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THE CIRCUIT TRAILS - 100s OF MILES OF HAPPY

One of America's largest trail networks is in your backyard

Multi-use trail network connects people to jobs, communities, parks and waterways in the nine-county region

When complete, the Circuit will include 750 miles of interconnected trails; currently 310 miles are open for use; 50 miles are in progress

The Circuit Coalition is a collaboration of nearly 65 non-profits, foundations and agencies working to build a comprehensive regional trail network

The Circuit Trails includes segments of the East Coast Greenway, linking Phila. north through NYC to Calais, ME and south through Washington, DC to Key West, FL







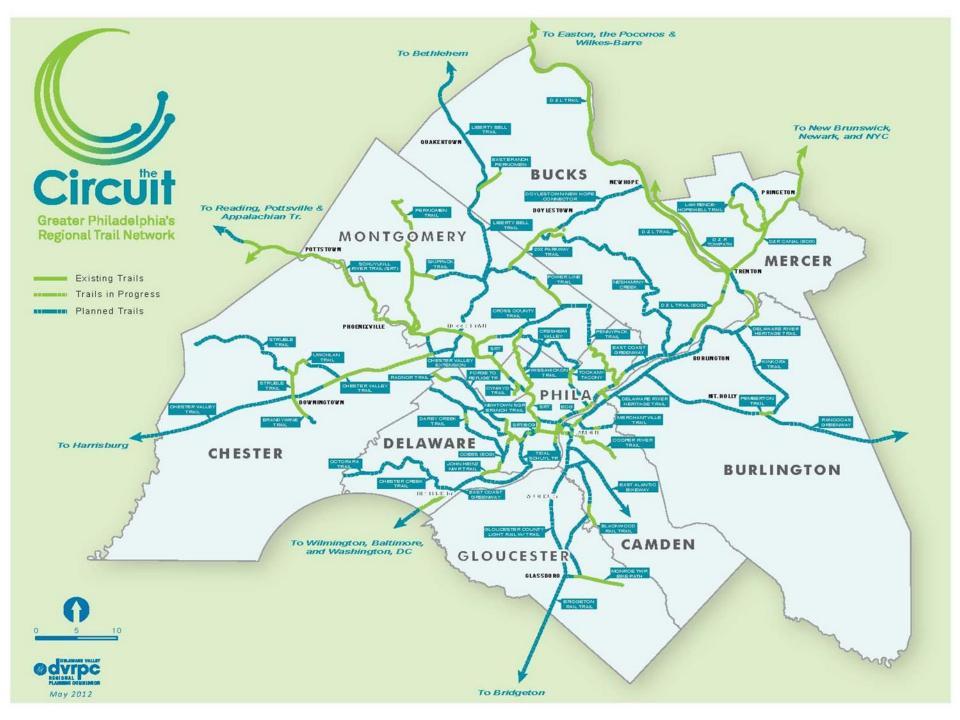
Circuit Trails Completed

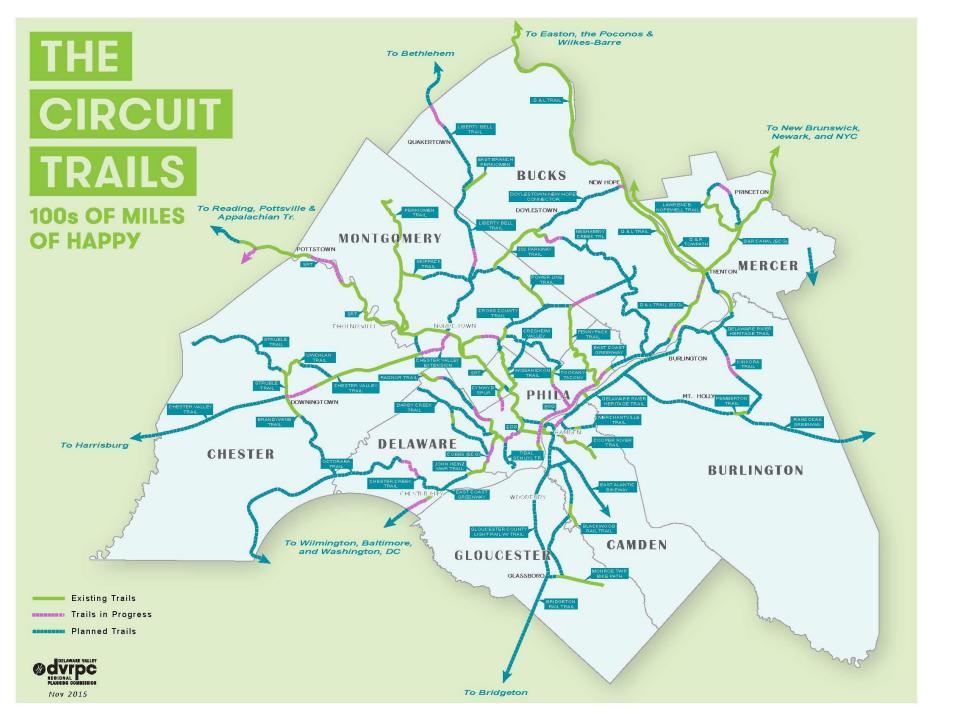
Prior to 2012
 when Circuit was created: 266

