

JEFFERSON COUNTY PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES



Clarion Little Toby Trail, Jefferson County



Farmer's Inn, Jefferson County



Walter Dick Memorial Park, Jefferson County

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JEFFERSON COUNTY GREENWAYS

Both recreation and transportation and natural systems greenway corridors were identified for the North Central region and each of its six counties, as described in *Chapter 2 - Where do We Want to Be?*

In this section we will identify both the recreation and transportation and natural systems greenway corridors being recommended for Jefferson County, discuss their priorities at the county level, and provide recommendations on implementation of the priority projects.



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JEFFERSON COUNTY'S RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION GREENWAY CORRIDORS

In Chapter Two, Building the Network, we identified, inventoried, and mapped the existing trails and potential hubs within Jefferson County. This information was analyzed and evaluated for potential trail opportunities by:

1. Identifying corridors which were either rail banked or in the process of being rail banked
2. Identifying existing trails which may have the potential to be extended to connect to a trail town, major hub, or hub
3. Identifying potential trail corridors through the public process
4. Identifying former rail corridors which are inactive and may provide an opportunity to serve as a trail corridor

As corridors were identified, many were reviewed and mapped utilizing aerial photography. Further, portions of some of the corridors were reviewed in the field.

During our analysis of potential corridors we categorized them as either:

- Conceptual: Meaning the proposed trail would either a former rail corridor / or follow a route designated through the public process, but there has not been any previous evaluation of the corridor as to its potential to become a trail.
- Proposed: Meaning either there has been a feasibility study completed for the proposed trail or there is an organization actively working towards acquiring public access and establishing a trail in the proposed corridor.

We must emphasize the corridors were evaluated based on their connectivity, and not based upon existing property ownership. As described earlier in this Chapter, Steps to Trail Implementation, the feasibility of obtaining public access to the potential trail corridor must be evaluated as part of an overall feasibility study. In many cases completing a feasibility study to evaluate the legal, financial, physical, management, and operations of the potential trail is the next step in the implementation process.

Utilizing the methodology establish in Chapter 2, existing, conceptual, and proposed recreation and transportation greenway corridors were identified, recommended, and prioritized as follows:

- 10 existing trail corridors
- 11 conceptual / proposed corridors
- 1 existing water trail
- 5 proposed water trail opportunities
- 6 proposed trail towns
- 1 major hubs
- 8 hubs

Jefferson County's Existing Trail Corridors

| Jefferson County's Existing Trail Corridors | Hiking | Biking | Equestrian | Cross Country Skiing | Interpretive Education | All Terrain Vehicle | Snowmobile | Off Road Motorcycle | Off Highway Vehicle |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Clarion - Little Toby Creek Trail | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Mahoning Shadow Trail | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Baker Trail | X | | | | | | | | |
| Wolf Creek Trail | X | | | | | | | | |
| Tadler Run Trail | X | | | | | | | | |
| Hunter Trail | X | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Town Rocks Trail | X | | | | | | | | |
| Clear Creek Trail | X | | | | | | | | |
| Trap Run Trail | X | | | | | | | | |
| Boundary Trail | X | | | | | | | | |
| Pipeline Trail | X | | | | | | | | |

Jefferson County's Recreation and Transportation Greenway Corridors

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Utilizing the methodology establish in Chapter 2, existing, conceptual, and proposed recreation and transportation greenway corridors were identified, recommended, and prioritized as follows:

| Jefferson's County Conceptual and Proposed Recreation & Transportation Corridors Greenway Corridors | Trail Type (Regional, County, Connector) | Existing Trail Group Support | Corridor Status | Trail Demand | Land Acquisition | Connectivity | Benefits to the Public | Funding Opportunities & Partners | Economic Development Potential | Associated with Core Systems | Total | Regional Ranking | Jefferson County Ranking | Priority | Hiking | Biking | Equestrian | Cross Country Skiing | Interpretive Education | All Terrain Vehicle | Snowmobile | Off Road Motorcycle | Off Highway Vehicle |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Redbank Creek Trail | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 53 | 2 | 1 | Exceptional | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Mahoning Shadow Trail Extension | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 51 | 8 | 2 | | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Brockway to Brookville Trail | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 40 | 9 | 3 | | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Piney Branch Trail | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 35 | 12 | 4 | Significant | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh Southern Railroad Corridor Trail | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 35 | 12 | 5 | | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Little Toby Trail Extension | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 34 | 13 | 6 | | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Falls Creek to Punxsutawney Trail | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 30 | 16 | 7 | | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| Brookville Railway Line Trail | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 26 | 20 | 8 | High | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Brockway to St. Marys Trail | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 28 | 28 | 9 | | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Clarion to Jefferson Trail Extension | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 28 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Shamokin Path Trail | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 34 | 11 | | X | | | | | | | | |

