



Mountain Watershed Association
Home of the Youghiogheny Riverkeeper®
and Indian Creek Valley Trail
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Indian Creek Valley Trail

Gorge Section

This section of trail extends 4.3 miles from Camp Christian to the confluence of Indian Creek and the Youghiogheny River. Once we reach that point our goal will be to cross the Yough and connect with the Great Allegheny Passage as seen on next picture.

According to the Western PA Conservancy's Natural Heritage Inventory, this area is one of exceptional natural diversity. There are many wildflowers that no longer grow any where else in Pennsylvania that still grow here as shown on the next page.

We have \$175,000.00 to do a \$300,000 project and need additional funding to complete the trail.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.



The Confluence of
Indian Creek
And the Youghiogheny
River
Where We Hope to
Cross and Join the
Great
Allegheny Passage

Jack in the Pulpit



Wild Ginger



Lovely Red and White Trillium



Unusual Peach Trillium



Partial history of this effort: This project began over three years ago with the Mountain Watershed Association's desire to clean up and regrade the section of the Indian Creek trail that extends through the Indian Creek gorge. It is approximately 4.3 miles in total but we may have to concentrate on only about 2.3 miles due to funding constraints. We wanted to address the worst section, the last 2-3 miles first. There was significant erosion occurring in that section, and we thought we should fix that as soon as possible.

We raised some funds and purchased pipe. We then raised more funds from the Redevelopment Authority of Fayette County and the Department of Community and Economic Development. The Georgia Hernandez Memorial Fund also provides additional funds.

Unfortunately, we became mired in the Commonwealth's inability to pass a budget and then in their inability to turn the permit around. In fact they were ultimately unable to determine what kind of permit or IF a permit was needed at all.

Our engineering firm K2 was gamely attempting to wend their way through the permitting maze. Despite their efforts, it took two years before DEP finally told us that we did not need a permit at all. Of course by that time, the erosion had become more serious. And here we are today.

Trails have a **positive economic impact** on small businesses in their communities. Their presence provides recreational opportunities for local residents as well as tourists.

This trail is used by bikers, hikers, birdwatchers, arborists, and cross-country skiers. When it is completed, you will be able to jog it or walk your baby stroller along it.

Gateway to Another World—the Gorge



INDIAN CREEK GORGE AS SEEN FROM THE TRAIL—A SPECIAL PLACE TO ENJOY NATURE,
PEACE, AND SOLITUDE



Indian Creek Kayakers and Waterfalls Seen From the Trail



Your donation will be greatly appreciated by everyone who uses the trail and by the community who benefits from it.

Donations will be acknowledged by letter.

All gifts over \$500 will be recognized on a bronze plaque at the beginning of the gorge trail.

Donations of \$25,000 or more will have a section of the trail named after the donor or a loved one. This will be acknowledged by a bronze plaque at that section.

If \$100,000 is donated, the gorge trail will be named after the donor or a designated loved one.

We needed \$300,000 to repair and complete the gorge trail. We have \$175,000. Due to delays in passing the state budget, delays in awarding the DCED funds which would have provided the 50% match required for a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant, AND delays in determining the type of permit we needed, damage to the trail has gone from rough to needing significant major repair.

OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS DAMAGE HAS GONE FROM SOME
“NOT HORRIBLE” RUTTING TO THIS.