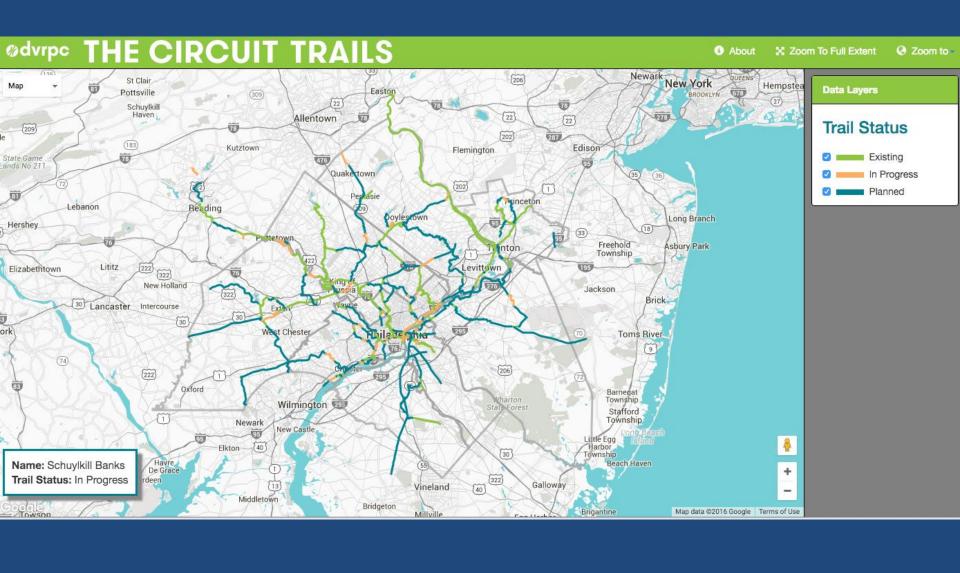
• From 2013-2015: 40 Miles

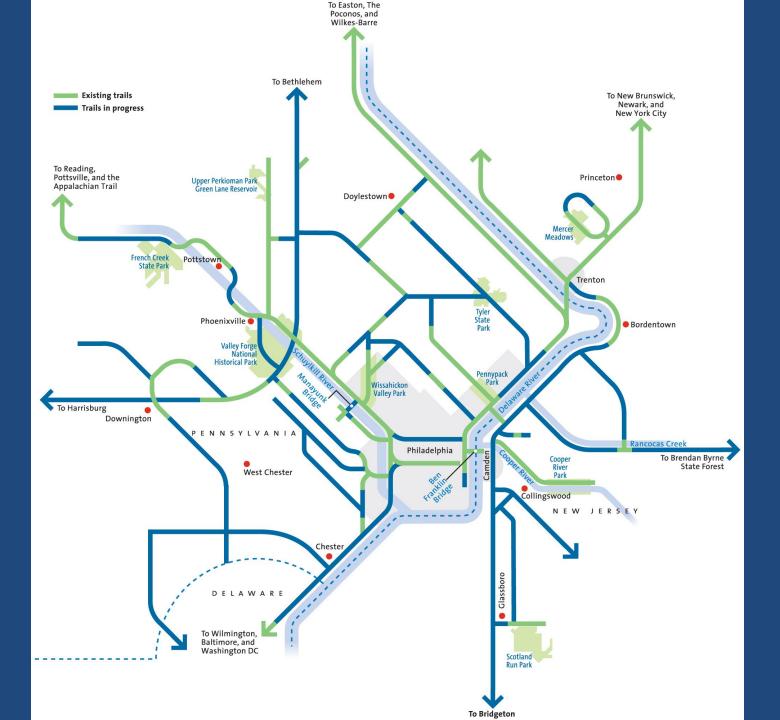
• In 2015: 10 miles



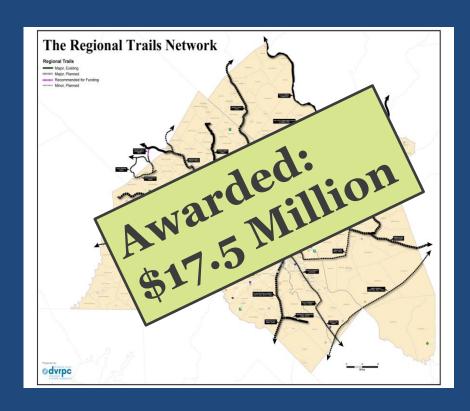




















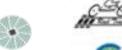
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July 2, 2015

Banner Day for Circuit Trails



Biking #onthecircuit @SchuylkillBanks

4. DVRPC Circuit Funding: Phase IV Grants and PA TIP Circuit Line Item

Chris Linn, DVRPC Manager, Office of Environmental Planning, explained that this is the fourth phase of awards for the Regional Trails Program. The program, funded by the William Penn Foundation, aims to continue implementation of the Circuit. The 10 awards pending approval will fund design, construction and right-of-way analysis studies. The design projects will be included in a PA TIP Circuit line item to be created as part of this action (see attached TIP project record spreadsheet). These projects will work through the PennDOT process during design to prepare them for federal construction funding. Five million dollars in CMAQ funding is being programmed in FY19/FY20 as part of the Circuit line item.

The projects listed below were cultivated through a prioritization process conducted by the PA County Planner Circuit Working Group. Proposed awards include six design projects, two construction project and two studies. Five of the six design projects will be placed on the TIP upon approval of this action (one project already has an MPMS #). Project selection was based on multiple rounds of coordination with the counties including field views of all the projects. All proposed awards were identified in close coordination with DCNR, and most will leverage DCNR funding.

