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Mon River Trails Conservancy eNews



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Goodbye 2019! Hello 2020!



Enjoy the Mon River and Deckers Creek Rail-Trails

The Mon River Trails Conservancy (MRTC) is a non-profit 501(c)3 volunteer organization founded in 1991 to acquire, develop, and manage the Mon River and Deckers Creek Rail-Trail system in North Central West Virginia.

MRTC manages these trails for non-motorized use, primarily walking, jogging, cycling, and cross-country skiing, and creates and promotes opportunities for recreation, tourism, economic development, historic preservation, healthy lifestyles, and environmental conservation.

Links and Trail Resources

[MRTC Web site](#)
[Trail Maps](#)
[BOPARC](#)

Goodbye 2019! Hello 2020!

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2020!

We had roller coaster ride of lows and highs in 2019, from continuing repair work from storm damage and landslides to celebrations of new trail amenities and furthering the rail-trail cause in our state.

We could not have been so successful without the support of generous members, active and energized partners, and dedicated volunteers. **THANK YOU AND HAPPY TRAILS!**

We Celebrated....

The first Opening Day of Trails Celebration in the Wharf District of Morgantown with the **Spring Handmade Market** which celebrated our rail-trails and local artists. It was a





big party with live music, art vendors, and fun kid's activities. Thank you River Town Program, BOPARC, and Main Street Morgantown for partnering with us. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18th for fun in 2020.

The install of four **Bike Fix-It Stations** with air pump and tools for simple bike repairs at Star City, Van Voorhis, Prickett's Fort, and Masontown Trailheads for easy repairs if you need them. Thank you to all those that contributed and matched funding from the Trail Volunteer Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation and Mavis Grant & George W. Lilley Jr. Community Enhancement Fund.

With **Trailhead Improvements** to provide better access at the Little Falls Trailhead of the Mon River Rail-Trail and Breakiron Road Trailhead of the Deckers Creek Rail-Trail.

Levy funds from Monongalia County that provided upkeep on our maintenance equipment and salary for our trail crew who cleared hundreds of downed trees, cleaned culverts and ditches, and mowed the entire 48 miles of rail-trail, keeping it open and welcoming to trail users. Please support us again with your vote for the **Parks and Trails Levy on May 12, 2020.**

The new printing of **Upper Mon Water Trail maps** and improved **river access at Little Falls** in partnership with the Morgantown Area Paddlers, Upper Mon River Association and the River Town Program on the Monongahela River. Thank you to all of you that help make it easier to have fun on the river!

With multiple **community events** including three successful fundraisers and the gathering on the Mon River Rail-Trail of trail managers across the Parkersburg to Pittsburgh Trail Corridor for an Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition workshop on best trail maintenance practices and lessons on how we can do better.



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MRTC Board Meetings
 The Board meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at 5:15 in the Morgantown Public Library until the renovations are finished at the Public Safety Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

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