



Warrior Run Community Digest

Building a Successful Future for the Warrior Run Community

The newsletter of the Warrior Run Community Corporation

Winter 2004

The Warrior Run Community is:
Anthony Township
Delaware Township
Gregg Township
Lewis Township
Limestone Township
McEwensville Borough
Turbotville Borough
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Al Reeves of Delaware Township is President of the Warrior Run Community Corporation. The nonprofit Corporation serves a variety of community needs in the public interest.

Pathways Kickoff Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 12
Warrior Run High
School Auditorium
7 – 9 PM

For more information,
please call
Lyle Horn at 538-3836

The Digest is distributed free of charge to residents of the Warrior Run Community.

WRCC Undertakes Pathways Project

The Warrior Run Community Corporation (WRCC) was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR) to initiate a new project addressing community recreation and conservation priorities. WRCC has undertaken this project based on the findings of a Warrior Run citizen survey that prioritized the protection of the area's rural character, heritage and quality of life into the future. The Pathways project will actively engage residents of the Warrior Run school district in developing a plan for an interconnected system of trails and natural areas that will promote conservation and responsible growth in the region. The goal is to provide residents with additional recreational and educational opportunities by connecting towns and villages to parks, school facilities, historic landmarks and natural areas.



Trails and pathways provide community linkages as well as recreational, educational and social opportunities.

Pathways Contribute to Community Health

Trails and greenways bring people together and closer to their surroundings, making the community attractive for residents of all ages. Pathways provide facilities for residents to engage in active lifestyles and healthy living. Trails have many other proven benefits important to the long term health of the Warrior Run community, including:

- Creating safe and enjoyable ways to be active outdoors
- Linking the community's unique places e.g., Montour Preserve, Warrior Run Church, Susquehanna River
- Prioritizing conservation of farmland, scenic views and wildlife habitats
- Maintaining healthy streams and protecting water supplies
- Creating hands-on environmental education and community service



Pathways can provide both recreation and conservation benefits to a community.

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Pathways Partners:

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Warrior Run Community
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Warrior Run School District
Warrior Run Women's Club
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“ Pathways are a fabulous idea. They give us a means to socialize with our neighbors and engage in the kind of active, healthy lifestyles that appeal to any age group.”

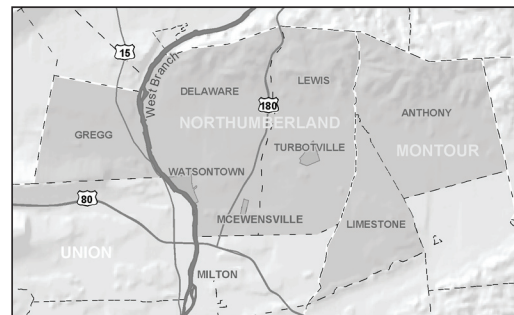
- Bev Staiman
Resident & President of
Warrior Run Women's
Club

Residents who have endorsed
the Pathways Project:

Delaware township
Betty Ann Poole
Richard Nornhold
Ruth Thomas
Gregg Township
Dianne Peeling
Lewis Township
Thomas and Donna Yoder
Andrea L. Brouse
Greg Brouse
Mary Knopp
Walter Fairman
Limestone Township
David Strouse
McEwensville
Roger and Fay Haas
Watsonstown
Barbara Pick
Dale Chomas
Reverend Douglas Eberly

Residents to Help Shape Pathways Plan

The Pathways project will involve community residents in the creation of a Pathways plan. The Pathways planning process will proceed in stages over the next year, with opportunities for public input at key points along the way. A Warrior Run Pathways Task Force is being formed representing the diverse interests and perspectives in the area. This group will include residents, municipal leaders, school district officials, students, and representatives of community organizations and businesses. WRCC will also convene focus groups to identify the recreational needs and conservation priorities of the area. Public meetings will help identify areas that are important to the community and opportunities to create new connections between people and the environment. Landscape archi-



The Warrior Run Pathways Project area.

itects and planners from SEDA-COG's Community Resource Center will assist in the development of a Pathways master plan, depicting all of the trail, recreation, and conservation opportunities of the region. Most importantly, the Task Force, municipal officials, and residents will evaluate the potential for an early-action demonstration project.



Scenic farms, the Susquehanna River, and the Warrior Run Church are among the region's important resources that could be linked by pathways.

Hear what people are saying about Pathways...

“I believe the Pathways project is a great way to meet the need for more walking opportunities in the community and build connections to existing recreational amenities like Montour Preserve.”

Kevin Drewencki, Director, Montour Preserve

“The Pathways project will enrich our region by providing recreational and educational opportunities that connect families to the cultural, educational, and historical sites in the Warrior Run community.”

Dan Sheaffer, Warrior Run School Superintendent

“The Pathways project gives our kids a unique opportunity to participate in an effort that will improve their community for future generations.”

Rod Keiser, Resident & Warrior Run High School technology teacher

“Our community needs places where we can enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. What better way to visit these special places than by a system of pathways.”

Ruth Thomas, Warrior Run Resident & walker

Corporation programs and projects are developed and carried out with community input provided through four standing committees.

Get involved! Contact any of the following Committee leaders for more details:

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- opportunities
- Enabling residents to explore the region's historic towns and countryside

A pathways network will further distinguish the Warrior Run community and enhance the high quality of life enjoyed by area residents for years to come.



Residents of Warrior Run have identified walking as a number one priority.

*Learn more about the
Warrior Run Pathways
Project by attending the*

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Lyle Horn, Project Coordinator
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Detach form here



Join your neighbors in preserving Warrior Run's heritage for future generations:

WRCC is working hard to achieve the 50-50 funding match for the Pennsylvania DCNR grant, but we need your help. Please consider pledging your personal financial support for the Pathways project this holiday season and be part of a legacy for a better community.

Today I would like to contribute:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000

Other _____

I want to be a part of the Pathways Partnership Task Force.

Name: _____

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Please make your tax deductible donations payable to Warrior Run Community Corporation & include this form with your donation.

Mail to: 4800 Susquehanna Trail; Turbotville, PA 17772.

Thank you for your support!



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Task Force Establishes Vision for Highway

The Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation (CSVT) Community Task Force met on November 16 to define a vision for the proposed highway corridor. When completed, the highway is expected to quadruple the amount of traffic on Route 147 and I-180, establishing upper Northumberland County as a major crossroads in the region. “The meeting summarized the input we’ve received during public meetings and focus group discussions, seeking points of clarification and consensus,” said Kim Wheeler, the lead planner working on the project. Building on points of agreement, the Task Force was challenged to describe a preferred future for the highway corridor.

The resulting vision statement reads: “Upper Northumberland County communities affected by the CSVT, working collaboratively and regionally, shall integrate positive growth and development opportunities resulting from the project to enhance the local economy,

create diverse employment opportunities, revitalize historic downtowns, and integrate planned development. New growth will be integrated while maintaining the rural small town character already in existence, maintaining agriculture as a vital part of the region’s rural landscape and economy, and protecting the region’s unique heritage and natural resources.”

The next step will unveil a “preferred future” land use scenario to achieve the goals established by the vision. Residents are encouraged to attend a public meeting on February 15 at 7 pm at the Crossroads Church near Montandon to review and comment on this proposal. Task Force members generally agree that the region will experience significant development pressures as a result of the highway and that now is the time to assess what must be done to prepare for this growth. Collaboration will be the key to achieving the desired results.

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