The first round of funding for New Jersey projects is anticipated to occur in September. A second phase of funding for PA is anticipated, timing to be determined.

The following 10 projects have been nominated for funding.

- Bridge Street Crossing D&L Canal Towpath Morrisville Borough, Bucks County – \$61,000 (design)
- 2. Newtown Branch Rail Trail, County Line to Bristol Road Bucks County -



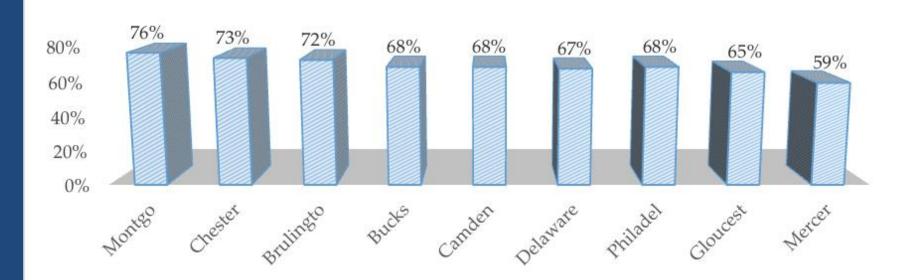
Counts

	<u>ID</u>	Location	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	Avg Ped	Avg Bike
<u>Detail</u>	1	Chester Valley Trail	6/17/2014	3/31/2016	267	348
<u>Detail</u>	2	Schuylkill River Trail (Pawlings Rd)	6/19/2014	3/31/2016	109	439
<u>Detail</u>	3	Cynwyd Heritage Trail	6/24/2014	3/31/2016	285	131
<u>Detail</u>	4	Wissahickon Trail	7/18/2014	3/31/2016	213	355
<u>Detail</u>	5	Schuylkill River Trail (Kelly Dr)	7/11/2014	3/31/2016	726	1134
<u>Detail</u>	6	Schuylkill River Trail (Schuykill Banks)	8/22/2015	3/31/2016	3028	1237
<u>Detail</u>	7	Port Richmond Trail	6/26/2014	3/31/2016	51	20
<u>Detail</u>	8	Lawrence-Hopewell Trail	8/5/2014	3/31/2016	94	40
<u>Detail</u>	9	US 202 Parkway Trail	9/5/2014	3/31/2016	98	45
<u>Detail</u>	10	Monroe Township trail	5/8/2015	3/31/2016	78	100
<u>Detail</u>	11	Cooper River Trail	11/26/2014	3/31/2016	507	59
<u>Detail</u>	12	Darby Creek Trail	6/1/2015	3/31/2016	171	19

