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Ohio River Trail Council

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

ORTC Mission & Vision Statement

Mission Statement

The Ohio River Trail Council works to bring individuals, groups, communities, businesses, and all levels of government together to honor our past and build our future by providing recreation opportunities, heritage preservation, environmental stewardship, brownfield remediation, active transportation networks, and economic development along the Ohio River and its tributaries.

Vision Statement

The Ohio River Trail is a multi-use trail project spearheaded by the Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC), a multifaceted, non-profit volunteer-led public benefit corporation. The ORTC is composed of a dedicated and visionary leadership, which embraces a team strategy to implement our initiatives. The Ohio River Trail serves as a unification tool, encourages collaboration, and provides a forum for recreational users, local citizens, decision makers, municipal managers, and council members to share knowledge with the intention to guarantee a bright future for our rivers, forests, and towns. The ORTC goal is to develop and use the Ohio River Trail as a framework to develop livable communities.

Along with community enhancements that extend into the realm of public health, wellness, transportation, conservation, preservation, environment, ecology, economy, culture and heritage our ultimate goal is the expansion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's second largest industry - tourism. "Penn's Woods" is teeming with wild resources and beautiful vistas. The Ohio River Trail is expected to bring economic boons to Western Pennsylvania through the growth of the construction and maintenance industries. Trails are like a "magnificent gem on display" attracting visitors, who facilitate job growth in ecotourism-related opportunities like kayaking, canoeing tours, bicycle sales and rentals. As a tool for ecology and the environment, the Ohio River Trail will preserve natural landscape, safeguard wildlife diversity, and provide vital habitat corridors thereby providing opportunities for birding, butterflying, deer spotting, fishing or enjoying the spring wildflowers or the peak autumn colors.

Respectfully submitted,

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