Jefferson County's Potential Water Trails

| Jefferson County's Potential Water Trails | Connection / Extension of Existing Water Trail | Trail Demand | Connectivity | Economic Development Potential | Associated with Potential Trail Town | No. Counties | Associated with Core Systems | Total | Jefferson County Ranking | Priority |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Redbank Creek | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 26 | 1 | Exceptional |
| Sandy Lick Creek | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 24 | 2 | |
| Little Toby Creek | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 3 | |
| Mahoning Creek | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 20 | 4 | |
| Redbank Creek, North Fork | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 20 | 4 | |

Jefferson County's Trail Towns, Major Hubs, and Hubs

- BrookvilleTrail Town
- BrockwayTrail Town
- Falls CreekTrail Town
- PunxsutawneyTrail Town
- ReynoldsvilleTrail Town
- Summerville.....Trail Town
- Sykesville.....Major Hub
- Cook Forest State Park.....Hub
- Clear Creek State ParkHub
- Campers Paradise.....Hub
- Farmers InnHub
- Kyle Lake.....Hub
- Cloe LakeHub
- Reynlow Park.....Hub
- Beartown RocksHub

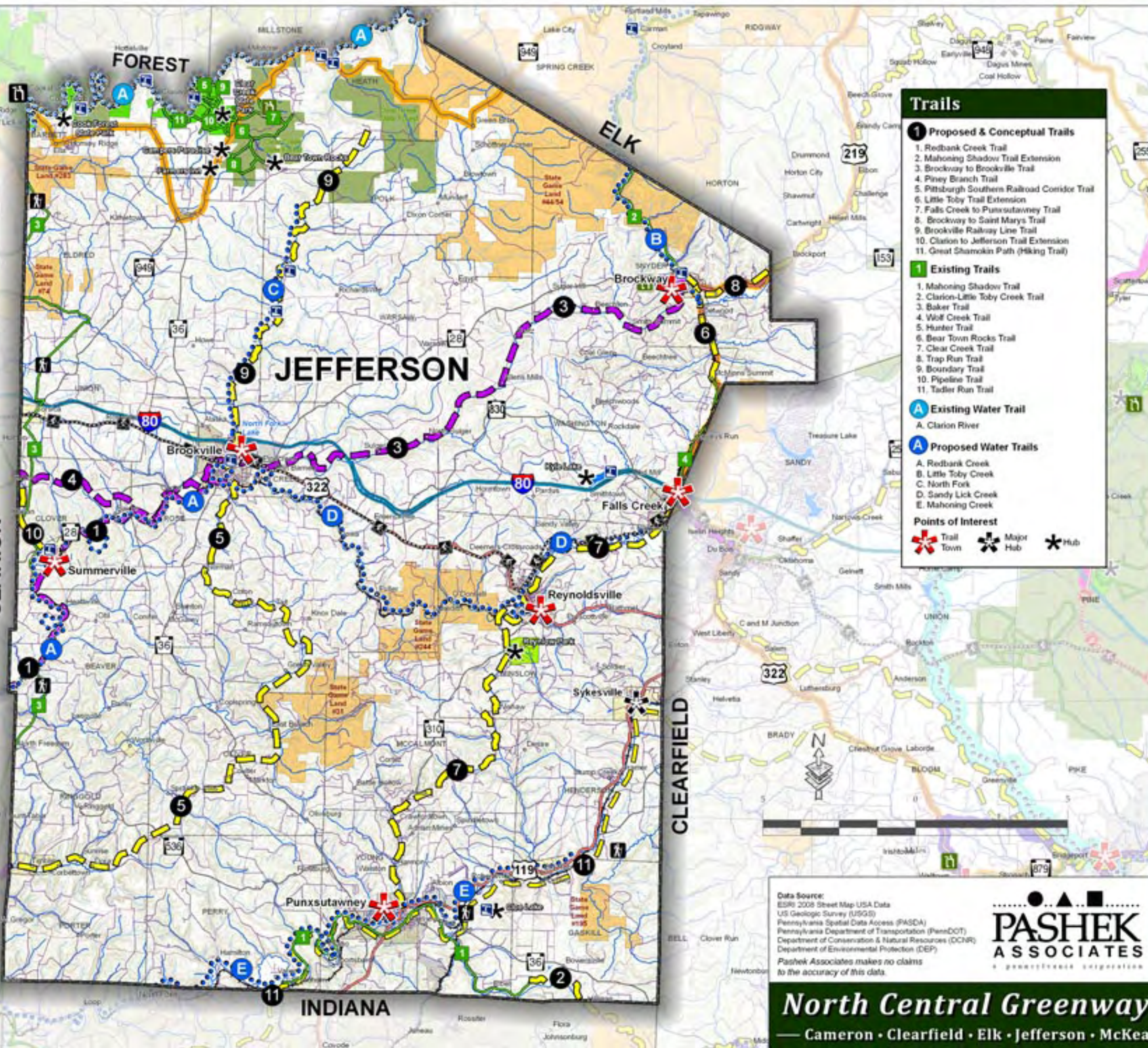
Location Map



Legend

- Base Map Features**
- County Boundary
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Urban Areas
- Hydrology**
- Lake / Reservoir
 - Named Streams
 - Tributary Streams
- Transportation**
- Interstate
 - PA State Route
 - US Highway
 - Local Road
 - Active Railroad
- DCNR Managed Land**
- State Park
 - Pennsylvania State Forest
 - State Game Land
- Recreation & Transportation Corridors**
- Hiking
 - Existing
 - Proposed
 - Conceptual
 - Existing Water Trail
 - Water Trail
 - PAFBC Access Points
 - Potential Scenic Corridors
 - Designated Scenic Vista
 - Potential Scenic Vista
 - Bicycle PA Route

