

About the Trail

The National Road Heritage Trail (NRHT) of Henry County is a proposed 20-mile, crushed stone trail extending from eastern to western Henry County. Opened in August of 2009 with the 1st Annual Treading for Trails 5k Run/Walk, the NRHT currently has approximately four miles of completed trail between Lewisville and Raysville with trailheads in each town. To complete Phase I of the three-phase trail plan and thereby connect the two existing sections of the NRHT, land between the Lewisville and Raysville endpoints must be acquired and developed. Total project costs to finish Phase I of land acquisition and Phases II and III of land acquisition and development are projected to be approximately \$4 million.



The Benefits of Trails

Trails and greenways provide a vast array of benefits to a community including opportunities for physical and mental health improvement, safe environments for recreation, conservation of natural landscapes, economic revitalization and improvement of community identity. To learn more about these and other benefits, please visit www.railstotrails.org.



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Trail Construction & Development

Construction and development of the NRHT in Henry County consists of three potential phases of land acquisition and development. Upon completion, the NRHT will be a 20-mile multi-use crushed stone trail extending from Henry County's eastern to western boundaries. It should be noted that the project's immediate focus is to construct and develop the 13-mile section of trail from the east side of Knightstown to 1.75 miles east of Lewisville.

Currently, Phase I of land acquisition is incomplete with a portion of trail between the two open sections in Lewisville and Raysville yet to be acquired and developed. Phase I of trail development, however, has been completed yielding approximately four miles of crushed stone trail west of Lewisville (2.3 miles) to just west of County Road 25W and east of Raysville (1.75 miles) just west of County Road 425W.

To ensure the completion of Phase I of land acquisition and maintain the currently

existing sections of the NRHT in Henry County for one year, Healthy Communities must obtain approximately \$12,500 in local funding. Similar funds will be needed to complete each subsequent phase of construction and development to supplement Transportation Enhancement Program funding and state and local grant monies.

Trail Use

The NRHT, being a multi-use recreational trail, lends itself to many different physical activities including walking, jogging, running and biking. Additionally, the trail can be used for nature observation and artistic expression such as wildlife viewing, bird watching, photography and painting. Potential equestrian opportunities are also available upon further development of the trail.

As the NRHT consists of a crushed stone surface, the trail is not suitable for road bikes, rollerblading or the like. It should also be noted that all motorized vehicles are prohibited on all parts of the trail.

Trail Support

To show your support for the recreational trails system being constructed in Henry County, the most important thing you can do is get out and use the trails! Tell your family, friends, coworkers and anyone who will listen how the trails benefit you and your community. Additionally, we need financial and volunteer support from trail community members. Without local ownership of the trails, construction and maintenance are difficult to continue. Interested in becoming a member? Contact the Healthy Communities office for more information. Interested in volunteering? Help us maintain the trails by signing up for regular trail maintenance, reporting damage to the trail and surrounding area to the Healthy Communities office or by simply picking up a piece or two of trash as you're on the trail!

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