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Erie County to Hold Open House for the Erie to Corry Trail Feasibility Study & Tourism Analysis

Erie, PA – The Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development is hosting an **INVITATION ONLY** open house on Thursday, September 14, from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

The Erie County Department of Planning & Community Development recently completed the Erie to Corry Trail Feasibility Study & Tourism Analysis. Funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the result of the study is a proposed trail route through Erie County. The proposed trail(s) would travel 39 miles north from the City of Corry to the Mile 0 Medallion on Erie's Bayfront, as part of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail.

The purpose of this open house is to celebrate the completed study with Erie County leadership and stakeholders and continue the positive forward momentum as we work together to complete this vital trail connection in Erie County.

This project received priority recommendation resulting from the County's Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan, adopted as part of the County's Comprehensive Plan in July 2020, made possible by the Erie County Greenways Program. The process has included the evaluation of potential trail routes, available resources, opportunities, partnerships, and potential property access mechanisms.

Plan documents are located on the County's website: <https://eriecountypa.gov/departments/planning-and-community-development/programs/parks-trails-and-recreation-plan/>

"Currently, the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail takes cyclist from Point State Park in Allegheny County, through the Counties of Westmoreland, Armstrong, Clarion, Venango, Crawford into the southeast corner of Erie County in the City of Corry then leaves Erie County to traverse Chautauqua County before finally returning to Erie County on Route 5. Creating an alternate route for the Pittsburgh to Erie Trail will have a positive impact on tourism, the economy and the historic communities of Erie County." Brenton Davis, Erie County Executive.

The Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development recently submitted a grant application to the America250PA program to kick off the development of the trail with a construction of a 2 mile trail segment. This segment was identified through the planning process and would include a multi-use path that follows an abandoned rail corridor.

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