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Trails

1 Proposed & Conceptual Trails

1. Redbank Creek Trail
2. Mahoning Shadow Trail Extension
3. Brockway to Brookville Trail
4. Piney Branch Trail
5. Pittsburgh Southern Railroad Corridor Trail
6. Little Toby Trail Extension
7. Falls Creek to Punxsutawney Trail
8. Brockway to Saint Marys Trail
9. Brookville Railway Line Trail
10. Clarion to Jefferson Trail Extension
11. Great Shamokin Path (Hiking Trail)

1 Existing Trails

1. Mahoning Shadow Trail
2. Clarion-Little Toby Creek Trail
3. Baker Trail
4. Wolf Creek Trail
5. Hunter Trail
6. Bear Town Rocks Trail
7. Clear Creek Trail
8. Trap Run Trail
9. Boundary Trail
10. Pipeline Trail
11. Tadiar Run Trail

A Existing Water Trail

- A. Clarion River

A Proposed Water Trails

- A. Redbank Creek
B. Little Toby Creek
C. North Fork
D. Sandy Lick Creek
E. Mahoning Creek

Points of Interest

- Trail Town Major Hub Hub

Data Source:
ESRI 2008 Street Map USA Data
US Geologic Survey (USGS)
Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA)
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR)
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
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Proposed - Recreation & Transportation Greenways

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 - US Highway
 - Local Road
 - Active Railroad
- Managed (Conserved) Lands

Natural Systems Greenways

- 16 to 27
- 28 to 36
- 37 to 47

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Natural Systems Greenways

1. North Fork Redbank Creek
2. Clarion River
3. Sandy Lick Creek
4. Cathers Run
5. Mahoning Creek
6. Redbank Creek
7. Little Sandy Creek
8. Mill Creek (Clarion County)
9. Mill Creek (Jefferson County)
10. Little Toby Creek
11. Fivemile Run
12. Pine Run
13. Wolf Run

Data Source:
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Natural Systems Greenways

