

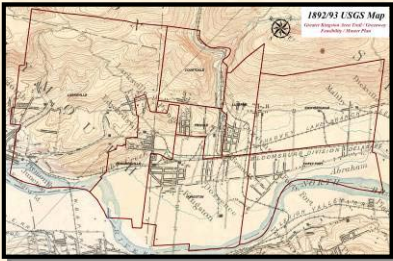
Kingston Area Trails / Greenway Master Plan



Location: Kingston Borough
Luzerne County, PA

Client: Pennsylvania Environmental Council
NE Regional Office
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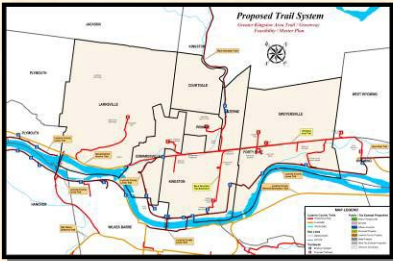
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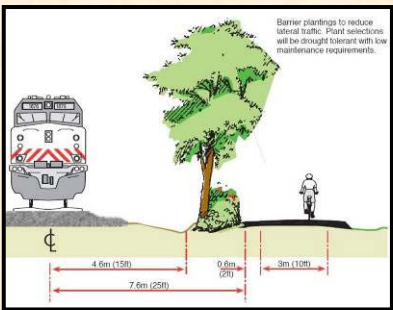
White Environmental Services is currently working with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) to develop a Master Plan for the Trail and Greenway system in Kingston, PA. Located across the Susquehanna River from Wilkes-Barre, Kingston has a diverse history based upon Coal Mining and the River. Four separate trail systems are currently located within this area. However, several gaps remain between these trails which prevent the interconnection of the system. Through public forums, GIS Mapping and field investigations several opportunities have been identified to link these existing trails.



The routes of abandoned railroads were discovered by importing 1892 USGS maps into a GIS database which was established for the project. By projecting this information over current aerial photography and parcel maps of the region, potential connector routes were identified. Additional property ownership information was added to the database to identify publicly owned properties and right-of-ways. Key destinations within the study area, including Parks, Schools and Community Centers were identified through community surveys and potential connections to these places were considered in the Master Plan.



Public Hearings and Steering Committee Meetings were enhanced through the use of interactive GIS Presentations. Using a laptop computer and an LED projector, GIS information, site photographs and planning documents were readily available for review during these meeting. In addition, large format, color mapping was also provided for these meetings.



Through attention to detail, use of the latest technology, a thorough understanding of the project and a little imagination, the Kingston Area Trail and Greenway Master Plan has been a great success. Once completed, the Kingston Area trail system will not only be a recreational asset to the area, but will also provide economic benefits to the region as it becomes a destination for outdoor enthusiasts from throughout eastern Pennsylvania.