A year in review—2001 at a glance: More miles, more members, great events

Building and managing one of Pennsylvania’s most popular recreational trails takes a lot more than meets the eye. With help from hundreds of members like you, the Montour Trail Council expanded its trail mileage during 2001 while taking important steps to strengthen its organization and prepare for further growth.

Special events
The sixth annual Montour Trail/IKEA half-marathon, 5-kilometer run and walk, held in September, was one of the most successful ever, with over 1,000 participants. In addition, April saw the inauguration of another annual race—the Burgh’s Pizza and Wings 10-kilometer run, along the trail’s Cecil Township section. The Montour Trail’s virtually flat course (and the IKEA race’s downhill start from the Robinson Town Centre parking lot!) have made both races popular fixtures in the running community.

The Montour Trail Council also provided substantial volunteer assistance for the Allegheny County Rib Cookoff at South Park and the IKEA Christmas tree sale. These two activities and the two races enhanced the Montour Trail’s visibility and netted $22,838 for the trail.

18 uninterrupted miles!
In 2001 the Montour Trail Council completed three miles of trail between the Boggs trailhead in Findlay Township and the Quicksilver Bridge in Robinson Township, Washington County. The new section extended the length of the Montour Trail’s longest completed portion to 18 uninterrupted miles from Coraopolis to McDonald.

A grant from Development Dimensions International and in-kind assistance from Findlay and Robinson Townships, along with support from McDonald Borough and North Fayette Township, helped with completion of the new mileage. A public opening ceremony was held on April 12, 2002.

Over 1000 participants joined us for the 2001 IKEA/Montour Trail Half-Marathon in September, which was won by Dan Lesser.

Bridges saved!
After years of negotiation, a precedent-setting agreement was finalized that will enable the Montour Trail Council to retain several existing bridges along the trail in Washington County.

The state Public Utility Commission had originally ordered that all these bridges be removed, but the Montour Trail Council was able to persuade the PUC, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to do a cooperative, bridge-by-bridge analysis, identifying which bridges must be removed for safety reasons and letting the others remain in place.

MTC legal counsel Dick Wilson deserves special commendation for his superb work in making this innovative agreement possible. The Washington County Commissioners also played a key role by accepting secondary responsibility for the bridges to be retained.

Membership is up
The MTC depends on member contributions for about 75 percent of the funds needed to operate and maintain the trail. Thus one of the most important successes of 2001 was an increase in membership and in total donations. Total Membership surpassed 800 persons for the first time, while individual contributions rose by over 60% to over $56,000.

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Membership Contributions—2001

Combined Federal Campaign
Individual gifts from this campaign are not disclosed, but these 15 contributors gave a total of $3,907 to the Montour Trail Council.

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Still more to come... What's ahead for 2002

Significant progress took place in 2001 toward completion of more sections of the Montour Trail, and further progress will be made in the coming months:

- Construction of the two-mile section from Clairton to Large is well underway. This section should open in spring 2002.

- Peters Township and the Montour Trail Council made progress toward an agreement (just completed as this report went to press) that will permit the MTC to build trail on portions of the former railroad property now owned by the township.

- The MTC received two state grants to fund construction of the 0.8-mile link between the Bethel Park spur and Peters Township’s Arrowhead Trail. This project should also be completed in 2002.

- Mackin Engineering completed the first phase, from McDonald to Chartiers Creek, of its contract to perform engineering and design on the unfinished trail sections in Washington County. The MTC expects to seek bids for construction of this segment around mid-2002.

A new home

After 11 years of working out of board members' basements and living rooms, the Montour Trail Council has its first-ever headquarters. An anonymous donation will cover office rental costs for the first two years. You now can reach us at:

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