

2017 Ohio Valley Trail Partners Year End Report

- **January** -OVTP coordinated with the City of Wheeling to start repairing and updating the Wheeling Heritage Trail. OVTP has a Repair Fund Match still in operation. Tax Exempt donations may be sent to Ohio Valley Trail Partners, P.O. Box 2001, Wheeling ,WV 26003. OVTP will match donations up to \$5000.
- OVTP and Ohio Valley Trail Assoc. of Belmont County, OH, met with Belmont County Commissioners and our MPO known as BelOMar to seek support for trail development in Belmont County.

- **April:** OVTP and Follansbee Trail Committee met with Follansbee City Council to get support for trail expansion in City or Phase II of Expansion North. City Council gave unanimous support for the project.
- OVTP represents Wheeling Heritage Trail and our Region at the annual REI Bike Summit at Robinson Township Center, PA.

- **May:** A bicycle repair station is placed next to Wheeling Wesbanco Arena paid for by OVTP.
- McMurray, Pa Boy Scouts treated 4 bridges on the Wheeling Heritage Trail, materials paid for by OVTP.
- 11th annual Wheeling Heritage Trail Bicycle Tour-sponsored by OVTP and other wonderful sponsors. Over 300 riders and volunteers from 6 states participated.
- Industrial Heartlands Trail Coalition held a special meeting in Weirton,WV, supported by OVTP, to promote trail expansion in the Northern Panhandle of WV.and Phase I,II,III,IV.

- **August-** OVTP was represented at the Industrial Heartlands Trail Coalition regional meeting in Morgantown, WV. New approaches to developing and promoting trails was discussed.

- **September-** OVTP and OVTA took part in a trail support picnic at Quaker City, Ohio along with Friends of the Leatherwood Valley Trail Assoc. to promote trail development in Guernsey County, OH.

- **October-**OVTP assists Follansbee Trail Committee with Transportation Alternative Program Grant App. for Phase II of W.Va. Expansion North project.

- **November-**OVTP and Brooke Pioneer Trail Assoc. reps met with WVDOH Engineers from Charleston,W.Va. for the 2017 TAP Grant design Phase inspection for Phase I.
- Wheeling Heritage Trail was represented by OVTP at the annual Pittsburgh region Montour Trail Council Dinner, along with numerous other trail reps. to give and get support for regional trail development.