



In Case You Missed It  
*October 2022*



## Trails & Recreation



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### New K&T Rail Trail Segment Breaks Ground

On October 17, PEC joined partners from [Riverfront North](#), Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, the City of Philadelphia, and local communities to celebrate the groundbreaking of a segment of the K&T rail trail. The segment will close a gap between Lardner's Point Park at the base of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge and the Tacony Boat Launch.

### New Developments for PA Outdoor Recreation and Transportation

It's an exciting time for outdoor recreation in Pennsylvania — and the organizations and agencies that advocate for it. Early fall was packed with events to plan and celebrate new developments to improve access to safer, more equitable transportation and outdoor recreation options around the state



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## PEC Staff & Friends Take on the 2022 GAP Relay

After a two-year hiatus from participating in the in-person **GAP Relay**, Team PEC got back on the trail October 14 to run the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage from Cumberland, MD to Pittsburgh's South Side.

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## Webinar: Promising Practices of Outdoor Economies

**Let's Discuss:**

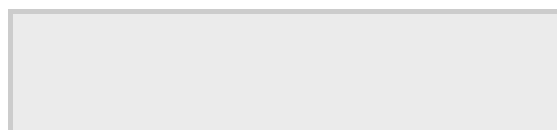
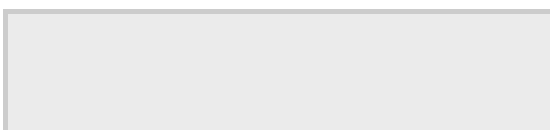
1. How are we defining the Outdoor Economy for this conversation?
2. What are the economic benefits of investing in the Outdoor Economy?
3. How do you currently work with economic developers in your region?
4. How are you working toward equity and accessibility?
5. How are people interacting with the Outdoor Economy since COVID?

The slide features a large play button icon in the center, a scenic background image of a dirt path leading to a lake, and a vertical stack of four small video thumbnails on the right side. The top thumbnail shows the 'FOURTH ECONOMY' logo. The other thumbnails show participants in a video call.

In August, PEC participated in a webinar hosted by Fourth Economy on **Promising Practices of Outdoor Recreation Economies**. PEC has worked for years to help connect Pennsylvanians to their local natural assets and has promoted outdoor recreation as a way for communities impacted by extractive industries to rebuild around more sustainable sources of economic investment.

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## Pennsylvania Legacies







### Nuts About Reforestation

Before most of the species was wiped out by blight, Pennsylvania's forests were filled with American Chestnut trees. Now, nonprofits throughout Appalachia are working to restore Chestnut populations. One such group, Green Forests Work, is helping to reintroduce American Chestnuts in their native habitat by incorporating them into reforestation efforts on former surface-mining sites.

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### Redefining Trail Gaps

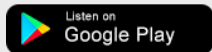
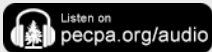
PEC's recently published gap analysis of the Circuit Trails network is more than just a list of priority segments: it proposes a whole new way of thinking about trail projects in terms of social impact. We hear from two members of the Circuit Trails Coalition's task force on justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion: Eleanor Horne of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail, and PEC's Zhenya Nalywayko, who prepared the report.

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