Jefferson County - Natural Systems Greenways Priorities Chart

| County Priority | County Rank | Greenway Name | Sensitivity Ranking | Total Acres | Conserved Acres | Percent Conserved | Non-Conserved Acres | Percent Non-Conserved | Managed Lands (Conserved) | Regional Rank | Regional Rank |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Exceptional | 1 | North Fork Redbank Creek | 25.81 | 24,126 | 5,975 | 24.77% | 18,151 | 75.23% | State Game Land #54, Clear Creek State Forest | 9 | Exceptional |
| | 2 | Clarion River | 22.74 | 12,641 | 9,321 | 73.74% | 3,320 | 26.26% | Allegheny National Forest, State Game Lands, #283, #54, and #45, Clear Creek State Forest, Cook Forest State Park, Clear Creek State Park | 37 | Exceptional |
| Significant | 3 | Sandy Lick Creek | 21.03 | 4,504 | 646 | 14.34% | 3,858 | 85.66% | State Game Land #244, Reynlow Park | 53 | Significant |
| | 4 | Cathers Run | 21.02 | 2,270 | 632 | 27.84% | 1,638 | 72.16% | State Game Land #283 | 54 | Significant |
| | 5 | Mahoning Creek | 20.67 | 8,412 | 511 | 6.07% | 7,901 | 93.93% | State Game Land #195 | 60 | Significant |
| | 6 | Redbank Creek | 20.33 | 2,098 | - | - | 2,098 | 100.00% | | 63 | Significant |
| | 7 | Little Sandy Creek | 19.61 | 3,416 | 1,133 | 33.17% | 2,283 | 66.83% | State Game Land #31 | 69 | Significant |
| | 8 | Mill Creek (Clarion County) | 19.60 | 4,049 | 578 | 14.28% | 3,471 | 85.72% | State Game Land #74 | 70 | Significant |
| | 9 | Mill Creek (Jefferson County) | 19.51 | 3,588 | - | - | 3,588 | 100.00% | | 71 | Significant |
| | 10 | Little Toby Creek | 19.42 | 3,920 | 1,503 | 38.34% | 2,417 | 61.66% | State Game Lands #54 and #77 | 73 | Significant |
| High | 11 | Fivemile Run | 18.64 | 638 | - | - | 638 | 100.00% | | 80 | High |
| | 12 | Pine Run | 18.05 | 550 | - | - | 550 | 100.00% | | 85 | High |
| | 13 | Wolf Run | 15.86 | 2,235 | - | - | 2,235 | 100.00% | | 102 | High |
| Totals | | | | 72,447 | 20,299 | 28.02% | 33,997 | | | | |

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Redbank Creek and Brookville to Brockway Corridors

Projects: Prepare master plan & phasing plan and implement recommendations for land and water trail improvements in the Redbank Creek Trail. Evaluate opportunities for conservation easements, agricultural best management practices, stream improvements, fishing access, and evaluate opportunity for water quality and stream bank stabilization improvement projects along Redbank Creek and North Fork Redbank Creek.

Counties: Clarion and Jefferson

Length: 58.7 miles

Description: This proposed non-motorized shared use trail can connect to the existing Allegheny River Trail (Erie to Pittsburgh Trail) to the west and the existing Clarion / Little Toby Rail to Trail to the east. From Brockway, a proposed extension to the Little Toby Trail has potential to extend the trail into Falls Creek and eventually on to DuBois where a proposed trail could extend the corridor through the Anderson Creek Gorge to Curwensville, connecting with the existing Clearfield-Grampian Rail Trail. The proposed Redbank Creek Trail would also connect with the existing Baker Hiking Trail near Summerville.

We also recommend the proposed water trail along Redbank Creek from Brookville down to the confluence with the Allegheny River, south of East Brady, within this corridor. The proposed water trail would also connect to the proposed water trails along North Fork Redbank Creek, Sandy Lick Creek, and Little Toby Creek.

In addition to the recreation and transportation benefits this trail corridor will provide, it is also located along several Natural systems greenway corridors in Jefferson County including; Redbank Creek, North Fork Redbank Creek, Mill Creek, and Little Toby Creek.

Proposed trail towns along this corridor include Brockway, Brookville, and Summerville in Jefferson County as well as New Bethlehem in Clarion County.

Potential Partners: Brookville, Brockway, Summerville, New Bethlehem (Clarion County) Redbank Valley Trails Association, Redbank Creek Watershed Association, North Fork Conservancy, North Fork Watershed Association, PA Wilds Planning Team, North Central Pennsylvania Region Planning and Development Commission, Northwest Regional Planning and Development Commission, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Council, Headwaters Charitable Trust.

DuBois to Falls Creek Trail

Project: Develop and improve the DuBois to Falls Creek Trail following the recommendations of the Sandy Lick Creek Recreation Area Master Plan.

Potential Partners: DuBois, Falls Creek, Tri-County Trails Association, Greater DuBois Chamber of Commerce, DuBois Revitalization Group, Sandy Lick Conservation Initiative, Jefferson County, Clearfield County Conservation and Recreation Authority, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Clearfield County Conservation and Recreation Authority.

Brookville, Brockway, and Summerville Boroughs

Project: Develop recommendations for trail town (land and water trails) implementation strategies.

