVERPOOL\_OHIO\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_14\_2014
  16. ELDER\_VOGEL\_47TH\_PA\_STATE\_LEGISLATIVE\_DISTRICT\_REPRESENTATIVE\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_14\_2014
  17. LEETSDALE\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_15\_2014
  18. CONGRESSMAN\_BILL\_JOHNSON\_US\_HOUSE\_REPRESENTATIVES\_OHIO\_6\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_15\_2014
  19. COLUMBIANA\_COUNTY\_PARK\_DISTRICT\_OHIO\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_16\_2014
  20. COLUMBIANA\_COUNTY\_OHIO\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_16\_2014
  21. ROBERT\_MATZIE\_16TH\_PA\_STATE\_LEGISLATIVE\_DISTRICT\_REPRESENTATIVE\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_21\_2014
  22. BEAVER\_COUNTY\_CED\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_22\_14\_2014
  23. FREEDOM\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_23\_2014
  24. MATT\_SMITH\_PA\_STATE\_SENATOR\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_24\_2014
  25. SENATOR\_PAT\_TOOMEY\_US\_SENATE\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_27\_2014
  26. SENATOR\_ROBERT\_CASEY\_US\_SENATE\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_29\_2014
  27. ROCHESTER\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_10\_30\_2014
  28. BRIDGEWATER\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_11\_03\_2014/NRT\_BRIDGEWATER\_PA\_2\_ORWT\_LOS\_11\_06\_2014
  29. CHESTER\_WV\_ORWT\_LOS\_11\_10\_2014
  30. OHIOVILLE\_PA\_ORWT\_LOS\_11\_19\_2014
  31. WESTERN\_PA\_CONSERVANCY\_LOS\_12\_08\_2014
  32. Ohio State Parks?
  - 33.



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### Trail Logo Development

- Water
- Greenway
- **Motion to approve**
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### ■ Cycling Fatalities PA Bike Route A

- **Taylor Lee Banks**, 23, of Braddock - 11/31/2014 7pm - Route 51 near the West Aliquippa Bridge | Memorial Bike Ride: Sunday, November 16 at 2:00pm - 3:30pm - Ed Quigley
- [https://www.facebook.com/events/1496698953913572/1496707313912736/?notif\\_t=plan\\_m\\_all\\_activity](https://www.facebook.com/events/1496698953913572/1496707313912736/?notif_t=plan_m_all_activity) | <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/11/02/coroner-identifies-bicyclist-hit-killed-on-route-51/>
- **Emily Rose Jancart**, 17, of Moon Twp – 07/20/2013 5:30 pm - Route 51 near the Sewickley Bridge | <http://www.wtae.com/news/local/alleggheny/teenage-girl-hit-by-car-in-moon-township/21087146>
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### ■ News Radio 1020 KDKA Appearance

- January 18, 2015 at 6:30am – KDKA Radio | Rob Pratte # 412-353-1123.
- Previous KDKA Podcasts - <http://membership.ohiorivertrail.org/index.php/kdka-news-radio-1020>
- **Ed Quigley** ([ed.quigley@gmail.com](mailto:ed.quigley@gmail.com)) will be a KDKA guest and will speak about the Ohio River Trail. In addition, he will talk about the safety issues and recent fatalities along route 51. | Ed Quigley organized the Taylor Lee Banks memorial ride beginning in Monaca, which occurred on Sunday, November 16 at 2:00pm. |
- **John Orndorff** ([orndjo@verizon.net](mailto:orndjo@verizon.net)) will also be a KDKA guest and will speak about the Ohio River Trail from Sewickley to Ambridge.
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### ■ Bike Paths (PowerPoint)

- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3
- Intersections
- Bike Box
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### ■ ORTC Websites

- [www.membership.ohiorivertrail.org](http://www.membership.ohiorivertrail.org)
- [www.water.ohiorivertrail.org](http://www.water.ohiorivertrail.org)
- [www.greenway.ohiorivertrail.org](http://www.greenway.ohiorivertrail.org)
- [www.directors.ohiorivertrail.org](http://www.directors.ohiorivertrail.org) (Board of Directors Website – Log in to view minutes – need passphrase to register - Coraopolis\_41\_Ohioville)
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### ■ New ORTC Website Topics

- MapMyFitness - <http://membership.ohiorivertrail.org/index.php/map-my-fitness> |  
MapMyFitness Club - <http://www.mapmyfitness.com/us/monaca-pa/ohio-river-trail-council-outdoor-adventu-group-148092#/activity> |  
[http://www.mapmyride.com/people/friends/#\\_my\\_friends](http://www.mapmyride.com/people/friends/#_my_friends)
- PA Bike Laws - <http://membership2.ohiorivertrail.org/index.php/pa-bike-laws>
- Airport Bike Connections - <http://www.greenway.ohiorivertrail.org/index.php/airport-bike-connections>
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### ■ ORTC Contact List

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## Gear & Cheer Music Festival

### ■ Gear & Cheer Music Festival 2015

- Saturday July 18, 2015 – Paddlesport Races
- Sunday July 19, 2015 8am – 6pm - Main Events
- Business Cards to promote event
- Registration moved inside the lodge with ORTC maps & displays
- Speaker series added inside lodge
- Wine & Beer outside at shelter 7 per request of merchants
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### ■ Gear & Cheer Music Festival 2015 Speakers

- TBD
- Suggestions
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### ■ Gear & Cheer Music Festival 2015 Partners

- Western PA Orienteering Club - Jennifer Livingston - [jen.livingston@pobox.com](mailto:jen.livingston@pobox.com) | Jim Wolfe - [jwolfe@atlanticbb.net](mailto:jwolfe@atlanticbb.net)
- LL Bean Outdoor Discovery School - Snakeguy Jackson
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### ■ Gear & Cheer Music Festival Get Outdoors PA – New Partner

- We welcome the Ohio River Trail Council as a Get Outdoors PA Community Partner!
- Your application has been accepted and your user name and password have been assigned.
- User name: ortc/Password: ortc
- Access the Community Partner Portal at <http://getoutdoorspa.org/partnerportal> using the login information above.
- Create your partner profile and take time to explore the available resources, including sample programs, best practices and the instructor database.
- Distinguish yourself as a Community Partner and support the program by downloading the Get Outdoors PA logo and placing it on your website (be sure to link it to [getoutdoorspa.org](http://getoutdoorspa.org)) as well as liking and sharing the Get Outdoors PA Facebook page.
- Post your Get Outdoors PA events on the calendar through the Partner Portal. The more events on the calendar, the stronger the website will be as a resource for our citizens.
- Include the Get Outdoors PA logo on your events' promotional materials!
- **PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING:** Register for the January 21, 2015, webinar—Best Practices for Outdoor Recreation Programs— 2:00-3:00 pm, which will explore best practices for various activities.
- We value your partnership in Get Outdoors PA. Contact the Get Outdoors PA Team at [info@getoutdoorspa.org](mailto:info@getoutdoorspa.org) if you have any questions.
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### ■ Gear & Cheer Music Festival National Trails Day

- National Hiking Society Celebration
- National Trails Day® features a series of outdoor activities, designed to promote and celebrate the importance of trails in the United States.
- [www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/](http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/)
- Individuals, clubs and organizations from around the country host National Trails Day® events to share their love of trails with friends, family, and their communities.
- Gear & Cheer Music festival is registered (every January with the American Hiking Society)
- <http://www.americanhiking.org/add-event/>
- The national attention will draw more participants and media, and American Hiking Society will help throughout the entire planning process.
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### ■ Next Monthly Meeting

### ■ Adjournment

### Notes: