



Erie to Pittsburgh Trail

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ANNUAL REPORT



WHO WE ARE: An alliance of non-profit organizations, local municipalities, supporters, and advocates affiliated with the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail corridor.

OUR VISION: A system of non-motorized, multi-use trails, and local connectors linking Erie to Pittsburgh through the experience of small towns, rural landscapes, historic sites, and cultural areas, tied to regional trails and beyond.

OUR MISSION: The Alliance’s Mission is to advocate for the development of the continuous trail; to assist our local partners by sharing expertise and resources; to promote the trail for its regional significance and encourage local and broader connections.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

"I've been volunteering to help share and promote the stories and efforts of the EPTA over the last year. I worked with the trail professionally nearly a decade ago. It's been great to reconnect with this trail - even if I'm two time zones away. Seeing the growth of the trail piece by piece but also the growing interest and energy to fill the gaps is exciting and will benefit communities for years to come."

-Will Prince, EPTA Marketing Volunteer - Denver, CO

"We love biking the Erie to Pittsburgh trail. It is not only enjoyable, but our health has improved a lot." -Sandra

"Trails are vital to quality of life and economic development in Erie County. From Union City to the Bayfront, trail development makes Erie County stronger and more resilient."

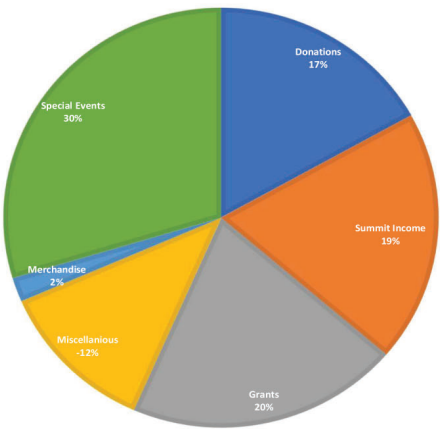
*- Emerson Brannon
Erie County Planning*

"The continued progress on the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail is truly testament to the collaborative vision of so many in our region. "It's more than just a recreational path, the trail is a regional treasure that promotes healthy living, connects communities, and strengthens our local economy. As the trail system grows, it brings new opportunities for small business owners, increases tourism, and offers residents and visitors a a unique way to be active while exploring the history and natural beauty of northwestern Pennsylvania."

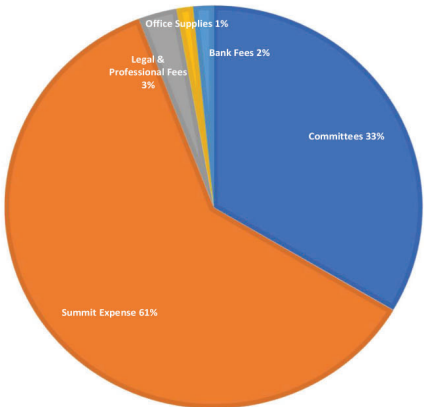
-PA Senator Scott Hutchinson

FINANCIALS

2024 EPTA REVENUE



2024 EPTA EXPENSE



7800 hrs.
Volunteered
= \$271,362

74% of
EPT is
Complete

38
Communities
Engaged

Over
\$1.2 Million
Secured in
2024

ACCOMPLISHMENTS ALONG THE CORRIDOR

ALLEGHENY RIVER TRAIL

- ▶ Completed the Richey Run Bridge Rehab located at the southern boundary of Venango County on the corridor being developed into the trail.

OIL CREEK STATE PARK TRAIL

- ▶ Continued engineering for the first mile of the trail from Petroleum Center South; the project is expected to be bid for construction spring of 2025.
- ▶ Continued engineering for a bridge for the trail to cross Oil Creek, and seeking funding for it's construction.

EAST BRANCH TRAIL

- ▶ Constructed .4 miles of trail with volunteer equity connecting the trail from Rosenberg Road to Greytown Road where it joins the completed segment of trail and trailhead in the Crawford County Forest.
- ▶ Constructed 1 mile of trail from sportman Bridge south funded through the Appalachian Regional Commission.
- ▶ Completed design and began the rehabilitation of the Sportsman Bridge funded by the PA DCNR.

QUEEN CITY TRAIL

- ▶ Over 150 people participated in the *Find Your Adventure* event held on the trail in conjunction with National Trails Day.

CORRY TRAIL JUNCTION TRAIL

- ▶ Created the "Friends of Corry Junction to help further trail development in the Corry Area.
- ▶ Installed additional amenities along trails.
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CHAUTAUQUA RAIL TRAIL

- ▶ Resurfacing section of trail between Highland Ave and Webster Road in Brocton, NY
- ▶ Development of a new strategic plan
- ▶ Hosted a the first ever Chautauqua County Trails Day event.
- ▶ Established a trail stewardship program to help with trail maintenance.

ALLEGHENY RIVER TRAIL ON CLARION COUNTY

- ▶ Completed design of the park master plan for a small park /trailhead in Foxburg.
- ▶ Constructed 1800 feet of trail with volunteer equity connecting to the recently rehabilitated Ritchey Run Bridge
- ▶ Continued efforts to acquire easements of the remaining 2.2 miles of landowners up to Emlenton.

ARMSTRONG TRAILS

- ▶ Brady Tunnel rehabilitation completed and opened.
- ▶ Constructed an additional 10 miles of trail on the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail corridor.

ERIE COUNTY TRAILS

- ▶ Constructed a trailhead along the an alternative trail route in Union City
- ▶ Began negotiation with the railroad owner to develop rail with trail.

THREE RIVERS HERITAGE TRAIL

- ▶ Continued working with multiple municipalities and other partners to acquire , design, and secured funds toward development of trail.

ERIE TO PITTSBURGH TRAIL ASSOCIATION

- ▶ Secured funding to contract with a consultant to continue work with communities and organizations to close gaps on the EPT corridor, and purchase trail counters.
- ▶ Co-hosted the first Western PA Greenways and Trails Summit attended by approximately 150 people.
- ▶ Developed new trailmap/ guide.
- ▶ Partnered with several regional organizations to prepare a proposal to be submitted to PA DOT for planning on the EPT.

Over
100
Partners

No Cost
Equipment
Use = nearly
\$ 500,000

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Connecting
Trails



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TRAIL ORGANIZATIONS

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Clear Lake Authority
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