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PRESIDENT WASHINGTON MARKER DEBUTS ON MONTOUR TRAIL MAY 14

The Montour Trail Council, Historic Fort Cherry and the Montour Railroad Historical Society are pleased to invite the public to the dedication and unveiling ceremony of a historic marker honoring George Washington and his land holdings on the Montour Trail.

The dedication will occur Thursday, May 14, at 11 a.m. at mile marker 20.5 on the trail in Mount Pleasant Township and near the intersection of Southview Road and Antil Road.

The event is being staged as part of ceremonies across the Commonwealth celebrating America's 250th birthday and in association with the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA).

Founding father and first U.S. president George Washington spent considerable time in western Pennsylvania as a surveyor, land speculator and colonial militia officer during the French and Indian War. In recognition of his service to the British crown, the Royal Governor of Virginia granted him a tract of land in what would later become Mount Pleasant and Cecil townships, before the area was incorporated into the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Washington retained ownership of the property until 1796.

The plaque was generously provided to the Montour Trail Council by the Rails to Trails Conservancy and William G. Pomeroy Foundation through the Trails Across America program, designed to celebrate and preserve history along America's multiuse trails. Since 2005, the Pomeroy Foundation has helped communities and people across America commemorate their history with roadside markers and plaques, funding more than 2,600 historical markers across the United States. The Washington, D.C.- based conservancy is the nation's leading trail advocacy organization, working to create a future where trails connect everyone, everywhere.

Parking for the dedication ceremony will be available at a roadside lot near the intersection of Antil Road and Southview Road. A separate parking area will be



available at the Montour Trail's Galati Road trailhead near the intersection of Galati Road and Southview Road in Cecil Township. If you are walking or cycling, the ceremony is 0.7 miles east of the Galati trailhead and four miles east of the Fort Cherry parking lot on state route 980. Transportation will be available at the Galati Road trailhead for guests needing assistance.

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