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## **CHESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CELEBRATE MAJOR FUNDING WIN FOR CIRCUIT TRAILS NETWORK, CHESTER VALLEY TRAIL**

*Chester Valley Trail to receive funding for development from new \$200 million in federal funding for Circuit Trails network projects*

**Downingtown, PA** – Greater Philadelphia is now leading the nation in utilizing federal Carbon Reduction Program funds for active transportation, and Chester County is celebrating this major moment for the region.

In late July, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commissioner adopted the [FY25 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#), which includes \$120 million in federal Carbon Reduction Program funding to connect significant segments of the Circuit Trails championed by the Circuit Trails Coalition in four major corridors—including the Chester Valley Trail. Paired with other funding sources, the total potential investment in the [Circuit Trails network](#) is more than \$200 million.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, [Chester County Commissioners](#) Josh Maxwell, Marian Moskowitz and Eric Roe joined nearly 30 Circuit Trails advocates for a 5.9-mile bike ride exploring the future extension of the Chester Valley Trail funded by the TIP Carbon Reduction Program funds in Downingtown.

“We believe in Chester County that it is important to expand our Circuit Trails and invest more in our public spaces. Having that connectivity in southeastern Pennsylvania is an economic driver for the region, and we’re really excited to champion this for our communities,” said Josh Maxwell, Chair of the Chester County Board of Commissioners and Chairman of the DVRPC Board.

Connected trail and active transportation systems are at the center of this landmark moment due to the support and collaboration of county commissioners in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties and the support of partners across the region.

“This landmark investment in trail networks underscores how important walking and biking infrastructure is to helping people across our region get around without a car,” said Patrick Starr, Chair of the Circuit Trails Coalition. “This victory puts us one step closer to our goal of completing 500 miles by 2025 and is thanks to the leadership of DVRPC and the region’s county commissioners. The Circuit Trails network shows how to prioritize investments in walking and biking infrastructure that make a difference to the health of people and the planet.”

The [Chester Valley Trail: Phase I project](#) will utilize \$6 million of Carbon Reduction Program funding to construct the first phase of a planned seven-mile trail along the alignment of the former Philadelphia and Thorndale Branch (P&T Line) corridor. Eventually, this trail will extend through the county to connect several townships and reach other portions of the Schuylkill to Susquehanna Greenway in Lancaster County. This segment of the P&T Line will begin at the trail's intersection with Ship Road and proceed east to cross the Whitford Bridge and continue over the Downingtown Trestle, extending to near Gallagherville Road.

### **About the Circuit Trails**

*Greater Philadelphia is the proud home of the Circuit Trails, a regional trail network of hundreds of miles of multi-use trails that is growing in size each year. One of America's largest trail networks, the Circuit currently includes more than 411 miles of completed multi-use trails with a vision of including more than 850 miles of interconnected trails across a nine-county region in Pennsylvania and New Jersey by 2040. Nearly 65 nonprofit organizations, foundations and agencies are working together as part of the Circuit Trails Coalition to advance the completion of the trail network. A premiere regional amenity, the Circuit Trails connect our people to our local communities, providing endless opportunities for recreation and commuting. So whether you bike it, walk it, run it or paddle alongside it, the point is — just enjoy it. Learn more at [www.circuittrails.org](http://www.circuittrails.org) and connect with the Circuit Trails on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) to find out what is happening #OnTheCircuit.*

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