Potential Partners: Brookville, Brockway, Summerville, Brookville Chamber of Commerce, Redbank Valley Trails Association, North Central Pennsylvania Region Planning and Development Commission, Northwest Pennsylvania's Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Recreation, PA Wilds Planning Team, Lumber Heritage Region, Inc.

North Fork Redbank Creek and Redbank Creek Natural Systems Greenway Corridors

Project: Evaluate opportunities for conservation easements, agricultural best management practices, stream improvements, fishing access, and evaluate opportunity for water quality and stream bank stabilization improvement projects along North Fork Redbank Creek and along Redbank Creek.

Potential Partners: Jefferson County, Jefferson County Conservation District, North Fork Conservancy, North Fork Watershed Association, Redbank Creek Watershed Association, municipalities, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, North Fork Conservancy, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Clarion River Natural Systems Greenway Corridor

Project: Evaluate opportunities for establishing conservation easements, sustainable forestry and agricultural practices, and evaluate opportunities for water quality improvement projects such as acid mine drainage and non-point source pollution remediation in the Clarion River Watershed.

Potential Partners: Jefferson County Conservation District, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Council, Clarion River Municipal Partnership, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Potential partners are the agencies and organizations that have been identified in Jefferson County that may be able to assist with various aspects of project implementation. This list is not all inclusive, but it identifies the typical agencies and organizations that can be a resource for project implementation.

Jefferson County's Potential Partners

Jefferson Conservation District
1514 Route 28
Brookville, PA 15825
(814) 849-7463
www.jeffersonconservation.com
jccd@windstream.net

Reynow Park Authority
Main Street
Reynoldsville, PA
(814) 653-8270

Trail Associations

Tri-County Rails to Trails Association
PO Box 115
Ridgway PA 15853
Paul Boboige
814-371-4276
pboboige@yahoo.net

Land Trust / Land Owner Associations

Mr. Gary Gilmore
Clearfield - Jefferson Counties Forest Stewardship
Committee
1514 Rt. 28
Brookville, PA 15825
ggilmore@state.pa.us

NorthFork Conservancy
Waterplant Rd.
Brookville, PA 15825
(814) 849-5260
prkwrk@penn.com
www.homestead.com/northforkconservancy

Watershed Associations

North Fork Watershed Association
P.O. Box 265
Brookville, PA 15825
www.nfwatershed.org

Sandy Lick Creek Watershed Initiative
Redbank Creek Watershed Association

Toby Creek Watershed Association
William Sabatose
PO Box 247
Brockway, PA 15824
814-265-8749
analyser@penn.com

Mill Creek Coalition of Clarion and Jefferson
Counties
Peter Dalby, PhD; Terry Morrow
6 E. 8th Avenue
Clarion, PA 16214
814 226-2164

Clarion River Municipal Partnership

Sportsmen Clubs

Perry Township Sportsmen
Pine Grove Sportsmen
Sigel Sportsmen's Club
www.sigelsportsmenclub.com

Warsaw Sportsman's Club

Trout Unlimited
Allegheny Mountain Chapter #036
Allegheny Mountain # 036
107 Simmons St.
DuBois, PA 15801
www.amctu.org
maksak@comcast.net

Visitors Bureaus/ Chambers of Commerce

NW PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau
175 Main Street
Brookville, PA 15825
814-849-5197
www.visitpago.com
info@visitpago.com

Brockway Chamber of Commerce
33 N. Brady Street
DuBois, PA 15801
814-371-5010
www.duboispatchamber.com

Brookville Chamber of Commerce
175 Main Street
Brookville, PA 15825
814-849-8448
www.brookvillechamber.com

Greater DuBois Chamber of Commerce
33 N. Brady Street
DuBois, PA 15801
814-371-5010
www.duboispatchamber.com

Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce
124 W. Mahoning Street
Punxsutawney, PA 15767
814-938-7700
www.punxsutawney.com

Healthcare

Brookville Hospital
100 Hospital Road
Brookville, PA 15825
(814) 849-2312
www.brookvillehospital.org

Punxsutawney Area Hospital
81 Hillcrest Drive
Punxsutawney, PA 15767
(814) 938-1800
www.pah.org

Historical Societies / Associations

Jefferson County Historical Society
172 East Main Street
Brookville, PA 15825-1234
(814) 849-0077

Taylor Memorial Museum
765 Park Street
PO Box 73
Brockway, PA 15824
814-265-8519
<http://brockwayhistory.org>
brockwayhistory@windstream.net

Punxsutawney Area Historical and Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 286
Punxsutawney, PA 15767