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MONTOUR TRAIL GROUND BREAKING FOR THE PETERS TOWNSHIP TO CECIL TOWNSHIP SECTION.

The Montour Trail Council (MTC) will celebrate the ground-breaking for a long-awaited trail section in Peters and Cecil Townships, Washington County, with a ceremony at noon on Sunday, October 22. The location is the St. Petersburg Ice Creamery on Valleybrook Road, just east of Route 19 in Peters.

This new section will extend the Montour Trail from Chartiers Creek (Mile 28.5) in Cecil Township east to within a few hundred yards of the western section of the Arrowhead Trail at Rt. 19 in Peters Township (Mile 30.5). At its western end, this section starts with a bridge crossing Chartiers Creek, a tunnel (Greer) and then a bridge crossing another railroad line. The trail will offer spectacular views through this forested area.

This construction was made possible with a special federal appropriation plus grants from the federal enhancement program (TEA-21) and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The federal funds will be used to refurbish the Chartiers Creek Bridge and the Pittsburgh Industrial Railroad Bridge, and to build a new bridge across Valley Brook Road. The DCNR funds will be used for materials as MTC volunteers build the trail between the two endpoints. Mackin Engineering completed the engineering and design for this section.

As part of the ceremony, special guest and U.S. Congressman Tim Murphy will present a federal appropriation of \$250,000 to the Montour Trail Council. In addition the owners of Burgh's Pizza and Wing Pub in Bridgeville will give the Council a check for \$30,000, representing the proceeds from the sixth annual Burgh's 10K race held on the trail in Cecil Township last April. Ned Williams, chairman of the Council's Engineering and Construction Committee, will be master of ceremonies.

Light refreshments will be served at the ceremony, and a "Montoberfest" picnic will follow in Cecil Park.

The Montour Trail is one of Western Pennsylvania's most heavily used recreational resources, with 40 miles of active trail in use in Allegheny and Washington Counties. When complete, it will extend from Coraopolis to Clairton. It is part of the Allegheny Trail Alliance network of trails that will connect the Pittsburgh area to Washington, D.C. Additional information about the Montour Trail can be found at www.montourtrail.org or (412) 257-3011.