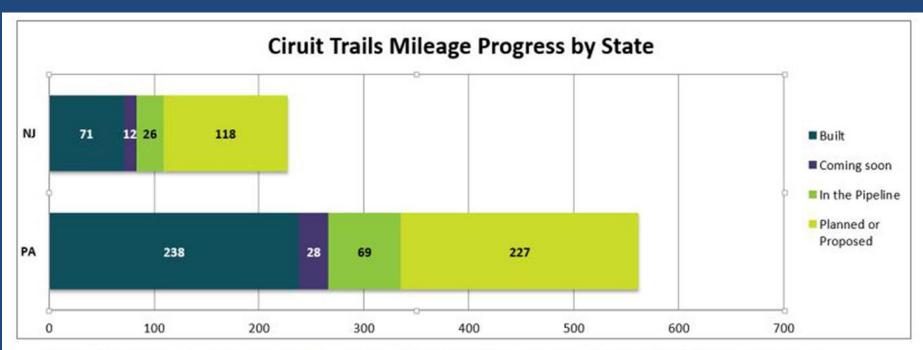
2015 Telephone Survey

- 74% of respondents were aware that trails for recreation or transportation exist in the Delaware
 Valley
- 80% reported using a trail for recreation or transportation
- 60% would like to see a trail within 10 minutes of their home
- 44% use a trail at least once a week
- 69% reported walking as their primary trail activity; 36% reported biking as their primary trail activity
- 85% supported construction of new trails
- 70% support spending \$2 of tax dollars per person per year to add 450 miles to the Circuit Trails

SUPPORT INVESTING TAX DOLLARS IN TRAILS



Miles of Circuit trails completed by State – 2015

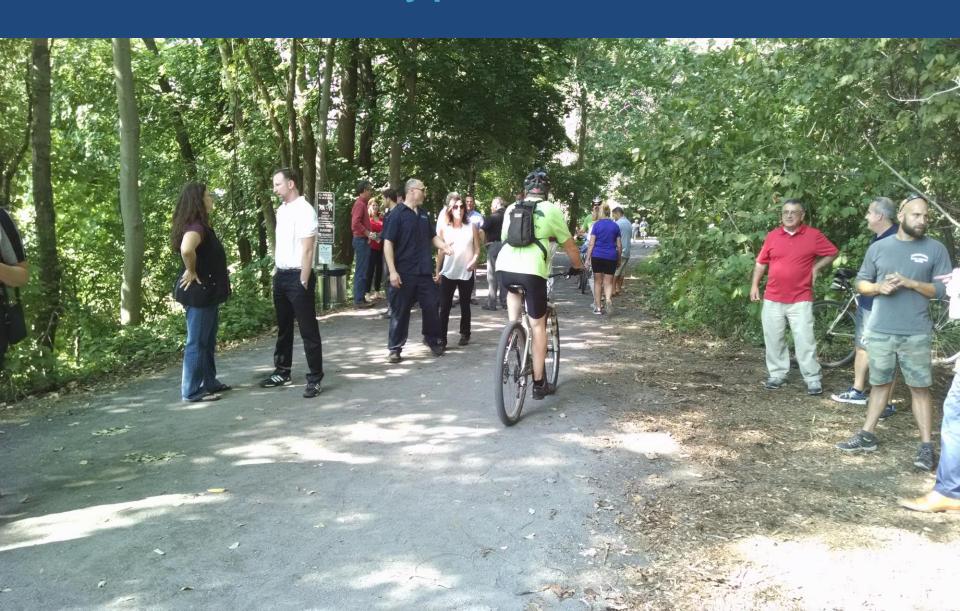


Note: Miles Coming Soon indicates projects that have partial or complete funding. Miles in the Pipeline indicates projects which have a completed feasibility study.





Pennypack Trail



Opening Day 2016

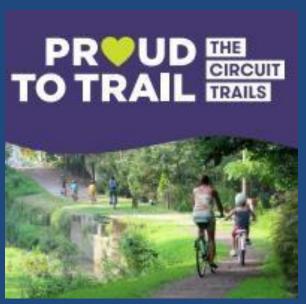








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THANK YOU!

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