



The Westmoreland Heritage Trail

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Thank you!

“One and All”

To some our prayers have been answered. Others, “I can again get back to walking or riding on the Westmoreland Heritage Trail.” It seems like a long time, an eternity that our WHT had been devastated, hard to walk-on, twisting ankles; riding a bike, gripping the handlebars so tight your hands go numb over ruts and wash-outs. Yes, in an afternoon, a short 6 hours, our trail went from a pristine, smooth and polished surface to a path of self-destruction. Mother nature can be rough at times, when it unleashes its almighty fury.

Then our “community” came together. Yes, a community bigger than we can comprehend and in short order, yes 10 short months, what seemed like forever the Westmoreland Heritage Trail is back *“Better than Ever.”* Thanks to many, multiple and countless grass root contributors, WHT memberships, volunteers, corporations, and county government to help WHT get back on its new and smooth path. To bring the trail back, it took countless hours of planning, meeting after meeting, volunteers giving their precious time and over \$225,000 and hundreds of in-kind hours.

And who is that community? . . .

A large shout-out goes to Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation in preparing an emergency resolution for our County Commissioners to approve releasing monies to get the work underway, Regional Trail Corporation, the parent entity of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail Chapter, for donating financial support, the WHTC volunteers and memberships providing countless free hours and monies, and especially our grass root individuals in the community that use the trail every day that contributed to the refurbishing work for the trail. A grand thank you goes out to the companies that have worked hard to get the trail back to a usable condition and finally the ones that have put the finishing touch to bring the trail back to being a premier trail of Western Pennsylvania.

Westmoreland Heritage Trail is Back . . .

“Better Than Ever” and More to Come!