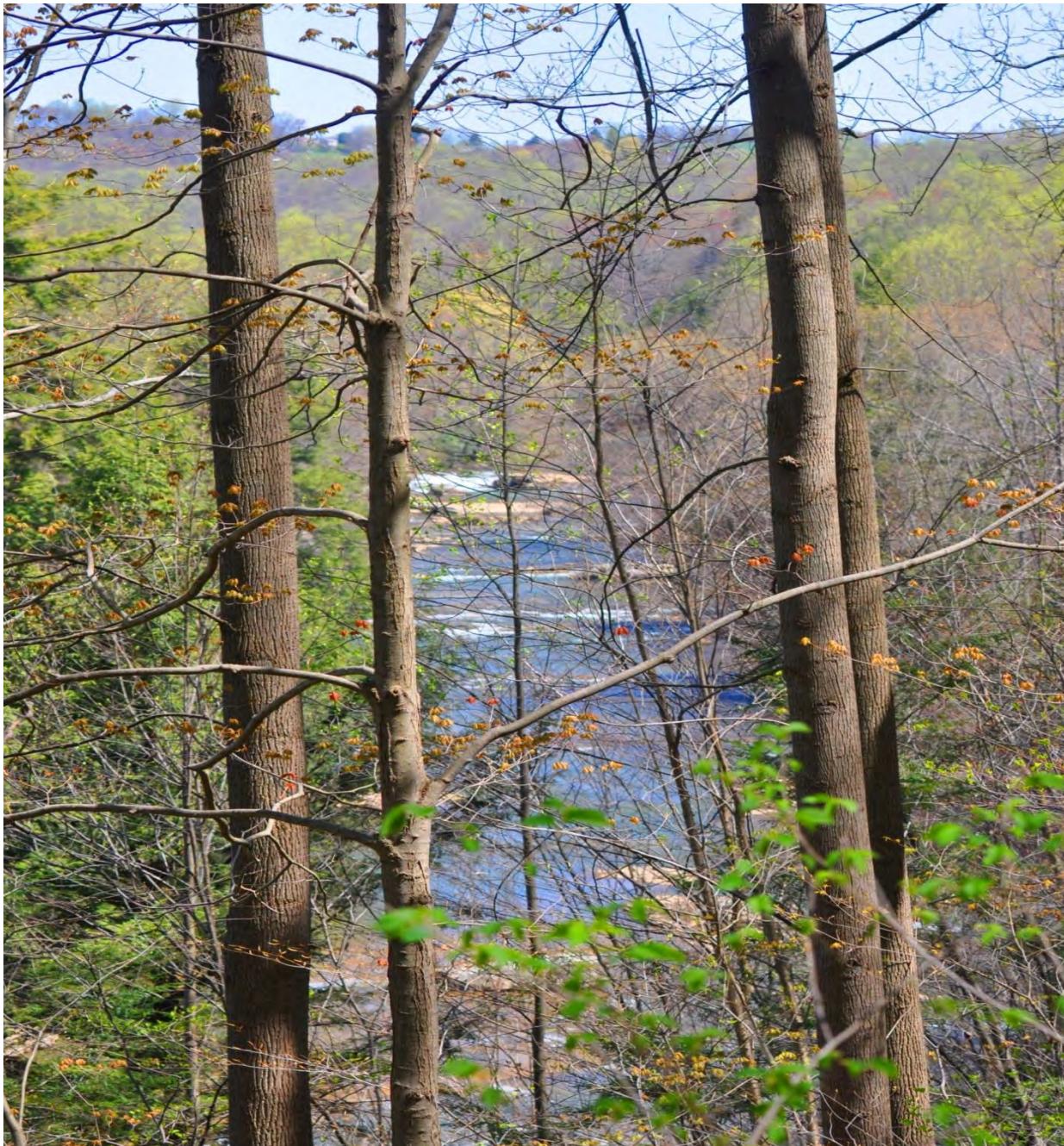
CURRENT PROGRESS ON PROJECT! BUDGET SHORTFALL OF \$125,000





BUT—WE BID OUT THE PROJECT, AWARDED IT, AND HAVE STARTED TO WHIP THE TRAIL INTO SHAPE.

THE CONTRACTOR UNDERSTANDS THAT WE ONLY HAVE SO MUCH FUNDING AND IS WILLING TO WORK WITH US TO DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN WITH THE MONEY WE HAVE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT BEV AT 724 455-4200 X1#.



Indian Creek as Seen From The Gorge Trail

Please give
generously!

Your participation is
vital to complete this
truly unique trail
project.

Donations are tax-deductible.